

TUTORING NEWS: INSPIRED YOUTH

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INSPIRED YOUTH IS STILL ONLINE!

The Inspired Youth Tutoring Program was again online in the 2021-2022 school year. We had six sessions per week, with some of the 32 students participating twice a week and some coming once a week. Working with the students were 32 tutors and tech people, some of whom came two or three times per week. The tutors were excellent; it was wonderful for the children and youth to be working with such good tutors.

Here are the numbers of students and tutors in the Tutoring Program, as of 4.14.22:

INDIVIDUALS IN TUTORING PROGRAM

SPRING 2022, 6 Sections (as of 4.15.22)

STUDENTS TUTORS/TECH

	9 th -11 th	5 th -8 th	K-4 th	Adult and HS
Mon. 5:30	1	2	7	11
Mon. 6:45	1	6	2	11
Wed. 3:30		2	5	7
Wed. 4:45	1	4	5	15
Thur. 3:30		2	5	7
Thur. 4:45	2	3	2	8
TOTAL HRS	5 stud. hrs	19 stud. hrs	26 stud. hrs	59 tutor/tech hrs

TOTAL

32 STUDENTS

32 TUTORS/TECH

50 STUDENT HRS

59 TUTOR/TECH HRS

Several students come more than one session per week. Several tutors volunteer more than one session per week. Some "regular" students of the Tutoring Program still didn't have a computer which could get Zoom. This is frustrating for the family and for the Tutoring Program. But it's exciting and worthwhile for the students and tutors who do come. We still can't believe what we're doing, and that we're doing it!

Tutoring this year has been made possible by a special "tech" person, *Joy N.* She does everything related to Zoom and break-out rooms. It's a breeze for the rest of us.

To see photos of students and tutors taken this year, look at Inspired Youth's *Facebook* page.

HEADPHONES: A GIFT FROM A FORMER TUTOR

Former tutor Peter A., of Argo Translation (www.argotrans.com), has given a gift of 30 headphones to the current students of the Tutoring Program. Sessions of the Inspired Youth Tutoring Program have been online since mid-March 2020. Homes of some of the students in the Tutoring Program are noisy. The headphones will help all the students of the Tutoring Program concentrate better on their schoolwork.

Beth P. walked with her shopping cart through the neighborhood on two different days, delivering the headphones to the 14 excited families. To get the headphones to the five families who live far away or out of Illinois (California, Texas), Meghan F., head of the Board of Directors of Inspired Youth Inc., suggested mailing them, which was easy.

We appreciate Peter A.'s gift to Inspired Youth to make the gift of headphones for the students possible.

THOUGHTS ABOUT EPWORTH'S SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE, 4.3.2022

On April 3, 2022, Epworth had a special worship service in the afternoon. It was one of the last worship services to be held at Epworth Church. The church will close on May 18, 2022. The congregation will be moving to a different church, which will be announced later.

Many children and adults came to the special worship service. Here are comments from some of them:

Dorie B.: It was wonderful. It was very nice. I loved how everyone talked about how long they were there, and Pastor Carol, and the wonderful things they said. Everybody was so joyful.

Dick W.: I was very impressed with the fact that so many people wanted to speak. They wanted to share their own perspective on the journey, the profound experience they had when they were at Epworth. It seemed to me that that message was the most important thing that was conveyed.

I was very impressed with the pastor who preached. Carol Hill was absolutely wonderful, with her personal experiences. She understood the neighborhood and the mission of the church, and the people of the church. That was just wonderful. She really hit the nail on the head when she talked about the program of the church, the program that was done by individuals who were part of the church. That was just wonderful.

Ian F.: It was heart-warming to see all the former members come back. I didn't know how much they missed the church. These were the "greatest hits," so to speak.

Tina S.: Sheila, with the bulletin, did an excellent job. Pastor Carol remembered *everybody!* She has grown since she left us. She has really grown. She was good when she was with us, but you can see she has grown.

Everybody was doing what they were supposed to with Pastor Carol. She did a lot of research. She remembered that boy's name who died right in front of our church. She remembered what everyone had done. She went on and on. It was beautiful.

Rich R.: I thought the celebration was very lovely. I especially liked Pastor Carol's reminiscences of challenges and triumphs in the past few years at Epworth Church.

