



# A Valentine's L.O.V.E. Letter

From Local Outreach Volunteer Educators



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## A Message from the Co-Chair

by Marian Hofstein

On this Valentine's Day I want to thank all of you for taking L.O.V.E. into our public schools. We fill a vital role as consistent, caring adults in the life of each child struggling to learn. I'd also like to personally thank Norma Beck who was our Co-Chair for the past two years. Norma, you stepped up during our time of need. Thank you!!

The Board recognizes the importance of Mentor support and we are initiating First Friday Mentor Training to be held on the first Friday of each month at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. This will be a fun opportunity to meet other mentors and to learn mentoring techniques from top instructors, including our own Dr. Brenda Spencer, as well as share success stories and teaching tips each of us have learned along the way.

LOVE continues to grow!

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our Director of Recruitment, Karen Lindholm, our numbers have grown to 145 mentors contributing to the development of our L.O.V.E. students in 14 public schools. As we gain recognition, new recruits come forward regularly who learned of L.O.V.E. through our website, the TWATL, and our affiliated religious organizations.

Do you have good writing skills?

We are in need of a writer/editor to place notices in the local newspapers. If you can help with publicity, please send me a message - lovementorsinc@gmail.com

The L.O.V.E. Board thanks each of you for your dedication to the children of Savannah. You are making a difference! Please continue to share your wonderful stories and help LOVE grow.

Happy Valentine's Day!

### Upcoming Events

**Feb 15:** Mentor training at SIUMC - 10:00-11:30am  
**Feb 18:** President's Day (holiday for all)  
**Feb 25:** Board meets with Sharon Sand, 3:30pm - All Site Coords invited.  
**March 1:** First Friday Mentor training at SIUMC - 9:30-11:00am  
**March 29:** Spring Holiday  
**April 1-5:** Spring break  
**April 5:** First Friday Mentor training (TBA)  
**April 15:** Board meeting  
**May 3:** First Friday Mentor training (TBA)  
**May 6:** L.O.V.E. Mentor Recognition Party!  
**May 27:** Memorial Day  
**June 7:** Last day of school

# Summer Camp 2012!

For the past several summers L.O.V.E. has sent many of our kids to camp, giving these children an opportunity to have fun, swim, be creative, and explore Savannah. All this is made possible by the dedication of Bill Monroe who spends countless hours organizing the camps, calling parents and site coordinators to be sure all the paperwork is completed on time. Bill is a man with L.O.V.E. in his heart!

Bill's report from last summer:

*Thanks to everyone, particularly the site coordinators, for all the work that went in to the 2012 Summer Camp program. We sponsored 44 children (E. Broad-9, Gadsden-16, Haven-8, IOH-1, Low-5, Spencer-5) who attended the following camps:*

*West Broad YMCA, Coastal YMCA, Frank Callen B&G Club, City Of Savannah Cultural Affairs, and Horizon*

*I have pictures I will send out to anyone who wants them. THANKS to all. 44 kids had a great time because of the generosity of the L.O.V.E. organization and our sponsors.*

Preparation for Summer 2013 will begin in April.



*Hanging with Mr. Monroe, Summer 2012*

THANK YOU, Bill Monroe, for coordinating this wonderful program!

## Mentor Training

On Feb. 8, Rob VanderMay from Savannah-Chatham County Public School System led a workshop for mentors of grades K-2 called "Phun with Phonics."

We learned about *phonemic awareness* and activities to do with our pre-readers and early readers to increase their phonemic awareness. Rob also provided alphabet flash cards and recently sent us the Dolch site words as flash cards.

The next workshop will be for mentors of grades 3-5 on February 15.

The "Phun with Phonics" workshop will be repeated on March 1. Please look for the email from [lovementorsinc@gmail.com](mailto:lovementorsinc@gmail.com).

## Mentoring Tip of the Month

From Ginny Pierce, Co-Chair  
*"Busy Hands are Happy Hands"*

What's needed:

2 envelopes (preferably different colors)  
Dolch site words in individual squares.

Start with all the site words in one envelope. Let the child pull them out one at a time. When the child can read the word, he/she places it in the other envelope. If not, it goes back in the first envelope. This is a fun and easy way to encourage the child to memorize the site words.

**Please send your mentoring tips to [lovementorsinc@gmail.com](mailto:lovementorsinc@gmail.com)**

**Kids need LOVE, LOVE need YOU!**