

HEALTHY CITIES TUTORING

Reach a child. Touch a family. Build a community.

Tutor News

October 2019

Sense of Purpose

There are many benefits to volunteering. This month we're focusing on the sense of purpose many people gain from helping and working with others. Sometimes it's hard to know where to start, we can feel overwhelmed by all the things that need to be done. Giving an hour of your time each week to help a student succeed in school is a great place to start! For teens, adults and retirees, working with kids through HCT can give your life new energy. We've had so many tutors over the years comment on how much *they* learn from their tutees. Whatever your age, learning something new from your student and being able share knowledge is an incredible gift for both of you, and can help you feel like you are making a positive impact in the life of a child. Sometimes changing one life really can change the world for the better.

Thank you for being part of our Healthy Cities Tutoring team. We couldn't do this without you!

Karen, Cris, Saskia, Emily, Cynthia, JR and Raquel

Important Dates

Oct 4-11: Central/Arroyo Book Fair in the Library
Oct 14: No school for all, except San Carlos Charter
Oct 16: Tutor Orientation and Training (White Oaks)
Oct 21-25: Clifford Book Fair in the library, tutoring moved to adjoining computer room
Oct 22: Tutor Orientation (Henry Ford)
Nov 1: No school at San Carlos Charter
Nov 7: Tutor Orientation and Workshop (Clifford)
Nov 11: Veterans Day Observed - ALL schools closed
Nov 12-15: Jones Gulch Outdoor Ed for Arroyo 5th graders
Nov 17: Tutor Fun Day - All are welcome
Nov 25-29: No school for San Carlos School District, San Carlos Charter, Connect Community Charter, and Redwood City School District



Tutor Training on October 16, 22 and November 7

Our annual training and orientation sessions for new volunteers are coming up! If you are new to our program or haven't been to a fall training session in the past, we strongly advise you to attend one of these sessions.

Please join us for one of these three sessions. No RSVP needed:

Wednesday, October 16, 8:30-10:30am OR 6:30-8:30pm
at **White Oaks School, 1901 White Oak Way**
San Carlos in the Multi-Use Room.

or

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30-7:30pm
at **Henry Ford Elementary School library**
2498 Massachusetts Avenue, Redwood City

or

Thursday, November 7th, 6:30-8:00pm
Clifford School library
225 Clifford Avenue, Redwood City.

We have students on our waiting lists at every school hoping to be placed with a tutor. Please take a moment and consider if any of your friends, children (8th-12th graders), colleagues, neighbors, and/or family members might be interested in joining Healthy Cities Tutoring and let them know about our training sessions. Volunteers from ages 14-99 can tutor and make a difference in a child's life. We welcome your help spreading the word!

6. Do you have any ideas on how we can make the program better?

Get more tutors like mine.

Parent-Teacher Conferences can impact your tutoring sessions!

Each school has different dates and times for parent-teacher conferences. During a school's conference week, students are dismissed earlier than usual. Please check in with your student's teacher, family or our office if you are not sure about your tutoring schedule that week. In most cases, afternoon tutoring sessions are canceled when school is out, though some tutors may prefer to try and schedule a make-up time with parents.

Tutor Fun Day! November 17th, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Do you want to get to know your student or tutor outside of a classroom setting? Want to spend time together playing games and having fun? Then drop-in on **Sunday, November 17th**, between 2:00pm-3:30pm at the White Oaks School Multi-Use Room ([1901 White Oak Way, San Carlos](#)) for an afternoon of games, activities, and fun to catch up with your student! The day will include face painting, minute-to-win-it games, and a fun snack! We hope to see you and your student there! All are welcome - tutors, students, their families, and tutor/student pairs! **RSVP here.**

Questions? Please contact [Cynthia Wiggan](#).

Can't attend? Please [visit Tutor Corner on our website](#) for fun games and tips to help you reconnect with your student.



Oct 2-8: Parent teacher conferences for Arundel, Brittan Acres, Heather, White Oaks, Arroyo, Mariposa, Central and Tierra Linda, minimum days

Nov 25-26: Conference Days at Clifford, Henry Ford, and Kennedy, no school.

Loud and Proud



Please wear your Healthy Cities Tutoring lanyard while visiting our school campuses. While you may be familiar with the school and some of the staff, not everyone is familiar with you. You may come across as an unidentified visitor on campus. As you know, this naturally raises concern for anyone who doesn't know you.

Don't have a lanyard? Contact our office and we'll be sure to have one waiting for you on your next visit. Thank you!

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Healthy Cities Tutoring is hiring!

Make a difference in the life of a child by being a Program Coordinator managing volunteer tutors at schools in San Carlos & Redwood City. Assist in community outreach, tutor recruitment, training & placement, communications, fundraising, and general administration duties as an integral member of the Healthy Cities Tutoring staff. Full-time and possible part-time opportunities. Schedule follows school calendar and includes some evenings and weekends. Must be able to travel between school sites.

[Full job description here.](#)

Questions? Please contact our Executive Director, Karen Molinari.

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