

January 2018

Arlene Pirolo, Editor

Tutoring begins again on Tuesday, January 16th.

Tutor Training # 6 is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 19th.

Urgent need for additional tutoring during the college students' breaks and new semesters: Jan 16th – Feb. 16th. Contact your Site Supervisors if you can tutor an extra day or two and/or BRING a FRIEND during this critical period!

From Our Program Director By Jan Creasey

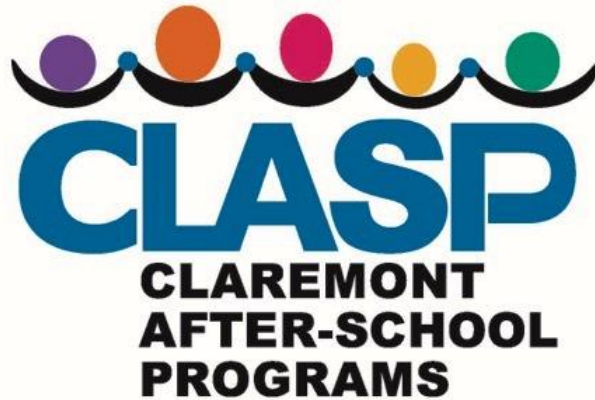


CLASP tutors are the nicest people. You are the nicest people. All of you together are nice. I don't know exactly how to say this, but your generosity, your willingness to help, your "self-less-ness" in your volunteer effort with CLASP, is apparent in so many ways. Let me just share a few of these nice things.

Stu Stoddard picked up five Thanksgiving turkeys and delivered them to CVA families in need of a family meal. **Arlene Pirolo**, for just about every holiday, makes special treats for students and tutors at her site. **Ian Hernandez**, a student at ULV, couldn't wait to dress as Santa this year at Good Shepherd, bringing smiles to students and tutors alike. **Connor Osgood** helps put away all the tutoring supplies and materials at BP every time he tutors. **Maria Andrade** asked me how she might be able to help one of the students she tutors outside (!) the time they work together at CLASP. All nice things, right? And many of you offer to tutor an extra day in your week when your site supervisor asks for help.

But it doesn't end there. In addition to being nice, CLASP tutors are always searching for ways to get through, to explain how, and to make understanding easier. You work with the students who find the learning difficult, and you make it easier. You all bring something to the tutoring table: a new book to read, a new game to share, a new activity you think might be interesting, an adult who listens.

Thank you for being nice. And for all that you bring to the CLASP tutoring table.



CLASP Needs Your Help!

We are looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of Claremont elementary school children. Can you volunteer for two hours during one afternoon per week?

You will be a friend and tutor for children who need help in order to complete their homework and develop their skills. You may choose from five community sites serving either K - 3rd or 4th - 6th grade students.

Please join over 200 volunteers (including members of the community, college, and high school students), so that we can serve more children in need this year.

For more information, please contact:

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Bring a Friend/Double Up



CLASP needs extra tutors during the weeks of January 16th through February 16th. With the new semester, many of our college students, either haven't started classes yet or won't be continuing to tutor with CLASP.

So . . .

If you are able, will you tutor an additional day during these weeks?


Could you bring a friend to tutor with you one day during these weeks?

We know you don't need a prize, but if you **Bring a Friend** or **Double Up** during these weeks, your name will be entered in a raffle - just to show how much we appreciate you! The prize will be something great!



Tutor Trainings

We have two exciting Tutor Training sessions planned for this new year. Starting on Friday, January 19th, **Amber Verdi**, Director, Special Education with the Claremont Unified School District will lead a session on "Homework: How to Get-It-Done." During CLASP, we tutor the children recommended by teachers as those needing extra help to complete their homework. They might need more explanation. They might need more time. They might need one-on-one help to organize their work and make a plan for the work to be completed. Amber will offer suggestions about how to help with all of this.

On Friday, February 9th, **Michelle Wishner**, the Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) from Sumner Elementary School, will present an introduction of the CUSD K-6 English-Language Arts program, . This program is new to both students and teachers, and it will be helpful for us to see what reading instruction looks like and sample the homework assignments students will bring to CLASP.

We hope you will be able to join us at Claremont Presbyterian Church, from 3:30-4:30 for these upcoming trainings in 2018.



A typical tutor training ... a full house!

Dale Berger, CLASP's Featured Tutor of the Month



Dale was raised on a farm in the lake country of west-central Minnesota, near where **Garrison Keillor** lived when he was inspired to create his stories of life in Lake Wobegon. He went to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis where he majored in mathematics and came to California for “only one year” to teach high school math when he was 21. He learned that teaching algebra and geometry to high school students involved more psychology than mathematics, which motivated him to go to UCLA for graduate studies in psychology.

His first faculty position was at Claremont Graduate School, from which he retired a few years ago after 45 years that included 13 years as chair and dean. He taught courses in statistics and methodology as well as cognitive psychology, and he served on many interesting dissertation committees. He and his students developed a website to support teaching and learning statistics,

<http://wise.cgu.edu>. He is still working with a few students and giving an occasional workshop.

Dale says he saw a story in the Claremont Courier about CLASP, and after some on-line research, he decided to give it a go. He says, “It has been fun from the beginning and sometimes challenging.” Dale says, (and remember that he was a mathematics instructor) “Some of the new ways of teaching multiplication and division are quite different from how I was taught, but the new methods are designed to promote better intuitive understanding.” He went on to say, “It is especially gratifying when a student lights up with an ‘Aha!’ experience.” He also shared that he has been impressed with the positive attitude that the children bring to CLASP and the energy they apply to their homework.

