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## Message from Board Chairman Karen Lindholm



*Karen Lindholm*  
*L.O.V.E. Board Chairman*

**I**t's been a tumultuous Fall 2016. Tornadoes, hurricanes, and an election roared through causing disruption. I hope you all got through unscathed.

L.O.V.E. carries on! We continue to mentor in 9 Title One schools with 125 mentors. We've gain new mentors through the TWATL, Community sign board, Landings Journal, and most importantly word of mouth. There will be an information session at 4:00 on January 16<sup>th</sup> at SIUMC. Bring an interested friend.

### **Hellos and Goodbyes:** **Thank you to Joyce Glenn and Ann Tremaine - two dedicated, long time LOVE mentors**

**Joyce** has been a LOVE member for more than ten years. She served as mentor at Garrison, a school we no longer serve. She has fond memories of a little boy who finally understood she came every Tuesday and couldn't believe he could depend on someone to do what they said. Joyce joined the board and was appointed secretary, after two years she became chairman, chairman advisor and trainer. Joyce recently retired as President of Kiwanis and was instrumental in their donating to the camp program.

Thanks Joyce. You've added much to LOVE.

**Ann** has been a LOVE mentor for 17 years, all of them spent at Gould Elementary School. She was co-chair of LOVE for three years and site director at Gould for 10 years. She started with the founder Fred Loe who picked her up in his Town Car every Tuesday.

*"It is a wonderful volunteer opportunity. So much fun all these years."  
- Ann Tremaine*

Thanks Ann, you've been a tremendous volunteer and always helped when asked!

### **Welcome:** **To two new site directors:** **Barb Stuck and Kathy Vaile**

**Barb** has taken over from Emily Miller as SD at Haven. Barb moved to Savannah for the warm weather and family from Pittsburgh. Her background is in marketing management. Her passions are volunteering, community involvement, and helping children. Barb helps with dog rescue transports on the weekends. She is a natural leader.

**Kathy** will be SD at Gould at the end of this school year as Ann Tremaine retires. Kathy reports that she mentors 1 day a week from 9:30-2:00 with 5 students, 1 Kindergartner, 3-1st graders, and 1-2nd grader. When her children were in school she volunteered in the classroom. Eventually, was hired to be an instructional aide. When her kids were older, she was employed full time managing

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attendance. Kathy says “I feel at home in a school atmosphere and I simply adore working with elementary students!”

Thanks to all of you for your service and loyalty. You’re the backbone of the organization.

**Reminder:** Give the “parent letter” to your student’s teacher to send home in the homework folder and tell student to return it signed by parent to the teacher.

Each SD will select a camp liaison to coordinate with Bill Monroe during the camp application process. Please help out and say “Yes”.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Karen*

## Christmas Is Coming

**M**entors frequently ask if it is OK to give their student a Christmas gift. For many of our children this is a special token of your caring. Books, small games, puzzles, colored pencils, holiday stickers, activity books and such are suggested as this supports our efforts to Help Children Learn. Of course, a little



sweet treat is always welcome. Please present your gift in a way that the child can take it back to the classroom and put it quietly in his backpack. Ask him to wait until he gets home to open it.

# Don't Forget!



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## Winter Vacation Schedule

**D**ue to all the school closings as a result of Hurricane Matthew, the last day of class is now Tuesday, December 20. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 4. Check with your classroom teacher about mentoring right before the vacation starts and immediately after school re-opens as there might be school activities that would interfere with mentoring.



## Book Fair -- A Big Success

**W**e welcomed all mentors to the L.O.V.E. Book Fair on Monday, October 31. Hundreds of new books of all elementary levels were available for mentors to select for their students. Mentors will use these books throughout the year. When a student has read the book successfully, he will be given the book to take home. Mentors can send a letter home to the parent with the book asking them to "Please take the time to have your child read this book with you and enjoy the progress that your child is making in reading."

Another Book Fair will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00. Don't miss it.

