

**Tutor Training # 5 is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**CLASP's Winter Break begins Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no tutoring from then until Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Urgent need for additional tutoring during the college students' finals, breaks, and new semesters: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> and Jan 16<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact your Site Supervisors if you can tutor an extra day or two and BRING a FRIEND!**

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**From Our Program Director**  
**By Jan Creasey**



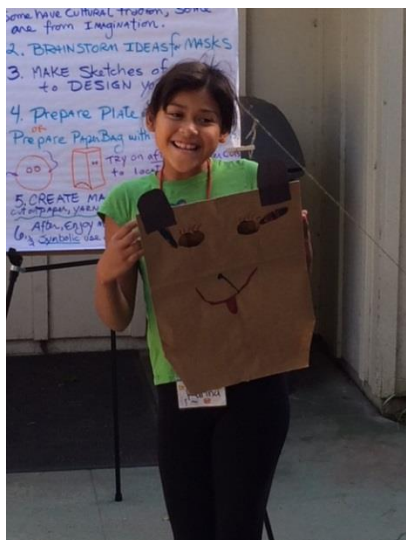
Why don't they just teach multiplication and long division the old way? It's the most common question that comes up when I talk to tutors. "I just don't understand how to help sometimes with the math homework," or "It's much easier to do it the way I learned it."

The difficulty of understanding the "how" of helping CLASP students with some of the math homework continues. Tutor Training #5, on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> will address the big question of how to help with homework when dealing with students who are taught in ways that are new to us. Together we will work through some of these strange-looking strategies, including lattice multiplication, partial products, short division, and repeated subtraction. Site Supervisors will share some of the resources available at their sites for helping students with fractions, memorizing facts, and more.

I will also share two new games that you can use with students who finish early or those who need a "brain break." We hope you will be able to attend Tutor Training #5 during this very busy time of year!

Also, an appeal. These next weeks are challenging for us because many of our tutors are college students who have finals, have finished their service hours, or have schedules that change at the next semester. Until the new classes (and new tutors!) begin, we will be short on tutors. If you are able to tutor an extra day at your site any time in December or January, or might bring a friend to tutor with you, please let your Site Supervisor know. We appreciate your efforts, and thank you for your service, as we transition to the new semester and the new year.

## Kids' Corner



Students at BP made masks to represent either who they are or something they like.

**Karina** at BP, left, with her dog mask, "Because I like dogs."

**Nikolas** at BP, right, with his self-portrait mask, "After I ate too much candy at Halloween."

Thank you to **Mackenzie Jessip**, Recreation Leader, for these pictures of BP's mask making - craft activity.



CVA students crafting "Stress Reducers." Never too young to learn about ways to reduce stress in one's life!

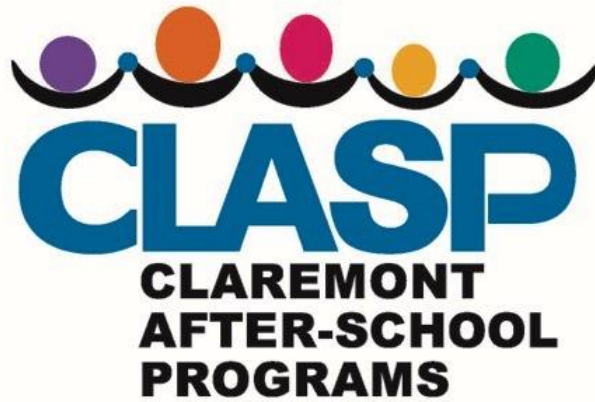
Thank you **Eileen Saldivar**, Recreation Leader, for these pictures of one of CVA's enrichment, craft activities.



## **Uriel at CPC**



The String Game was taught by **Barbara Rugeley**.



**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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** and **January 16th through February 16th**. With finals, winter breaks, and the new semester, many of our college students either won't have 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?

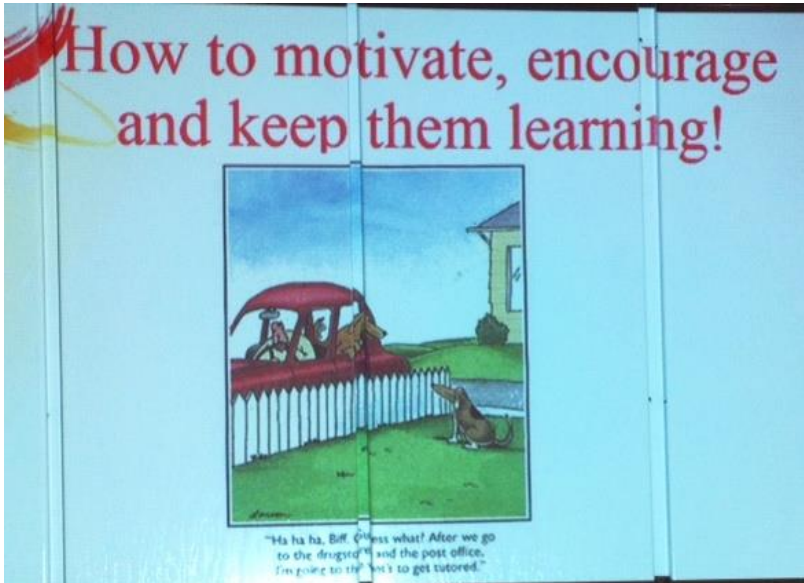
Could you bring a friend to tutor with you one day during these weeks?