In describing his fellow tutors Dale said, “My fellow tutors are quite diverse, ranging from high school and college students to retired folks, with a few in between. We work well together, and our site supervisor, **Cheryl Palmer-Bird**, does a great job of overseeing tutoring sessions to make sure everything works smoothly.

Dale’s wife, **Peggy**, taught statistics at Cal Poly before she retired. They have two married children and one 7-year-old granddaughter. Their daughter and her family live in Pasadena, and their son and his wife live in Minnesota. They have a dog, **Cosmo**, whom they say is a very sweet Labrador/Golden Retriever mix.

CLASP truly benefits from Dale’s knowledge and especially his dedication to helping children. Thank you, Dale!

This is Your Newsletter

Please submit articles, photos with names, jokes, activities, anecdotes, stories, events, or anything else that might be of interest to tutors to **Arlene Pirola**, Editor, either via email a.pirola@verizon.net or text messages (909) 560-3671.

Holidays, Holidays, and More Holidays



GS – Halloween: L-R Juelz, Alberto, Cristina Moreno – Site Supervisor, Yoselin, Toby, and Roberto.

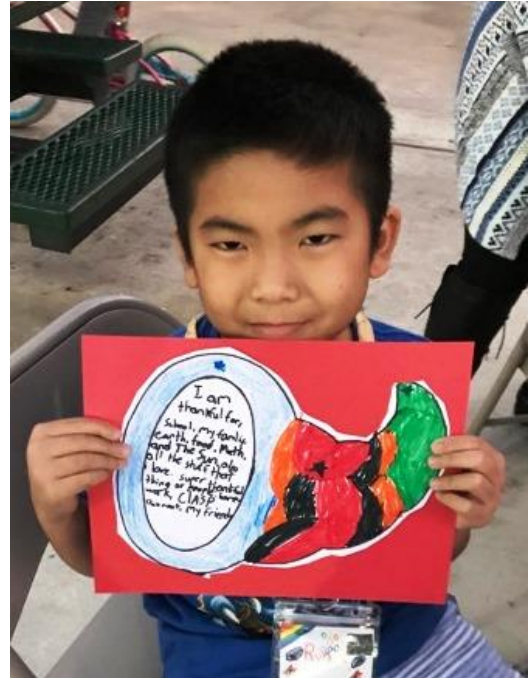
Cristina would like to thank all the tutors and parents who participated in GS's Halloween celebration by bringing goodies, donating pumpkins or money!



CVA – Thanksgiving: Kailee is thankful for her family and, “Everything.”



GS – Halloween: Emmanuel, Stephanie, Aiden, and Dominic Morales.



CVA – Thanksgiving: Ryan is thankful for, “All the stuff that I love... homework, CLASP, and my friends.”



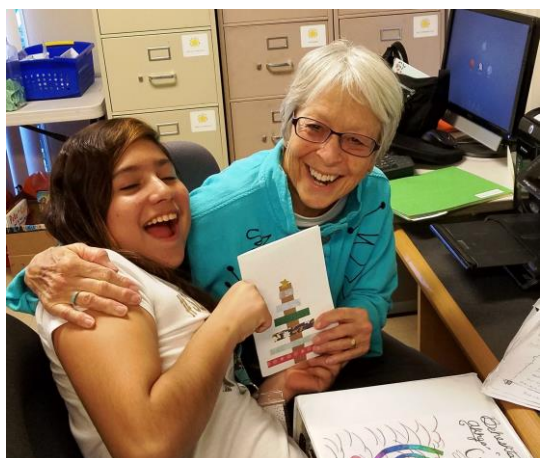
CVA – Thanksgiving: What are you thankful for?



GS – Christmas Party: Ian Hernandez is Santa, Alberto is checking out Santa's beard.



CVA – Christmas: Idris explains his card to Dean McHenry.



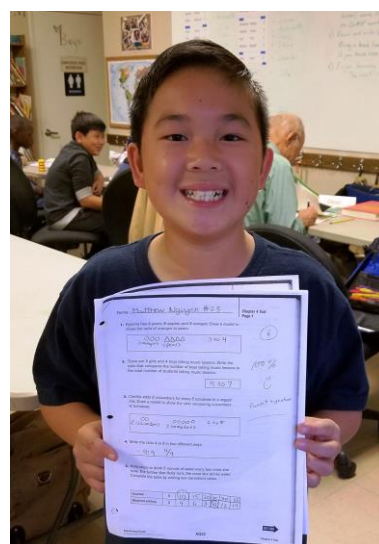
CVA – Christmas: Beheshta presents her thank you card to Lissa Peterson.



CVA – Christmas: Students look over the books they received as gifts from the tutors.



CVA – Christmas: Eileen Saldivar serves refreshments.



CVA – Matthew shares his 100% score on his latest math test.

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**

Protect Everyone's Health

If your student is coughing or sneezing or displaying any other symptoms of illness, ask your Supervisor for masks for both you and your student to wear. Your 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. Also, be sure to use hand sanitizer liberally!



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.



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

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Claremont Presbyterian Church

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Claremont Village Apartments

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Grades 1 – 6

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Wed, 1:30 – 3:30pm
Grades 1 – 3

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CLASP | 2017-2018 CALENDAR



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28-31 CLASP Enrollment
30 1st Day CUSD

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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

MARCH '18						
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9 Tutor Training #9

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6 Tutor Training #2
20 Tutor Training #3

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2-6 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
18-29 Winter Break/No CLASP

JUNE '18						
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14 Last day CUSD

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1-15 Winter Break/No CLASP
16 CLASP resumes
19 Tutor Training #6

JULY '18						
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I resolve to drive past a gym at least twice a week."

