



Partners in Reading

Tutor News

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408-808-2361

November/December 2007

PAR Holiday Party

When: Thurs. Dec. 5th
6:30 – 8:00 pm



Where: King Library, Room 225/229

Come help us celebrate the holidays. PAR will provide drinks and desserts at the party. We are asking all tutors and learners attending to bring a salad, side dish or entrée that will feed 6 people. Come play holiday bingo and enjoy the entertainment we have planned. Attendees will also be eligible to win door prizes. Tutors, learners and their families are welcome to attend. Please call us at **808-2361** to let us know you are coming.

Soups, Stews and Strong Backs

When: Thurs. Nov. 13th
6:30 – 8:00 pm



Where: King Library, Children's Exploration Room

This workshop will show participants how to make healthy soups and stews that taste so good on a cold winter day. Everyone will have a chance to eat some soup and stew, so come hungry. Tips on how to keep your back healthy will also be included. Tutors, learners and their families are welcome. Please call PAR at **808-2361** to sign up.

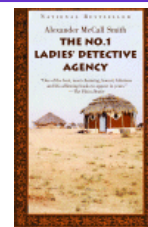
Welcome Ellen!

Please welcome Ellen Loebel to PAR. She joined the PAR staff as a Literacy Program Specialist from the Hillview Branch Library's Family Learning Center. She also has worked for literacy programs at Hayward Public Library and Santa Clara County Library. Ellen has experience helping adults improve reading skills and teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). She will be assessing learners, training tutors, and helping tutors with suggestions and materials. Feel free to ask Ellen if you have a question.



Learn About the No.1 Ladies Detective Agency in Botswana

When: Mon. Nov. 19
6:30 – 7:30 pm



Where: PAR office

PAR's Book Club will read about the adventures of the clever Precious Ramotswe. She is a detective who likes to help people in Botswana with problems like a missing husband, a con man, a wayward daughter and a kidnapped boy. Tutors and learners are invited. Snacks will be served.

The December book club, on 12/10, will include a discussion of this book.

New Tutor Training in January



Please encourage a friend or co-worker to consider becoming a PAR tutor. Tell them about what you have enjoyed during your experience as a tutor.

The next tutor training will be held on:

Orientation: Wed. Jan. 16, 5:45 to 8:00 pm

Training: Sat. Jan. 19, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Sat. Jan. 26, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Learner Accomplishments in 2007

Help your learner make a list of their top 3 accomplishments for 2007 and send them to PAR. You may be surprised at how much progress you and your learner have made together this year. PAR will be publishing a special edition of our Learner and Tutor News in December, which will include each learner/ tutor pair and their accomplishments.

We encourage you to do this exercise with your learner even if your learner decides they don't want to have their accomplishments published.

Please fill out the enclosed form with the learner accomplishments and mail or fax (408-808-2356) it to PAR by December 1.



To request accommodation or alternative format for City-sponsored meetings, events or printed materials, please call **408-8082397** or **408-808-2130(TTY)** as soon as possible, but at least 3 business days before the meeting/event.

Core Tutor Support Meeting



When: Mon. Nov. 19
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Where: PAR Office

Join other tutors to discuss problems you may have and pick up wisdom from staff and experienced tutors.

Free Items for Tutors and Learners



Starting in November, PAR will have a cart of items that are free for tutors and learners to take. Currently the items include books and video tapes, but other items may be added. The cart will be labeled "Free Items" and will be located in the office near the computers. Stop by and take a look!

Important Dates

November

11/5 Monthly Tutor Reports Due

11/12 Holiday—All libraries closed

11/19 Core Tutor Support Meeting

11/19 Book Club

11/22 Holiday—All libraries closed

11/23 Holiday—All libraries closed

December

12/5 Holiday Celebration



12/10 Book Club

12/5 Monthly Tutor Reports Due

12/24 Holiday—All Libraries Closed

12/25 Holiday—All Libraries Closed

12/31 Holiday—All Libraries Closed