

Teton Literacy Center  
Volunteer Newsletter



Dear Volunteers,

We are very excited that the center is filling up with so many wonderful, dedicated volunteers. Please don't be afraid to grab your tutor coach if you need help or have any questions. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be happening this month, so be sure to check-in with your student about how they're feeling in school. Lastly, we encourage you to participate in our upcoming fundraiser, Jackson's Got Talent! There are several ways to participate, including buying pizza at Pinky G's, voting online, or attending the event. We appreciate your continued support. You are amazing, essential members of our organization!

Sincerely,

TLC Staff

### Buy Your Ticket Today!

We are excited that the 2016 Jackson's Got Talent event on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Pink Garter Theater is benefiting Teton Literacy Center! Bring your friends and family and come enjoy the show. Tickets are [on sale](#) now.

You can also support your favorite acts before or during the show! Vote online at [www.jacksonsgottalent.org](http://www.jacksonsgottalent.org).

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Power of Literacy.

### Upcoming Events

#### Jackson's Got Talent

Saturday, November 12th

Join us at the Pink Garter for the most talented fundraiser of the year! **Tickets** are on sale now. Doors open at 6 pm. The show starts at 7 pm.

#### Amangani Dinner

Thursday, November 24th

Looking to enjoy a Thanksgiving feast without doing all of the work? The Amangani will be donating a portion of their proceeds to TLC. Pricing is \$95 per adult/ \$65 per child, including a specialty beverage. Call the Grill for reservations. [307-734-7333](tel:307-734-7333)

#### New Volunteer Training

December 8th, 12:00 pm

TLC needs more tutors! Do you know someone else who would make a great tutor or volunteer?

Want to get involved that night in a more relaxed way? Come see the **free show** at Pinky G's at 5pm. Enjoy some pizza, too, as Pinky G's will **donate 20%** of their profits made on November 12<sup>th</sup> to TLC! There are so many great options for joining the fun--we hope to see you there!

## Making Word Study Matter

Our staff works to incorporate phonological awareness, vocabulary development, and spelling in fun ways. Recently, one of our program coordinators, Jade, received training on the Orton Gillingham approach to phonemic awareness. Below are a couple fun phonetic tid-bits from her training. We hope many of you find them interesting and useful as you think of your students.

- **Remembering when to use soft c and soft g:** The easiest rule to tell students is that we use these soft sounds after e, i, and y. The mnemonics "Gentle Ginger goes to the gym" and "Center city had a cyclone" may also be useful.
- **K Sounds in order of frequency:** c, k, -ck, ch, and que. Words with Greek roots make a "k" sound using the letters "ch", and words with French roots make this sound with "q".
- **When "s" says "z":** "S" says the sound "z" makes when it is between two vowels. This also applies to the suffix -sion. Example: Vision vs. Extension.
- **The two sounds of "th":** Th can say the sound in "thumb", but it also says another sound in words like "than". To help students who struggle with this differentiation, remember that the "th" in than makes your throat vibrate. Put your hands on your throats to feel the difference as you say these words.
- **Magic E:** The "e" stays silent, but makes the vowel say its name. You might also say, "Magic "e" makes the vowel feel proud and stand up to say its name." Example: Fat vs Fate, Mit vs. Mite, Rot vs. Rote, etc.
- **OW:** This sound is always found at the end of a word **or** when followed by n, l, el, or er.
- **FLOSS Rule:** The floss rule lets students know when to use double consonants at the end of words. Use this rule for 1 syllable words, with 1 vowel, that end with f, l, or s. For Example: Off, Call, Kiss. Even "Floss" is a FLOSS word!
- **No English word:** (1) Ends with a j, (2) Ends with a q, (3) Ends with a v. "V" is always followed by an "e" at the end of a word, just like "q" is always followed by a "u". Help students remember this by telling them q & u are best friends.

Remember, there are exceptions in the English language. If you come across an exception, use it as a time to discuss these "rule breakers" and the importance of learning words that don't fit a pattern.

Encourage them to sign up for our new volunteer training. No experience is needed.

**No Programs  
Nov. 21st-Nov. 25th**



**Volunteer of the Month**

**Joyce Butchner**



Joyce is an extremely dedicated volunteer! Even when faced with challenging situations, Joyce remains positive and supportive of her students. As a tutor, Joyce consistently seeks out knowledge on how to best serve her student.

Students who have the pleasure of working with Joyce noticeably build confidence in their reading ability! We think this is due to Joyce's graciousness and her invariably positive attitude!

Thank you for everything you do, Joyce, and a thank you to all of our other tutors!