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ATC WINTER NEWSLETTER 2010

WEST END SCHOOLS NEED TUTORS

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium continues to recruit tutors to round out 2010. ATC still needs tutors in John Adams, Patrick Henry, and Samuel Tucker elementary schools. If you know of family members, friends or others active in the community, please encourage them to help a child reach their reading benchmarks this year. For more information and/or to submit an application, visit ATC's website: www.alexandriatutors.org or call 703-549-6670x119.

EAT, DRINK AND TALK TUTORING!

The ATC will soon be at a coffee shop near you! As part of ATC's efforts to recruit new tutors, ATC board members and staff have been visiting with tutors from various schools to get feedback on their tutoring experience, and to motivate community leaders and citizens to tutor in their neighborhood schools through ATC. If you would like to join us, just let me know. Contact Claudia Barnett at atc@opmh.org.

GIFT PROGRAM CONCLUDES

Thank you to all ATC tutors who shopped for their student(s) during ATC's winter gift book program held at Hooray for Books in Old Town Alexandria. Each tutor is asked to choose \$15 worth of books paid for by the ATC for each of your tutees. It is extremely important that children receive these books chosen by tutors as it encourages them to read and they love getting their very own books!

MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN

With the winter weather heavily upon us, school schedules are busier than ever! If you are unsure whether schools are open, or if your student will be in school, please do your homework. Check with your student's teacher on a regular basis to find out about upcoming field trips, teacher workdays, special assemblies or other events in advance so you can mark your calendar. Your child's teacher is the best person to contact if you can't tutor on a particular day or if you have questions about your student. If you need more information on school issues, contact the ATC school volunteer coordinator in your school who is listed in your tutor handbook. Also, check the ACPS calendar posted on ATC's website: www.alexandriatutors.org.

ATC TUTOR WRITES BOOK WITH STUDENT

Heather Thompson, an ATC tutor at John Adams Elementary School, has written, illustrated and published a book with her student! The book, "If the World Were Made of Chocolate" is a delightful 32-page story inspired by the special relationship between a tutor and her student. The soft cover book is available for \$24.95. To order a copy, contact Publish America at <http://www.publishamerica.net/product86523.html>.