

# TUTOR NEWS

SERVING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
IN THE CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 2017

Arlene Pirolo, Editor

**Happy Thanksgiving! There is no CLASP Wednesday, Nov. 1.**

**Mark your calendar: Nov. 3rd is tutor training #4; you won't want to miss it!**

**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Sat. night/Sun. morning Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>**

**No school/tutoring on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> = Veteran's Day or Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> = Thanksgiving break.**

**CLASP's website has been updated and is up and running. Check it out at [www.CLASP4kids.org](http://www.CLASP4kids.org).**

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## From Our Program Director By Jan Creasey



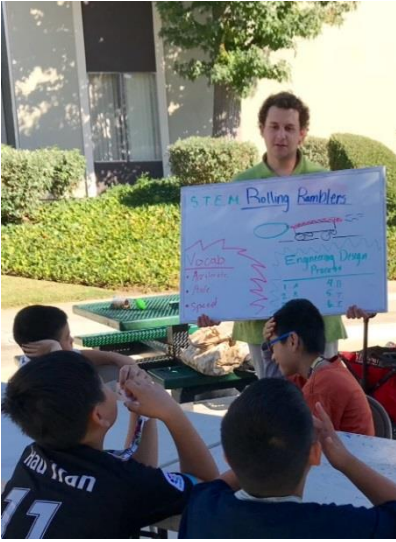
Happy Fall 2017, everyone! Tutor Trainings started this year with over 30 CLASP tutors attending each session so far. Tutor Trainings are held on Friday afternoons, usually one per month, at the Claremont Presbyterian Church, from 3:30 - 4:30+. Dates for all future Tutor Trainings are listed in this newsletter's calendar.

Tutor Training #1, held our first week back, focused on "Tutoring: Sharing our Strengths." Attendees were able to share what works for them and suggested many topics for future trainings to be held this year. Tutor Training #2 was all about "Reading for 20 Minutes." We shared some very specific strategies: Partner Reading, Echo Reading, Choral Reading, and ways to practice sight words for students not yet reading with fluency. And finally, at Tutor Training #3, we focused on "Math Word Problems," looking at the kinds of problems 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their tutors face with the GoMath Curriculum.

Tutor Training #4 will be November 3, at CPC, starting at 3:30. **Cheri Vandermey**, Behavior Analyst from the district office, will be presenting a session entitled: "How to encourage, motivate, and keep them learning." This topic was suggested by many as a topic of high interest and we are excited that she will lead this presentation.

We hope that you are able to attend. As we move forward with making resources available for tutors online, please check the website [www.CLASP4kids.org](http://www.CLASP4kids.org) for copies of the materials used during each Tutor Training session. I think you will find them useful!

## Engineering For Kids



**Quentin Williams**, an instructor from “Engineering for Kids,” teaches CVA students the mechanical engineering principle of air pressure as power for the Rolling Ramblers.

**Ericka Kreimann**, Owner/Director, supervises the construction phase, using balloons for air pressure/power.



**Dang, Tina, Katelyn, and Adrian** line up their ramblers for the big race.



“Engineering for Kids,” is a hands-on program for kids ages 4 - 14 providing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) enrichment. They visited all CLASP sites in early October presenting a mechanical engineering lesson for the younger kids and a civil engineering experience for the older ones.



**Rolling Ramblers**

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## Farewell To Kris Pulido, Recreation Leader



**Kris Pulido's** tenure with CLASP has been all too brief, but she's left an indelible mark. She's pictured here with farewell cards created by CVA students.

Kris came to CLASP last year while working with Claremont Unified School District. She has now accepted a job with San Gabriel Unified School District where she'll be working with Kindergarten children.

She says, "I will miss everyone at CLASP, especially **Jan Creasey** – she's a hero in my eyes." She goes on to say, "I wish I could stay with CLASP, and if ever a full-time position became available, I would be there in a heartbeat."

We wish you all the best, Kris. You'll be missed!



### Crafty Kids At CPC



Owls in the making – crafts are part of CLASP's recreational enrichment program.

### Finished Owls At CVA



No bones about it, these are Skeletons!

