

# TUTOR NEWS

SERVING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
IN THE CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Arlene Pirolo, Editor

Welcome Back Tutors! We hope you enjoyed your summer and are eager to begin tutoring again. Site Welcome Back/Orientation meetings will be held two days at all sites during the week of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at the regular tutoring times. Contact your Site Supervisor to confirm which day you will attend, and **BRING A FRIEND!** The first Tutor Training is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 pm, at CPC.

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## From Our Program Director By Jan Creasey



A summery Welcome Back to you all! September 18<sup>th</sup> will be here soon—the start of CLASP 2017-2018. There are many things going on behind the scenes and I'll take just a minute to fill you in.

To begin, CLASP has a new look. As you probably have noticed, our logo has been freshened with current colors. An update of the original design was created by local resident **Mary Stoddard** in collaboration with the ad hoc committee of CLASP, guided by Board member **Robin Gottuso**. All worked tirelessly on the re-design of the logo and website, guiding us thoughtfully into this new look. Our website has been funded and is hosted by local business owner **Edgar Reece**, owner of ISN Global. A big thanks to **Gabriel Caustrita** and **Daymek Venator** for their work on CLASP's re-design. The new look is fantastic and within a few weeks, [www.clasp4kids.org](http://www.clasp4kids.org) will be

up and running!

Continuing with other changes, our heartfelt thank you goes to **Jim Keith**, for his years of service and dedication to recruiting, organizing, and managing the 240+ tutors a week who serve CLASP. With Jim's retirement as Tutor Coordinator (he will continue as Site Supervisor at CVA), we welcome **Marit Warren** to the team. She brings enthusiasm to the task and will specifically be looking to strengthen CLASP's connections with the colleges and universities in our area.

In addition, **Lauren Cassatt** will begin as the new Site Supervisor at Claremont Presbyterian Church. We welcome her as she leads the charge at CPC with her experience as a Wheeler Park tutor and librarian - a great combination.

And finally, not a change, but a continuing program: Tutor trainings will resume on ten Fridays throughout the year. We hope you will be able to join us on September 22<sup>nd</sup> as we "Meet and Greet, Give One and Get One, and Talk about Tutoring." This training is all about "What Works For Me." Let's share our strengths and walk away ready to tutor. See you soon, everyone!



## Marit Warren, CLASP's New Tutor Coordinator

**Marit Warren**, CLASP's new Tutor Coordinator, came from Kansas City and currently lives in Claremont. She attended Macalester College where she received a BA in History and a BA in Humanities and Media and Cultural Studies. She also received her Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University.

Marit is currently an attorney who does public interest representation, pro bono, in L.A. (mostly deportation defense for unaccompanied children and emergency asylum representation for adults). Her background includes working for nonprofits affiliated with Macalester College, Case Western Reserve University, and Cleveland State University. She also currently works as the Speech and Debate Coach for Foothill Country Day School.

Marit and her husband have two sons (aged six and three) and, as she puts it, "Two large, professional shedding, super mutt, rescue dogs." Her older son attends Sycamore Elementary, where she learned about CLASP and the Tutor Coordinator opportunity.

Marit said, "I'm pretty busy chasing the boys and volunteering, but I do find time to run and do yoga."

Looking forward to starting her new position, Marit said, "I am excited to meet everyone at CLASP, and I'm eager to participate as part of the CLASP team. I am looking forward to developing relationships with the Claremont Colleges to increase our tutor pool."

We are very happy to welcome Marit to CLASP. Her enthusiasm and energy will, no doubt, benefit all!

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## Welcome Back! Tutor Meetings

We are excited that you will be returning to tutor with us this year. "Welcome Back! Tutor Meetings" will be held the week of September 11-14. Each site will offer meetings two days that week. We hope you are able to attend **one** of the meetings at **your** site.

<b>Blaisdell Park</b>	<b>Sept 11 (M) or Sept 14 (Th)</b>	<b>3 - 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Claremont Presbyterian</b>	<b>Sept 11 (M) or Sept 12 (Tu)</b>	<b>3 - 5 pm</b>
<b>Claremont Village Apts</b>	<b>Sept 12 (Tu) or Sept 14 (Th)</b>	<b>3:15 - 5:15 pm</b>
<b>Good Shepherd</b>	<b>Sept 11 (M) or Sept 12 (Tu)</b>	<b>3 - 5 pm</b>
<b>Wheeler Park</b>	<b>Sept 11 (M) or Sept 12 (Tu)</b>	<b>2:35 - 4:35 pm</b>

These special meetings give Site Supervisors the opportunity to talk about your site and the work you all do there. It's a time for questions and answers and suggestions. It's also a time for mingling with other tutors and exploring some hands-on activities that can help you teach the how to's of counting money, adding fractions, reading fluently, memorizing site words, telling time, calculating perimeter, etc. The list of what kids need to learn is endless, and we have lots of tools to help you, help them. Please join us at one of these meetings as we prepare for another great CLASP year.



