



ALEXANDRIA

TUTORING

CONSORTIUM

Read to Succeed

323 S. FAIRFAX STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314
HTTP://WWW.ALEXANDRIATUTORS.ORG

PHONE: 703-549-6670 EXT. 119
FAX: 703-549-9425
E-MAIL: ATC@CBMH.ORG

****SPRING GIFT BOOKS**

All tutors are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to give their student a new book/s (value \$15 for each child) to celebrate the student's progress. Please go to Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., and make your selection/s *between Saturday, April 24th and Saturday, May 8th*. There is no cost to the tutor.

****RECOGNIZING YOU!**

Every year, each of the schools hosts a Volunteer Recognition Event that in some schools includes the child you tutor. Whether a breakfast, a coffee, a luncheon, or a tea – no matter! – it's a lot of fun. Make it a point to respond 'yes' when your invitation comes.

****ANNUAL TUTOR SURVEY**

As in the past, ATC will email a survey to all tutors within the next few weeks. Your responses help us assess ATC's program and management, and often suggest changes that are needed. Your feedback is *very important* to us. Please complete the survey and click on "Submit" to send it in as soon as possible. Thanks.

****LITERACY WEEK 2010**

Award winning children's book author and poet **Mary Quattlebaum** engaged all first and second graders at Charles Barrett, Lyles Crouch, and Samuel Tucker elementary schools in the joy of reading while learning how a book is written and created. Author of *Family Reunion* and the *Jackson Jones* series, among other books and poems, Ms. Quattlebaum also writes for the *Washington Post* and teaches creative writing. For more information, please visit www.maryquattlebaum.com.

****THANK YOU, CLAUDIA!**

ATC program manager Claudia Barnett resigned as of March 31st to explore pursuing other directions. We will miss her support and "can do" spirit! For the near future, Executive Director Gwen Mullen will assume program manager responsibilities.

**** WISH YOU COULD CONTINUE TUTORING YOUR TUTEE DURING THE SUMMER? BECOME A MENTOR!**

Please watch for a memo that explains in detail the opportunity to continue tutoring your tutee during the school day through ATC and mentor your tutee outside of school during the summer and beyond through the Wright to Read program. This is the third year of ATC's collaboration with Executive Director Leigh Hoyer and Wright to Read.

****PROGRESS REPORTS!**

Former ATC tutor Beth Sanderson (Cora Kelly, Jefferson Houston, Mt Vernon, Polk, shares John Adams) and Andrea Leidolf (Ramsay, Patrick Henry, Tucker, Barrett, shares John Adams) are both Curry School of Education graduates with Master's degrees in reading. They are now the ACPS staff members who write the Book Buddies lesson plans and provide the materials that target each of your tutee's reading needs. If you are at a Book Buddies school and your tutee's reading progress is not clear to you, email Beth or Andrea. (FYI -individual PALS results are not public information.) Thank you Beth and Andrea for providing this feedback! bethsand@verizon.net, andrea_leidolf@comcast.net.