## Halloween Treats

Ghosts, Monsters, Zombies devoured at CVA



Witches' Fingers bitten at CVA

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## CLASP's Annual Fall Celebration

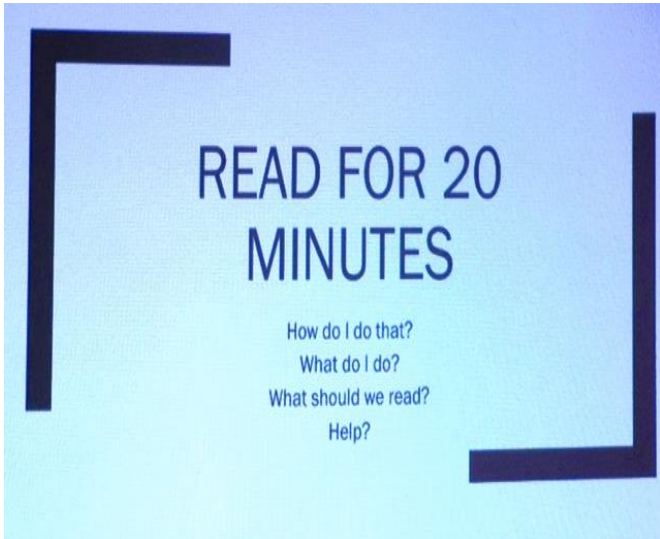


CLASP's Annual Fall Celebration will be held Sunday, November 12, 2017, from 3 to 5 pm, at the beautiful home of Devorah Lieberman, President of the University of La Verne, and Roger Auerbach.

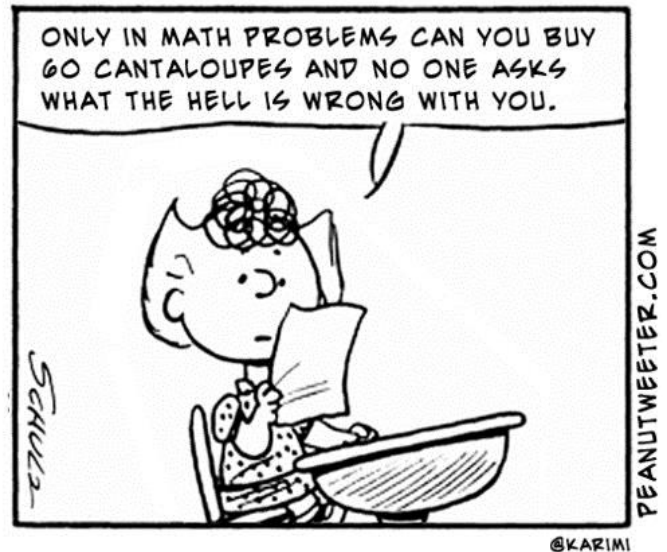
The afternoon will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine, and live music. The event will honor important connections that are crucial to the success of CLASP – The Claremont Colleges, University of La Verne, Interact, and Key Clubs at Claremont High School, and The Webb School. Be sure to RSVP to your invitation by Nov. 3rd. If you haven't received an invitation, but would like to attend, Contact **Nancy Ambrose** at 909-985-4177 to be included on the guest list (\$75 per person) or for any questions you may have about this event

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## Tutor Trainings



**Tutor Training #2**, held on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, featured tips and strategies on how to make the 20 minute reading session meaningful, interesting, fun, and relationship building.



**Tutor Training #3**, held on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, featured tips and strategies to help students solve word problems.

**Tutor Training #4** will be conducted on Friday, Nov. 3rd at 3:30 pm at CPC. The topic will be, “How to encourage, motivate, and keep them learning.” **Cheri Vandermeij**, Behavior Analyst from the district office, will be presenting. This should be a great session!

The tutor trainings are very popular and well-attended. Watch for email reminders and/or notifications of changes in the schedule, and try to attend! You’ll be glad you did.

As **Jan Creasey** said, “As we move forward with making resources available for tutors online, please check the website [www.CLASP4kids.org](http://www.CLASP4kids.org) for copies of the handout materials used during each Tutor Training session. I think you will find them useful!”

**Judy Grabiner**, Professor Emerita at Pitzer College, has graciously offered to answer your questions about tutoring students in math. Contact her via email [jgrabiner@pitzer.edu](mailto:jgrabiner@pitzer.edu). Thank You Judy!