## Lauren Cassatt, New Site Supervisor at CPC

**Lauren Cassatt** grew up in El Segundo, and received her BA in Sociology from University of the Pacific in Stockton. She moved to snowy Aspen, Colorado, where she worked first as the Business Manager of the Aspen Times (21 years) and then as librarian of Aspen High School (20 years). At the age of 62 [!], she received her MA in Educational Media from University of Northern Colorado.

Lauren retired in 2015 and moved to “Claremona” (she is literally on the border). Her husband had died and her children live in Portland and Seattle, so Lauren decided to come back to sunny, hot weather in Southern California.

In her free time Lauren loves to read. She admits to watching too much TV, spending a lot of time surfing the Internet, and dabbling in yoga. Lauren says she has become somewhat of a “duck whisperer,” and thoroughly enjoys the many Mallard families in the ponds at Quail Creek, where she lives.

In addition to volunteering at the library bookstore with the Friends of the Claremont Library, Lauren is on that organization’s Board, as well as the Board of Campus Women of the Claremont Colleges as the newsletter editor.

Lauren began tutoring with CLASP at Wheeler Park in 2015. She was introduced to CLASP by **Nancy Ambrose** and **Stuart Stoddard**. She says, “I am eager to begin the position of Site Supervisor at CPC. I’m excited to work with the staff, tutors, recreation leaders, children, and parents, and can’t wait to put my organization/attention to detail ‘nerdishness’ to good use!”

The aspect of CLASP that is special to Lauren is the joy of observing the one-on-one connection of children and tutors. She says, “We all lead busy lives, and for those brief CLASP hours, it is thrilling to see how the relationships and interactions among the participants are being encouraged and supported with patience, a sense of humor, and that beautiful moment when something clicks and you see it in a child’s eyes.”

We welcome Lauren to her new role and wish her only success in this new adventure in her life.

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## CLASP Annual Fall Celebration



As CLASP looks forward to another exciting school year, save the date of our Annual Fall Celebration planned for 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. Look for your invitation in the mail at the beginning of October.

## Lead Tutors' Contact Info

Lead Tutors are at each site to assist you and the site supervisors in any way they are able. The ultimate goal is to have a Lead Tutor for each site for each tutoring day. If you are interested in being a Lead Tutor on a day where there isn't one already, contact your Site Supervisor.

### Blaisdell Park

Bev Jack  
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Jan McCoy  
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818-419-2257

One Lead Tutor needed

### Claremont Presbyterian Church

Three Lead Tutors needed - one for each day

### Claremont Village Apartments

Laura Bouamrane  
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One Lead Tutor needed

### Good Shephard Lutheran Church

Ellen Hamilton  
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Two Lead Tutors needed

### Wheeler Park

Judi Pocock  
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Jane Prendergast  
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One Lead Tutor needed

### PLEASE REMEMBER

Everyone please remember that this is your newsletter, and anything you come across or see or think is relevant to tutors is welcome. Please submit photos, articles, thoughts, etc. to Arlene Pirolo, CLASP Tutor News Editor at [a.pirolo@verizon.net](mailto:a.pirolo@verizon.net).





## Never Miss A Recruiting Opportunity



**Ellen Townsend and Barbara Shelley** recruit for CLASP on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## Team Takes Inventory

**Ellen Hamilton, Bev Jack (L), and Alan Jack (R),** performed an inventory of all sites' games and



manipulatives during the summer break. Not pictured, but also involved: **Barbara Shelley, and Arlene Pirolo.**

that have been learned.

This vital activity ensures that there are grade-level appropriate games and manipulatives for every site. Manipulatives are crucial to helping students understand and learn math concepts and skills. Games are played when all the student's homework and reading assignments are completed and there is still time left in the tutoring session. Most of the games are educational and reinforce skills



# CLASP | 2017-2018 CALENDAR

AUGUST '17						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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**28-31** CLASP Enrollment  
**30** 1st 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

MARCH '18						
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**9** Tutor Training #9

OCTOBER '17						
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**6** Tutor Training #2  
**20** Tutor Training #3

APRIL '18						
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**2-4** Spring Break/No CLASP  
**13** Tutor Training #10

NOVEMBER '17						
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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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## 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  
909-367-8034  
[cpalmerbird@gmail.com](mailto:cpalmerbird@gmail.com)

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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)

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### Claremont Village Apartments

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

Jim Keith  
909-451-1913  
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### 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  
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### Wheeler Park

626 Vista Dr.  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 2:35 – 4:35 pm  
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### Office Assistant

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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.

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 ensure that there are enough tutors for all our students.





## Rita Wodinsky Celebrates Her 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!

On June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017, 90 of **Rita Wodinsky's** friends and relatives gathered at Higginbotham Park to celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The celebration started at 7:00am with a walk on The Thompson Trail. Rita walks every morning, so all guests were invited to join her and have breakfast in the park afterwards.

Rita was born and raised in Queens, New York. She graduated from Queens College and then attended graduate school in Iowa. She worked in pre-school education and then moved to California where she met her husband, who was a physician. They married and had five children, and Rita stayed home to care for them until her youngest was in high school, then she returned to work part-time.



