



Make a Difference in a Child's Learning – Be a Tutor

Children's learning has been greatly impacted by the pandemic. More than ever, they need for us to pull up beside them, either virtually or in person, to help! Here are some ways we can do just that.

Questions?

Please join others who are interested in tutoring and volunteering at Greenway Park for an information session on Monday, October 4, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Contact Tina Fincher, tinafincher1@yahoo.com for the link and passcode.

Tutoring/Volunteering Opportunities at Greenway Park Elementary School

Augustine Literacy Project-Charlotte – “The **Augustine Literacy Project-Charlotte** works to improve the reading, spelling and writing skills of low-income children who struggle with literacy.

We do this by recruiting, training and supporting volunteer tutors who provide free, long-term, one-on-one instruction using research-based methodology.

You will find our tutors in Charlotte-Mecklenburg elementary schools, working primarily with first through third-graders at Title I schools.”

- Greenway Park is a partner school for ALP.
- Prior to tutoring, volunteers complete a week-long training which is mostly online. The final part of the training will occur in-person at Greenway Park.
- Information sessions are scheduled in-person and online to learn more about this approach.
- Tutoring consists of two 45-minute in-person sessions per week.

If you are interested in becoming an Augustine Tutor, [click here](#).

Be a Reading Buddy for a Greenway Park Kindergarten Student - We are excited that this year we may again be able to go as a group to a Kindergarten class to read to students. K Reading Buddies tutoring has brought so much joy to both the children and the tutors. As they read together, Reading Buddies develop a love of reading that goes beyond just learning the

words, but also learning new things, meeting wonderful characters, and having a friend to talk with about our thoughts as we read. Here's how it will work.

- After the class we will partner with is identified, we will go as a group at the given time to read for about 30 minutes one-to-one with a student. (And we'll need a few extra folks to serve as subs.) We may need as many as 20-25 adult Reading Buddies!
- Tutors will be trained in [Active Reading](#), a read-aloud technique that builds readers' comprehension and vocabulary by talking about what they are reading, learning how books and reading work, and making connections between books and readers' own worlds. [Here](#) is a brand-new webpage from Read Charlotte to help tutors and family members use Active Reading as they read books with children.
- We will be reading with students in Ms. Batat's class on Fridays, 10:45-11:15 AM. You will need to arrive around 10:30 to choose the books you will read together before going into the classroom.
- All volunteer tutors will need to be approved by CMS. [Here is the link](#) to register as a volunteer in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.
- If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding experience, contact Tina Fincher at 704-904-4446 or tinafincher1@yahoo.com.

Volunteers and Tutors are also needed in individual classrooms. - These volunteers can assist teachers in a variety of ways, from individual tutoring to preparing materials or helping with clerical needs, or just being a learning buddy to a particular student. If you would like to partner with a teacher at Greenway Park, contact Tina Fincher at tinafincher1@yahoo.com or 704-904-4446.

Consider Tutoring at Other Schools

In the past, Greenway Park has participated in two other tutoring programs: HELPS and Heart Math. However, neither will be used at GP this fall, though we have been told that they may be added later in the school year. In the meantime, those who are interested in HELPS or Heart Math are needed in many other CMS schools right away. Please consider sharing your time and talents to tutor students in other schools. Information about them as well as links to their websites are included below.

[HELPS Literacy Tutoring](#) – “The Virtual HELPS Literacy Program is an evidence-based, research-validated literacy intervention that is proven to build students’ fluency and comprehension reading skills. If we do not support students’ learning now, research suggests that students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and in lower primary grades’ learning may continue to be undermined for years to come due to the harmful effects of

COVID-19. Serving as a HELPS Tutor for 1 hour per week can help transform a student's life! To learn more about how to become a HELPS Tutor, contact Tutor Operations Manager, Emily Hall at emily@helpseducationfund.org."

- Currently only virtual tutoring
- Possibly at Greenway Park; serving students at other CMS schools now
- Requires [CMS Volunteer Registration](#) and a two-hour online training before beginning.
- More information and sign-up at <https://www.helpseducationfund.org/helps-charlotte/>

Heart Math Tutoring – "Heart Math Tutoring ("HMT") gives young students successful experiences in math through one-on-one, volunteer-delivered tutoring during the school day. Teachers and school leaders recommend students for the program who are performing 2-3 years below their grade level in math and may not have access to resources for private tutoring. We assess each student to determine his/her individual instructional needs. Volunteers provide lessons at each student's level in 30-minute tutoring sessions twice per week using Heart Tutoring's structured curriculum. In addition to providing academic support, tutors act as mentors, providing encouragement that can have a positive impact on students' confidence and enthusiasm towards academics. In 2019/20, we served nearly 1,200 students across 23 school partners in Charlotte, NC.

The program was fully virtual for the first time in the 2020/21 school year, serving over 500 students. We are offering both in-person and virtual tutoring options for the 2021/22 school year."

- May be added later in the year at Greenway Park, happening now in-person or virtually at other CMS schools.
- [Sign-up Information](#)

****Before volunteering for any of these tutoring opportunities, you must register on the [CMS volunteer registration site](#). If you're already registered, you only need to go back in each year and confirm or update your information.***