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## Harriet Archibald-Woodward, CLASP's Featured Tutor of the Month



Harriet was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the third of four girls in her family. When she was half way through kindergarten, her family moved to Kansas City. There, she grew up and went to public school. Learning to read wasn't easy for her, but once she did, she loved school and flourished. She says she has a thirst for learning and a sense of adventure, so when it came time to apply for college, she applied far away from home. She was accepted to and attended Pitzer College, right here in Claremont. Her junior year, she studied anthropology and Spanish in Colombia. She says that experience was transformative, as from then on, she knew she wanted to help and work with bilingual people in a multicultural setting.

While in college, she worked as a camp counselor and swimming teacher. She also taught vacation Bible school and helped start a preschool for bilingual students in Pomona. After graduating from Pitzer, she moved to Boston, partly, as she puts it, "To see the fall foliage in New England, and after all, I had lived in the Midwest and on the West Coast; it was time to try a new place! In Boston, I wanted to be a travel agent, but I couldn't live off that salary, and I managed to land a job as a bilingual Head Start teacher." Graduate school brought her and her husband back to Claremont. She wrote bilingual curriculum at Cal Poly and co-taught a class. Once she got her bilingual teaching credential, she taught first in Azusa, then in Ontario. She was a program facilitator and a bilingual resource teacher too. Although she finished her administrative credential, she realized she loved helping children learn and grow, so she returned to the classroom for the next 22 years until she retired in 2012.

She found out about CLASP from her neighbors **Chris** and **Mary Caenepeel**. After taking a year off from teaching, she was ready to jump right in as a substitute tutor in the fall of 2013.

Harriet and her husband have been happily married for 41 years. He was an educator all of his career, too. They have one daughter, Katie, who is a photo journalist and a spiritual director.

Harriet enjoys being in nature, swimming, walking, gardening, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She is very involved at her church as an elder and mission moderator, providing opportunities for the congregation to put their faith into action. As a cancer survivor, she says she is especially grateful for everyday of her life.

One special memory Harriet shared is of Roberto. "I remember meeting Roberto his first day at Good Shepherd three years ago. He was a shy Kindergartener who barely spoke English. We spoke mainly in Spanish, and I read several picture books with him. Soon, we practiced with alphabet picture cards to learn the English letters and sounds. Over time he gained skills and self-esteem. Today, he is a confident, hard-working, English speaking and reading student who greets me with a hug when we see each other on Wednesdays. I enjoy being part of the teaching-learning process. Helping kids with their homework while building relationships leads to successful students!"

Harriet's recommendations to CLASP, "Keep up the good work of continuously improving and providing services to students and their families! Keep the one-to-one tutoring, when possible. Keep getting more committed volunteers from high schools, colleges, and the community. Keep up the informative and practical Tutor Training workshops. Keep offering family nights with fun, educational games. Keep the terrific dedicated Site Supervisors like **Cristina Moreno**." We are truly blessed to have Harriet as a committed, loyal tutor!

## Staff and Site Information

### Blaisdell Park

440 S. College Ave.  
Mon, Thurs, 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Wed, 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Grades 4 – 6

### Site Supervisor

Cheryl Palmer-Bird  
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### Claremont Presbyterian Church

1111 N. Mountain Ave.  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Grades 4 – 6

Lauren Cassatt  
970-379-1299  
[lcassatt@mac.com](mailto:lcassatt@mac.com)

### Claremont Village Apartments

965 W. Arrow Hwy.  
Tues, Wed, Thurs, 3:15 – 5:15 pm  
Grades 1 – 6

Jim Keith  
909-451-1913  
[jim.keith9@verizon.net](mailto:jim.keith9@verizon.net)

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1700 N. Towne Ave.  
Mon, Tues, 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Wed, 1:30 – 3:30pm  
Grades 1 – 3

Cristina Moreno  
909-518-7950  
[cristina\\_moreno5@yahoo.com](mailto:cristina_moreno5@yahoo.com)

### Wheeler Park

626 Vista Dr.  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 2:35 – 4:35 pm  
Grades 1 – 3

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# CLASP | 2017-2018 CALENDAR

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**28-31** CLASP Enrollment  
**30** 1<sup>st</sup> Day CUSD

FEBRUARY '18						
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**9** Tutor Training #7  
**12** Lincoln's Day/No CLASP  
**19** President's Day/ No CLASP  
**23** Tutor Training #8

SEPTEMBER '17						
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**1-5-8** CLASP Enrollment  
**11-14** Welcome Back Tutor meetings  
**18** CLASP begins  
**22** Tutor Training #1