Pastor Max Z.: As an interim pastor who has only been with Epworth for just over two months, it was an honor to be a part of this service. I have said from the start that it is an honor to serve at a

church with such a rich history of serving its neighborhood through all its changes. Sunday's Celebration Service deepened that sense of honor, as I met so many people who have been deeply impacted and transformed by and through the church. It was a great way to celebrate the work God has done through the church and to set the stage for what God has planned in the next chapter of the church.

Louie H.: It was nice! My only problem was it should've been held during regular worship hours. I had to adjust coming to the church during that hour!

EPWORTH'S 3-MANUAL MOELLER PIPE ORGAN WILL BE MOVING!

Epworth's 3-manual Moeller pipe organ (built in 1931) will be moving to a large Roman Catholic church. The church is Our Lady of the Fields in Millersville, Maryland, outside of Annapolis. Packing all the small and large pipes of the organ into individual cloth pouches is a huge task, and will take 7-10 days, beginning on July 18, 2022.

Epworth's organist, Beth P., has been so lucky (blessed) to play this organ since **1983** (with 7 years at another church in the middle). Cathy D.P. hired Beth P. in 1983 to be the organist at Epworth, and Tina S. brought Beth back in 2004.

Beth P. has loved playing this wonderful pipe organ, but we are so happy that Epworth's pipe organ will have a new home.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS DONE IN 2021-2022.

127 stories/articles were written by the **32** students of Inspired Youth this school year.

20 students wrote an Editorial (3 of these students wrote 2 editorials)

38 students wrote a Short Story, given prompts of a person, place, and problem. (4 of these students wrote 2 Short Stories; 2 more students wrote 4 Short Stories!)

27 students wrote about their Favorite Teacher. (2 of these students wrote about 2 Favorite Teachers.)

29 students wrote about Interesting Subjects in school. (5 of these students wrote about 2, 3, and 4 Interesting Subjects in school.)

13 students wrote about a Career that would interest them. (2 of these students wrote about 2 careers.)

Altogether this is **127** stories/articles written by 32 students of Inspired Youth.

If you would like a copy of what the students wrote, Beth P. will email it to you.

COMMENTS FROM TUTORS ABOUT THE STUDENTS AND THE TUTORING SESSIONS

Eli G, with Tanish A., 3rd gr., 3/14,22: Tanish did a great job completing his homework in which he practiced sorting words in alphabetical order. We also worked on reading out loud. We listened to an audio book about "glorbs" to help practice reading with emotion.

Terri E., with Carl A., 3rd gr. 3.16.22: Watched you tube video on how to find common denominator when adding and subtracting fractions; read comic book.

Beth P., with Max A., 5th gr. 3.30.22. He dictated a story to me about his dog. It was wonderful. It will go in our magazine of stories.

Mike M. with Varun B., 3rd gr. 3.9.22. Completed on two math (geometry) assignments. Starting working on reading assignments. He did a great job on everything (as always).

Selina S. with Leonela C., 11th gr. 3.28.2022. Leonela worked on her Civics homework. She had to look up costs of everyday items and worked with a monthly budget.

Beth P. with Hassan D., 7th gr. 4.7.22. Hassan dictated a story to me, and I typed it. He spoke very clearly, and he knew what he wanted to say in the short story. It was fun!

Dan. S. with Marwan D., 10th gr. 4.7.22. Khan: Trig review - Introduction. Biology: Ecosystems - watched a couple videos, reviewed key terms. Need to complete Ecosystems review of Terms; do problems.

Beth P. with Mushtaq D., 8th gr. 4.4.22. She dictated an editorial to her tutor. It was on bullying. She did fine. She had to go early because of Ramadan and breaking the fast.

Clay C. with Himaneesh D., 2nd gr. 4.4.22. We read about dinosaurs and Himaneesh wrote notes based on what he remembered. He did his own typing and did a very good job. Next week we'll rewrite the sentences as a paragraph. Then we'll repeat the exercise with different types of dinosaurs.

Mayumi SP with Baron F., 3rd gr. 4.4.22. We started off with some math in Khan academy on area. After, we read a book on Epic about Plants vs Zombies because he likes video games!

Clay C. with Donovan F., 5th gr. 3.21.22. We worked on sentence combining and some ABCYA math games. I think his math skills are fine, so I'm going to push him to work on writing if he doesn't have homework.

Terri E. with Adithi G., 2nd gr., 4.7.22. Khan academy math, multiply, area perimeter played Puffs on ABCya Worked hard.

Joy N. with Jordynn J., 6th gr. 4.7.22. No homework today and she joined late so she continued writing a story she began last session.

