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Message From The Leadership Team



Laura Wehrle
Officer & School Liaison

Getting to see so many of you at the fall book event was wonderful - to hear about your students, your experiences and how selflessly you are giving to the children of our community.

Everything that comes from L.O.V.E. Mentors reminds me how transformative are the love and connection we share with others. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me to help administer this program.

Some items coming soon:

- Be on the lookout for a special Training Newsletter after the first of the year. Your Training Team has put together some ideas for using manipulatives to engage our students in fun ways. They have prepared some guidance for utilizing our phonics resources. They also have suggestions for adjusting plans and switching things up when the kids get restless.
- In the meantime, if you have a cell phone or laptop, here is a suggestion when you need a 3-minute changeup or reward. In the 1970's through the early 2000's over 64 educational and fun cartoons were produced by Schoolhouse Rock. Series include: Grammar, Multiplication, American History, Money, Science, Earth, and Computers. These can all

happy
holidays!

be found on YouTube and make a great "learning" break for a restless child that can spark all sorts of discussion. They can be accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SchoolhouseRockTV1>

- We will be working with SCCPSS in December on our plans for 2019-2020 and should have those finalized soon after the first of the year.

Wishing all of you and your loved ones a wonderful holiday season!

Laura

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We Are On Facebook!

Our new Facebook page is up and running. Take a look and give us a LIKE!

<https://www.facebook.com/Love-Mentors-Savannah-490586461310160/>



Sesame Street Came To The Book Fair



Mentors had a special treat when our guest speaker, Fran Brill Kelly, gave us insight into the workings of Sesame Street under the leadership of Jim Henson. She was an actress and started working on Sesame Street in 1970. As the first female puppeteer, Fran is best known for performing Zoe and Prairie Dawn. As a special treat, Zoe was joined on

screen for our mentors by Sesame Street favorite Cookie Monster and others from the neighborhood. We saw how the Sesame Street characters were able to learn using fun and laughter.



Fran Brill (right) with Laura

While puppeteering kept her busy for a long, successful career, she also pursued an acting career onstage and screen until she retired in 2014.



The Book Fair gave mentors the opportunity to select new books for their students. There was a wide assortment from Early Readers to chapter books for older students.

Many thanks to Ginny Pierce, who once again did a superb job ordering all the books and setting up the tables.



We all enjoyed the special holiday refreshments provided by Debra Brook with the help of Betsy Hines, Site Director at Isle of Hope.

PHOTO LEFT:
Mentors pick books for each mentee



PHOTO RIGHT:
Debra Brook and Betsy Hines

Orientation And Information Meeting For New Mentors

Monday, January 14 - 4:00 p.m.
Skidaway Island United Methodist Church



L.O.V.E. continues to need more mentors to meet the requests of our schools. If you know someone who would make a good mentor, ask them to attend this meeting or to look at our website, www.lovementors.org, for more information and to fill in the volunteer form.



Christmas Is Coming

Christmas Vacation begins Thursday, December 20
Classes start again Thursday, January 3
Mentoring resumes Week of January 7

Andrea B. Williams State Media Winners

Last year, four 3rd graders created a website which told their stories about Andrea B. Williams, former principal of Spencer Elementary School. Since the passing of Mrs. Williams last November, these students wanted to talk about her influence



on them and their transition to the newly built school named in her honor.

Not only were the kids from the only Title 1 School participating in this media competition, they earned their way to the State competition and **WON 1st PLACE.**

Winners in their Red Carpet finery provided by L.O.V.E. mentors



Mentors Matter

The Real Meaning Of L.O.V.E.

By: Denis Healy, Isle of Hope

Eight years ago, I joined L.O.V.E. and had no idea what I was getting into or what I would learn along the way.

My first student was a 2nd grader. Nick and I met weekly for 2 years and developed a strong bond. We did far more than the Three R's as we grew together. Some days we worked on telling time, or how to meet and greet someone. Other days we mixed the 3Rs with how to make change or how to measure distance. Some sessions were just plain fun, but always with a hidden lesson.

Nick grew fast, learned even faster and looked forward to our sessions. I learned a lot too!

The real meaning of L.O.V.E. and the impact of one-on-one mentoring became evident as we worked together.

One day Nick told me he was moving to Ohio. We had come to know each other and saying goodbye was not easy. The day came. We shook hands and I wished him smooth sailing. Goodbye Nick - never expecting to see or hear from him again. The years rolled by and I lost contact.

Out of the blue one morning, I received a text "Hello, my name is Grace. Checking to see if this number still belongs to Mr. Denis. He knows my son Nick." What started out as just another morning turned into a time of joy as I called back to hear a familiar voice.

That little 2nd grader, Nick, is now a young man of 15 years, 6'1", doing well in school and playing ball.

Yes, L.O.V.E. does have a lasting effect. That's why I continue as a L.O.V.E. mentor.



Can I Give My Student A Christmas Gift?

For many students a small gift is a special token of your caring. Books, small games, puzzles, holiday stickers, activity books and such are suggested as this supports our efforts to Help Children Learn. Please present your gift in a way that the child can take it back to the classroom and put it quietly in his/her backpack, only to be opened when they get home.





L.O.V.E. believes that improving a child's education is the foundation for improving quality of life. Classroom teachers have little opportunity to work one-on-one with students. L.O.V.E. provides this benefit to students.

L.O.V.E. Leadership Team For 2018 - 2019

School Liaison-SCCPS	Laura Wehrle, Officer
Mentor Recruiting & Assimilation	Dan Malachuk, Officer
Reporting Secretary.....	Sam Lambert, Officer
Treasurer	Kevin Dutton, Officer
Mentor Resources & Training	Ginny Pierce
Publicity & Events.....	Carol Fallon
Camp Coordinators.....	Callie Ryan & Carol Black
Training Co-Chairs.....	Suzanne Hurd & Catherine Ruhl
Director Emeritus	Karen Lindholm
At Large	Bill Monroe

Schools

At the current time, L.O.V.E. Mentors serves 10 Title I schools in the SCCPSS.

SCHOOLS	L.O.V.E. SITE DIRECTOR
Andrea B. Williams	Nancy Boyd
East Broad.....	Pat Cox
Gadsden.....	Jan Smart
Gould.....	Kathy Vaile
Haven	Holly Kenreich
Hodge	Barb Stuck
Isle of Hope	Betsy Hines
Low	Ginny Pierce
Pulaski	Ginny Donaldson
Windsor Forest	Karen Lindholm

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