Rita's husband died in 1975, and Rita has kept herself involved in many organizations such as Hadassah (she is still one of the presidents), the Jewish Federation of Pomona and San Gabriel, and Community Friends of International Students at the Claremont Colleges.

Rita was recruited to CLASP by **Carol Harter** about eight years ago. As Rita is a cancer survivor, her doctor had her stop tutoring, but she remains active on the Tutor Committee. It is usually Rita's smiling face that welcomes everyone to Tutor Dinners, etc.

**Guests signed the birthday poster.**

Rita recently hosted her son's 45<sup>th</sup> Claremont High School Reunion at her home.



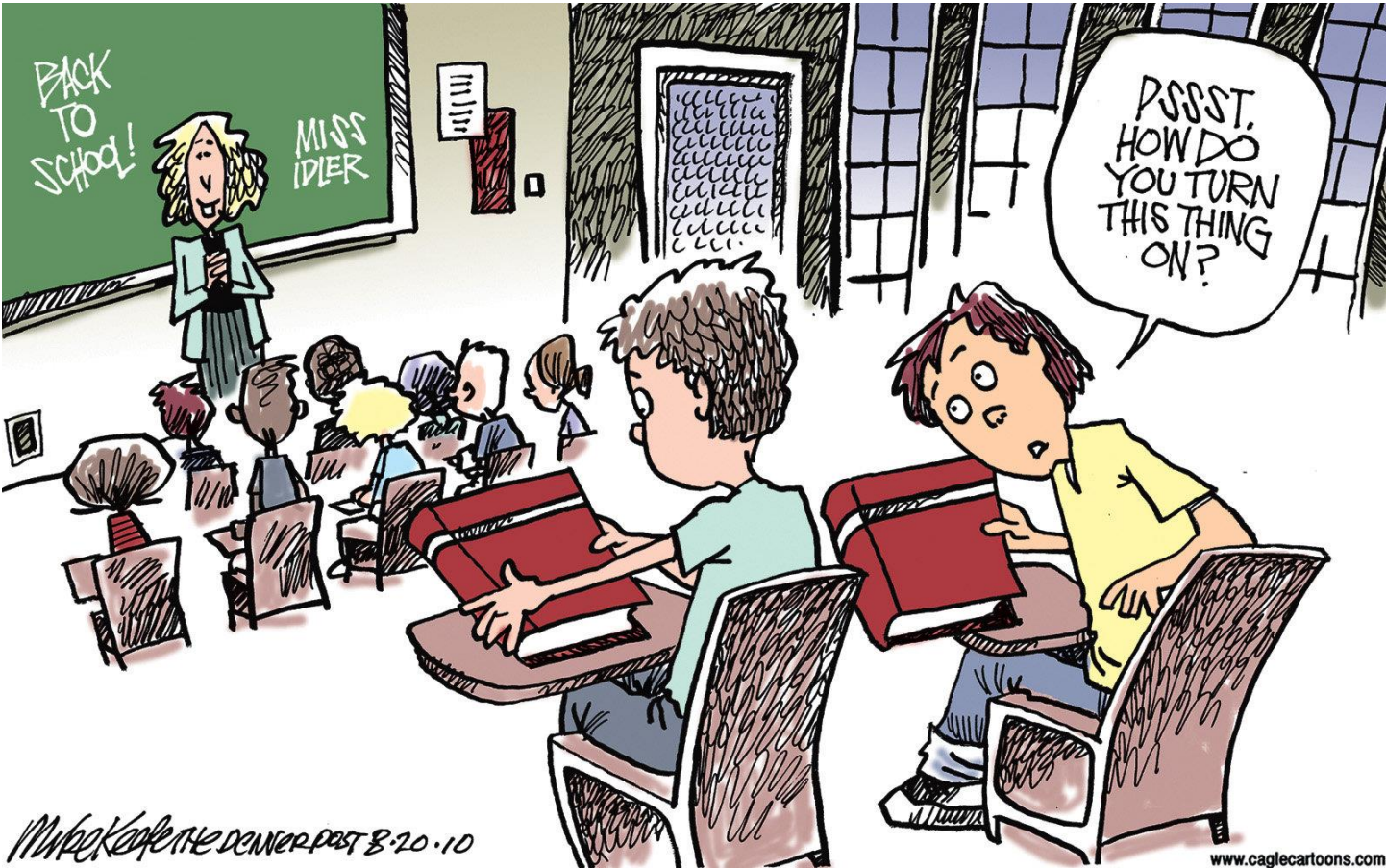
**The bagel buffet breakfast.**

Rita has been with CLASP a long time, so we asked her if she had any specific suggestions for CLASP's improvement. She stated that more volunteers might be recruited, possibly using as a resource retired professors and alumni of the Claremont Colleges.




**Rita** is pictured here with her daughter, **Jenny**, and one of her 7 grandchildren.

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