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**9** Tutor Training #9

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**6** Tutor Training #2  
**20** Tutor Training #3

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**2-4** Spring Break/No CLASP  
**13** Tutor Training #10

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**1** No CUSD/No CLASP  
**3** Tutor Training #4  
**10** Veteran's Day/ No CLASP  
**20-24** Thanksgiving/No CLASP

MAY '18						
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**2** Volunteer Dinner  
**17** CLASP last day

DECEMBER '17						
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**8** Tutor Training #5  
**25-29** Winter Break/No CLASP

JUNE '18						
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**14** Last day CUSD

JANUARY '18						
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**1-15** Winter Break/No CLASP  
**16** CLASP resumes  
**19** Tutor Training #6

JULY '18						
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## Flu Shots Highly Recommended

It's that time of year to get vaccinated against the flu. The earlier you get the vaccination, the sooner you'll become immune. **Optimal** time to get vaccinated is late Sept. through all of Oct., but it's still not too late in November!

If you are over 60, it is also recommended that you receive the pneumonia vaccine.

It is also VERY important that you keep your TB test up to date every four years.



## Protect Everyone's Health

If you notice your student coughing, sneezing, or otherwise displaying symptoms of illness, ask your Site Supervisor for masks for you both to wear.

Also, use hand sanitizer liberally!

If your student seems too sick or tired to benefit from the tutoring session, the Site Supervisor will determine if the student should be sent home, or he/she will find a way/place for the student to rest until the session is over.



## Important Way to Help CLASP!

Every time you shop at Amazon you can help CLASP earn money.

- First, Sign on to **Smile.Amazon.com**
- Then register and select "**Claremont-After-School Programs**" as your charity of choice.
- After that, all you have to do is make your purchases at Smile.Amazon.com and a portion of your purchase amount will go to CLASP.

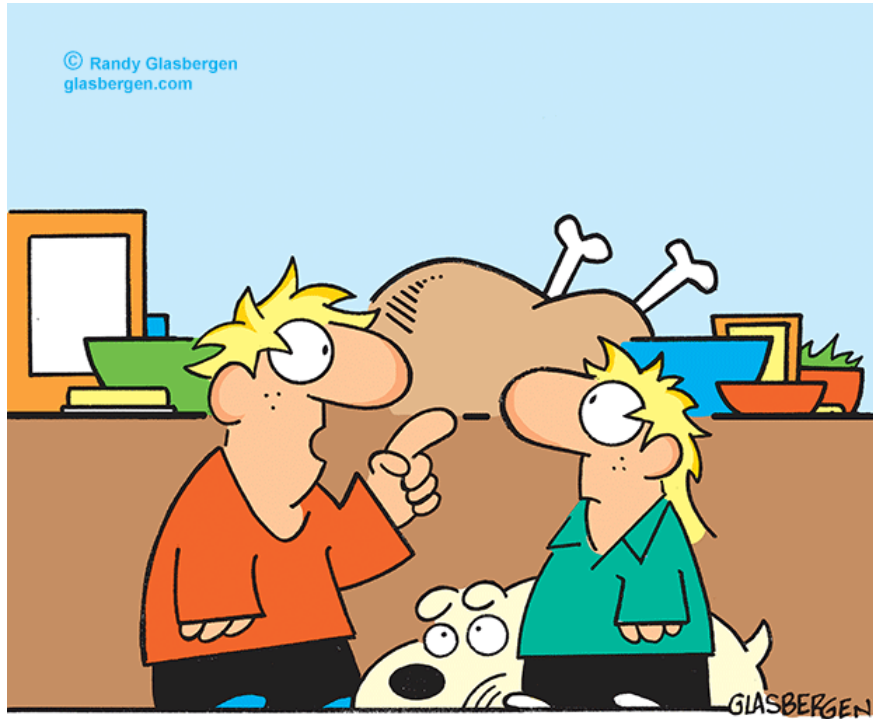
Don't forget the critical step...don't just sign in to Amazon, but go to **Smile.Amazon.com**

## Drivers Needed

If you are available to help transport other tutors to your or their sites, please contact your Site Supervisor and fill out the Driver Information Form. Your help in this regard will help to ensure that there are enough tutors for all our students.



## Happy Thanksgiving!



**“On Thanksgiving the Four Basic Food Groups are ‘more’, ‘a little more’, ‘a lot more’ and ‘too much’.”**

