

Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County
Special Edition Newsletter
September 1, 2008

****Recognition Day Alert****
Time sensitive materials enclosed

Recognition Day

Recognition Day is a celebration of our students' accomplishments, the dedication of our tutors and the generosity of our supporters. In short, it is the highlight of our year. For the second year, this event will be sponsored by Dominion Energy. We have had an important partnership with Dominion from our beginning. Thank you to the Dominion Foundation!

If you attended last year's event, you will agree it was a BIG DEAL! The hall was packed with families, tutors, sponsors, and guests. We enjoyed a fantastic meal and honored achievements of literacy. A good time was had by all.

Enclosed is a Recognition Day letter to your student(s) in English and Spanish. Please review the letter with your student(s), fill out and return the enclosed postcard by October 1, 2008.

Recognition Day Details

1. Place: Kewaunee Grade School Cafeteria: 921 3rd St, Kewaunee. Map is with the student letter.
2. Date: Sunday October 26, 2008 (Packer Bye weekend)
3. Time: We will eat at 4:00 pm
4. We are asking each student to bring a main dish (family favorite) to share. Tutors and Board Members, please bring a salad or dessert. CJ's will cater a main dish and beverages.
5. After the meal, there will be a short introduction of guests. The children will be escorted to the gym for activities while the program continues. Children who want to stay with their parents may do so.
6. This year Dominion will provide our students and their children with a special gift.
7. Once again, pictures will be taken of tutors and their students. Copies will be mailed to the tutors.
8. The event should end about 6:15 pm.

Recognition Day Help is Needed

In order to make this day happen, we need volunteers for the tasks listed below. Please call Bob at 845-2516 if you are able to help.

1. We will need at least 6 of our students to greet our guests at the door. Helpers must be at the school at 3:30 pm for instructions. If your student will help, please call Bob.
2. We will need 4-6 adult non tutors, non Board Members to help high school students supervise children in the gym. This would probably be a spouse of friend of an attendee.
3. We need 4 people to arrive at the school at 3:15 pm to do the last minute set up.
4. Lastly, we will need 6 volunteers willing to stay after the event for the clean up.

If you have any questions about Recognition Day, please call Bob at 845-2516.

Algoma Brat Fry for Literacy

The Algoma Lions Club, one of our fine supporters, will hold the 2nd Annual "Brat Fry for Literacy" this Saturday, September 6, 2008 at Denny's, 510 5th St., Algoma. Set up is at 9:00 am with serving from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Last year we had a ball getting to know our Lions partners in Algoma. Once again we are looking for a few volunteers to help serve food, take money and tell a few stories. If you are able

to bake brownies or bars to sell during this event or help at the event itself, please call Bob at 676-2061.

We have some advertisement out, but please tell your friends and stop by for lunch yourself.

Sharing Sessions are Back!

Literacy Partners held four sharing sessions in 2006 that were well attended and worthwhile. By popular demand, we are bringing them back this September 16, 2008 at Hillcrest School, Room 110 at 9:00 am and September 22 at the Luxemburg-Casco Middle School (Casco) at 6:30 pm in the Home Ec. Room on the first floor. At the sharing sessions we discuss things that are working with our students and also share areas of tutor concern. Liquid refreshments will be provided. If you would like to bring a snack, please call Maureen Kinnard at 837-7478.

G.E.D is Available, Convenient and Affordable

Jennifer Gozdziwski, one of our fine tutors, has a lot of experience with 509 HSED (High School Equivalent). This particular program is for anyone who would have considerable difficulty with the standard, traditional GED program. This would include older students, people with learning problems, English as second language, etc. The 509 HSED program is more hands on and uses more practical information than the tradition GED.

Students wanting to be involved in this program should be in Level 3 or 4 in Laubach or in an individual Basic Education learning plan. Any student with a high school education is not eligible. Tutors and students working on the GED would meet as usual in the regular location and time. Students could either take a break from regular studies and work only on GED or schedule a second class per week. Depending on the ability of the student, amount of time spent, and desire, achieving a GED will take about a year or more.

If your student would like to try the GED Program this fall, please call Bob at 676-2061 before October 1, 2008 and we will set up a tutor information session with Jennifer. If your student is not on Level 3 or 4 and would like take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, the program can be started at a later date.

Help Needed for "Check into Literacy" Sessions

Literacy Partners, with the help of Verizon and Wisconsin Literacy, will have information booths at three locations during International Literacy Week to talk to potential tutors and students about our literacy program. Verizon's program to recruit tutors and promote literacy is called, "Check into Literacy." Our events are well publicized, but please tell friends, relatives, etc. if they are interested in the being a tutor or would like to sharpen up their reading, writing or speaking skills. Refreshments will be served.

We are looking for several volunteers to work each booth for one hour. Please call Bob if you would like to help.

"Check into Literacy" Sessions:

Algoma Library, September 8, 2008 5:00-7:00 pm

Luxemburg Village Hall, September 15, 2008 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Kewaunee Library, September 18, 2008 5:00-7:00 pm

Hispanic Festival on September 16 in Green Bay

The Hispanic Festival, according to Gema Garcia the event Chairperson, will be held September 16, 2008 at Leicht Part (200 Dousman Street) from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Many of us are familiar with Gema. She presented an excellent seminar last spring called, "Understanding our Latino Neighbors."

The event will feature Mexican music, crafts, dancing, food, a car show, children's activities and more. Enclosed is a poster in Spanish for your student (if required). Gema said they are expecting 2000-4000 people to attend. Tickets are \$2.00 at the gate.

If you or your student(s) are able to volunteer for set up of the event, please call Gema after at 498-6894 or Zora at 498-5539.

News in Brief:

1. Congratulations to Katie Phillips, Meg Naysmith, and their students for completing a level in Laubach and doing well on their tests.
2. We are in the process of scheduling three seminars for the 2008-2009 year using the ideas submitted on our last tutor survey. Topics are reading comprehension, beginning writing, and Hispanic Culture.
3. Thank you to the Kewaunee Lions and LensCrafters for their generous support!
4. We have our first student involved in studying for the citizenship test!
5. Our students come from Luxemburg, Casco, Algoma, Kewaunee, Denmark, Lincoln, Turkey, Scotland, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and now Russia! We are truly making a world of difference!
6. Literacy Partners is working hard on a website. Thirty-eight out of our 52 tutors are online. We hope to have it up by early 2009.
7. The latest editions of El Hispano (Spanish newspaper) and the Key (monthly Weekly Reader- L3 and higher, are available now at both libraries, Hillcrest and Bob's house.
8. There are still openings for the Literacy Partners Board of Directors. Please call Mary Gotstein (536-0046) or Bob this week if interested.
9. The November Newsletter will have a new Editor in Chief! At this time, all that will be said is that this person is an outstanding tutor, humanitarian, and has been a "Blessing" since joining Literacy Partners.
10. Enclosed are listings of food pantries and other resources in case your students have such a need. Please share this information only if there is a need.

Thank you for your involvement in literacy.

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