Contact your Site Supervisors if you are able to give any extra help during these critical weeks.

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## Tutor Trainings



**Tutor Training #4** was conducted on Friday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The topic was, “How to encourage, motivate, and keep them learning.” **Cheri Vandermey**, Behavior Analyst from the district office, gave an inspiring and very entertaining presentation. It was 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** says, “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 any of your questions about tutoring students in math. Contact her via email [jgrabiner@pitzer.edu](mailto:jgrabiner@pitzer.edu). Thank You Judy!

**Tutor Training #5** will be held on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at CPC. It will address the big question of how to help with homework when dealing with students who are taught in ways that are new to us.

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A few tutors who couldn’t attend some of the trainings asked **Jim Keith**, their Site Supervisor, to re-visit the trainings with them. He graciously conducted a half-hour re-cap of the trainings and went over the handouts with them. Kudos and THANK YOU Jim!



## Anita Klein, CLASP's Featured Tutor of the Month



Anita Klein was born near Pittsburgh, PA and moved to Southern California at the age of 12. She has lived in the area most of her life, many of those years in Claremont. Her son attended Claremont schools and graduated from Claremont High School.

At age 21, Anita went to work for Cal Poly Pomona, and for 42 years she studied at and was employed by the University. For the last 35 or so of those years, Anita worked for four consecutive University presidents as their executive assistant and office manager. She retired in 2004.

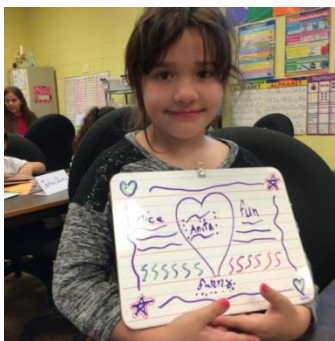
Anita and her husband, Marvin Klein, a former professor and administrator at Cal Poly have two grandsons who live in Walnut Creek with Marv's daughter.

Anita says she learned about CLASP from **Barbara Shelley** when she asked Barbara's husband, **Tom Shelley**, about volunteering opportunities in Claremont. Barbara was happy to suggest the CLASP program, and within a week, Anita was tutoring at **Wheeler Park - first one day a week, then 2 days a week, and now three days a week.**

Anita says she has many memorable experiences with CLASP students. She shared one about a young boy who stuttered when he began the program and, after a few months, he no longer stuttered when they were together! She says, "Every day is a memorable experience for me. It's a wonderful thing to have an opportunity to spend an hour three days a week with two K-3 students. After almost 3 years, I have yet to have a student who was not responsive and who did not want to become better in their school work."

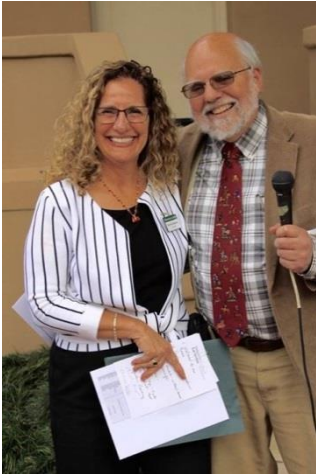
Anita continues, "This program has been a highlight in my life. I know I learn as much from the students as they do from me. I would love to be able to recruit more tutors so that each student could have a one-on-one experience. I know most tutors aren't able to give three afternoons a week to CLASP, but from my own experience, a student does much better with this continuity. (I guess this is obvious.) I wish I had some suggestions for getting more tutors. Everywhere I go, I bring up the program and every once in a while, someone will become a volunteer."

Anita asked to say a few words about her Site Supervisor. "I want to say a few words about our WP Site Supervisor, **Maria Martinez**. She gives 110% of her time and effort to this program -- spending many more hours than are required of her. She is always available to answer questions and to give advice on ways to help the students learn. She gently encourages the students to show appreciation to their tutors. And she constantly shows her own appreciation to the tutors. She is an excellent role model for the program."



**Corrina**, a WP 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, says it all, "She is nice, fun, and funny." We are all so thankful to have Anita as such a devoted and dedicated member of CLASP's tutor community.

## CLASP's Annual Fall Celebration



Past President of Interact and former tutor, and **Bridget Healy, Sarah Liu, and Xochitl Montero.**

**Devorah Lieberman**, President of the University of La Verne and **Greg Shapton**, President of CLASP's Board of Directors, welcomed 200 guests who attended the event on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. CLASP board members **Nancy Ambrose** and **Cindy Sullivan** were the party organizers.

Students Helping Students was the theme for the event which honored important connections that are crucial to the success of CLASP. Pictured from left to right are Key Club twins **James** and **Sophia Jung**- five year veteran tutors for CLASP,- **Barbara Rugeley**, one of five liaisons from Claremont Kiwanis to two high school Key Clubs, **Naseem Nazari**,



**Jim Keith** was presented with a special, Extra Credit Award for his outstanding past service as Tutor Coordinator.

One of the afternoon's highlights was the card game drawing for the Wine Wagon. Board members donated 26 bottles of wine – all rated at least 90 points.



Volunteer caterers **Robin Leonhard** and **Karen Rosenthal** donated the magnificent and delicious hors d'oeuvres.



## Support us when you shop this holiday season

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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 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.



### 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

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

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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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**2-6** 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

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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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