

Winter Newsletter 2012

Our school year got a late start for 3rd graders and up due to the administering of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. It meant a fast "catch up" for our mentors.

We had the first annual Book Fair on October 18th at Bailey Hall at the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. Most site coordinators and many other mentors attended and chose lots of books from Scholastic Books, Inc to use. These books are given to the students to keep once they are able to read them. The kids LOVE receiving these books from their L.O.V.E. mentors. It gives our mentors more "tools" to use helping kids learn.

Karen Lindholm has joined our board as the recruitment chairperson. She has contacted all interested new mentors and arranged training for them. Once trained, they have joined the ranks of L.O.V.E. mentors. She is organizing a "Bring a Friend to Mentoring" to try to increase our numbers. More on that to follow.

We have gotten new mentors from our announcements in church bulletins, The TWATL, and from the mission fairs at churches and synagogues. We now have 138 mentors working in 15 schools and the Aldersgate after school program.

Our goal has been to make each L.O.V.E. program viable and successful. We need more mentors at several schools because the need is great.

Dr. Lynne Schwartz has expanded the Oral History program to Groves High School. It will be part of their Arts program. The students will write an original play based on the oral histories they have and will present it in the spring. More on that to follow.

There will be a thank you party for mentors on May 1st at 4:00 at the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church in Bailey Hall.

Thanks for all the good work you do with our students. You are enriching their lives.

Ann Tremaine Co-Chair of L.O.V.E.