

TUTOR TALK NEWSLETTER



MEET LAURA GROSS ●●●●●●●●●●

Hello Literacy Council Friends! It's me, Laura. In case you missed it: I've very recently accepted the position as director for the LCWC. Here's what you need to know about me-As a longtime Children's librarian, I'm fiercely passionate about reading and the opportunity books provide for connecting with others. Any given Thursday or Friday you'll find me at the Smithsburg branch library, most definitely acting like a total fool for the benefit of our storytime attendees. My greatest accomplishments in life are my 3 kids and that somehow I snagged my social worker husband 21 years ago. I harbor an abiding love for coffee & peanut butter and a deep resentment towards raw carrots & mathematics. But enough talk about me, I want to talk about YOU! YOU are the reason the Literacy Council's work is possible. YOUR impact on this community is not unnoticed. Throughout the difficult transitions of these past 4 years, LCWC's tutors have remained a steady backbone of help and hope to their students. Thank you for this. Please hear me: I want to support you. I want to know your concerns. I want to meet you. I love our students and their dedication to learn, but I cherish the work our tutors do. You are changing lives and I am honored to play a small part in that.



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TUTOR SPOTLIGHT ●●●●●●●●●●

This is our lovely tutor Sonya - the one writing on the chalkboard - conducting her inaugural English class at Children in Need. The CIN director Joan (pictured standing) said this was the first class held on their premises for 26 years! The students, originating from Peru, Afghanistan, and Honduras, were very engaged. It was a delight to watch. Sonya started ESL tutoring in April of this year: "I'm learning so much with my students, and they inspire me with their courage to face many challenging life experiences while learning a new language. It is such a pleasure to be a part of their learning journey."



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●●● LCWC CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE(S)! ●●●

New Tutor Training (In-Person)

Saturday, November 9, 2024

9:00am-4:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

New Tutor Training (Zoom)

December 3rd, 5th and 10th *Must attend all three trainings*

6:30pm-8:30pm

Zoom with Frederick Literacy Council

Ugly Holiday Sweater Party

Join us for an afternoon of holiday fun and tutor appreciation!

Make merry with other badly dressed tutors over light refreshments.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

2:00pm-4:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church



●●●●●●●●●● DEAR TUTOR TALK

"I love working with my student! But she always wants to talk about her family and her home life—and we don't get to spend much time with her workbooks. How can I make sure we get time to work on critical skills?"

Help Tutor Talk answer this question!

Send us your suggestions and we'll publish them in our next newsletter.

RESOURCE CENTER ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●

ESL tutors, have your students tried the duolingo app? It's structured like a game (you earn points and rewards) and available in many languages. This isn't really a classroom tool, more something fun for your student to try at home. You could use it, too, to learn some basic phrases in your student's language. Download for free on your smartphone. Have a great resource to share? Send it to Tutor Talk!



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