Beth P. with Rianna J., 1st gr. 2.23.22. She read 3 books aloud to me. The books were from school. She is a good reader! Especially for a 1st grader!

Dan H. with Nathan L., 8th gr. 4.6.22. ixl math, algebra whole session, then 5 minutes of a game Math Prodigy. Great job, not easy concepts to teach online

Nittin M. with Uriel M., 5th gr. 4.4.22. Uriel read a book on cats for the first 20 minutes of our session and then we worked on some math practice. Uriel worked on multiplying and dividing fractions.

Mary N. with William M., kindergarten. 4.4.22. We read a Curious George book on Epic, identified letters on IXL, did geometry on Khan Academy and played a strategy game on abcya.

Ben A. with Rithwik N., 4th gr. Rithwik didn't have any homework, so we started with a couple games of chess and then did some math games. We learned that the Hindu holiday Holi is on Friday and so we read about what it is, and Rithwik read about the history behind it and then created a presentation about what we had learned that he sent to his teacher.

Ben C. with Sathwik N., 2nd gr. 3.16.22. IXL Math, Language Arts, Math games.

Kati L. with Harasha P., 2nd gr. 3.30.22. Very fruitful session again this week! Harasha made great progress with his geography, he was able to identify States before they were labeled, great work! He also made connections with states he's been to and the weather patterns in the places he's been. Can't wait for next week! ☺

Meghan F. with Mukunth R., 6th gr. 4.4.22. Mukunth and I read a story and watched a video on Pompeii. He then continued to read a book about Jack Reacher independently.

Yim Y. with Shashi R., 2nd gr. 4.4.22. Shashi didn't have homework today, so we worked on the 4th writing assignment. She wrote about what she'd like to learn more about and what she would like to do better in school. Shashi finished her drafts for each of the prompts. Then we learned about Earth and galaxies in Khan Academy, because she's learning about planets in school. Shashi had some really interesting, curious questions about the universe!

Mayumi SP with Tanisha S., 2nd gr., 4.4.22. She started off by reading a book in Epic about a Ghost Cat. After, we continued with IXL. She learned about antonyms, synonyms, and predicates in a sentence. Then we continued with some subtraction in IXL. She was struggling at first but did them with ease after doing a few with help.

Terri E., with Arohi S., 4.6.22. root word, prefix suffix. Had to put words in sentence structure then tell meaning of paragraph. play prodigy math game. Always works hard.

Terri E. w/ Jaylen S., 5th gr. 4.7.22. Story. Kevin Hart in auditorium and audience not responsive. He will email it in.

Dan S. with Kayla S., 4th gr. 3.24.22. Lots of HW in IXL: Language Arts; Math. She worked hard.

Jonathan F. with Layla S., 7th gr. 4.4.22. Today Layla worked on a worksheet about hydrothermal vents from her science class based on a reading. Afterwards she made progress on a creative writing assignment where she had to use ten words that start with hydr-. She did great.

Dan S. with Bianca V., 3rd gr., 4.7.22. Khan: more on Fractions. K5Learning: The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Still need to finish the last page and 1/2 of Sorcerer's Apprentice.

Bansari J. with Raul V., 6th gr., 3.24.22. He had homework from school, so he was working on proportions in math and then he was doing Social Studies.

Rob C. with Pranathi Y., 2nd gr. 4.7.22. For the Writing Assignment, Pranathi wrote about her two most "interesting subjects," which were art and gym. This surprised me as I thought she would definitely have written about math!

PIANO LESSONS

This year Beth P. is giving online weekly piano lessons (individual "piano classes") to 11 students from Inspired Youth. She also gives flute lessons to one of the students. Ms. Palmer has been giving music lessons to students since 1959 (!). She enjoys it a lot and loves to see the students get better and better at playing the piano—and the flute. Most of the students will not continue with the piano; but learning to play the piano helps *the brain!* (It's true!)

In order for students to practice playing the piano, Ms. Palmer lends each family an electronic piano keyboard. Inspired Youth has a collection of around 30 piano keyboards. Some were donated, some were given to IY at a very low cost, and others were purchased by Inspired Youth, one by one, during the past 25 years. The students enjoy the piano classes.

DONATIONS TO INSPIRED YOUTH, INC. Inspired Youth does a lot with minimal funds, because of our incredible volunteers. However, we rely on the contributions of individuals and organizations to continue our work--educating, encouraging, and enriching Chicago's youth. In January-April 2022, Inspired Youth had 15 donations. All donations are important and enable us to provide students with essential materials, support, and equipment.

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