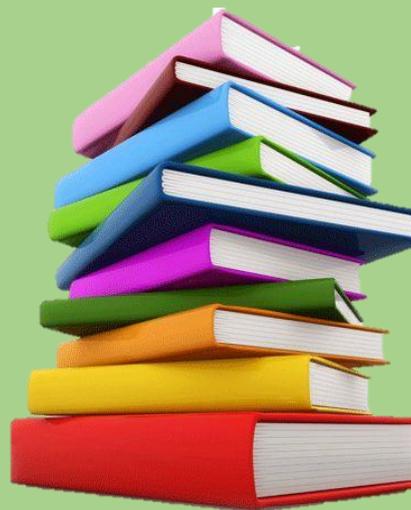


*Welcoming mentors to the Book Fair*



*Many thanks to Linda Blount, Margaret Toth, and Bob Stiehler, who treated all the Book Fair attendees to Halloween goodies served on a lovely table setting with a creative centerpiece.*

REMINDER:  
**BOOK FAIR**  
January 23  
4:00 p.m.





Bill Monroe sharing information about the summer camp

## Gearing Up For Summer Camp

**B**ill Monroe is getting ready to kick off the application process for our students who want to attend summer camps. Last year L.O.V.E. sent over 70 students to local camps. It is a huge job to recruit the students, supervise the application process, and coordinate with the camps. This year we will have a L.O.V.E. mentor Camp Coordinator in each of the schools that we serve. They will assist Bill throughout the process. An important step in the camp process is to identify students who may be interested and open up lines of communication with their parents. The best way to do this is by sending home the yellow L.O.V.E. introductory letter and following up with the teacher to make sure you get it back. In this way, the parent learns who/what L.O.V.E. is and what we do.

## Mentor Matters

### Mentor Tools on our Website:

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By: Ginny Pierce

**C**heck out the **Mentor Tools** link on our updated website. You will find Fry Sight Words that you can print as flash cards, many links to internet sites that will show you tips for teaching reading and math concepts. They include games and resources.

Kids do not know the difference between Odd & Even numbers. I usually use pencils for this exercise. Before I start, I recite a poem from cheerleading that represents **EVEN** numbers:

**“TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT -  
WHO DO WE APPRECIATE - TEN !”**

I explain that this rhyme makes it easy to remember the even numbers, therefore making the **ONE, THREE, FIVE, SEVEN, NINE** numbers **ODD**.

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I put one pencil in between myself and the mentee and say that “we cannot share this one item (unless you break it in half) so that - makes it an ODD number of ONE”.

Even All in Pairs	Odd Not All in Pairs
0	1
2	3
4	5
6	7
8	9

Then I put out another pencil and say that “this is an even number because I can have one and you can have the other so it makes an EVEN number of TWO.”

I repeat the process up to the number TEN. Five pencils for me and five pencils for him/her. (I later explain that the higher numbers in the teens, twenties, thirties use the same digits in the tens.)

Note: You could use pennies and then provide the mentee with a reward for learning.



PHOTO RIGHT: Hello and welcome to our new mentors

## More Mentors, Please

We now have 125 mentors and serve 275 students in 10 schools. Schools and the Board of Education know that L.O.V.E. Mentors have made a great difference in the success of our students. That is why they have asked us to place more mentors in the schools.

If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a mentor, please ask them to join you. They are welcome to accompany you on one of your mentoring sessions to see how the process works. They are also invited to attend an information and orientation meeting in Monday, January 16 at the Skidaway United Methodist Church at 4:00 pm.



# Site Directors

Site Directors are responsible for communication and coordination with individual school staff and teachers. They support the mentors and regularly seek feedback regarding their experiences, concerns and questions and send reminders of school holidays and special events.

Schools	L.O.V.E. Site Officer
East Broad Elementary .....	Pat Cox
Gadsden Elementary.....	Bill Monroe
Gould Elementary .....	Ann Tremaine
Haven Elementary.....	Barb Stuck
Isle of Hope Elementary.....	Betsey Hines
Low Elementary .....	Ginny Pierce
Pulaski Elementary.....	Ginny Donaldson
Spencer Elementary .....	Nancy Boyd
Windsor Elementary .....	Karen Lindholm

# Board of Directors

The ultimate goal of L.O.V.E. MENTORS is to work in partnership with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools to improve education and support the dreams of Savannah's children.

- The L.O.V.E. Officers for 2016-2017 are:**
- Chair ..... Karen Lindholm
  - Secretary ..... Paulette Hamilton
  - Treasurer ..... Laura Wehrle
  - Director of Camps..... Bill Monroe
  - Publicity Director ..... Carol Fallon
  - Mentor Support ..... Ginny Pierce
  - Recruiting ..... Dan Malachuk
  - Training..... Joyce Glenn
  - Ex-Officio..... Ann Tremaine
  - At Large ..... Kit Powers