CAPSA Tutor Training

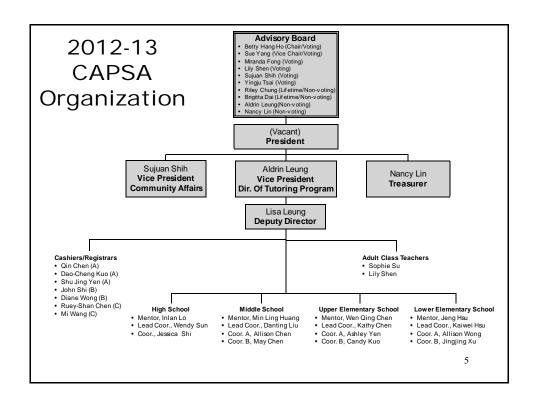
# CAPSA Tutor Training

2012-2013 School Year

### **Tutoring Program Mission**

- Provide tutoring services to new immigrants and other needy students
- Share experiences with new immigrant families in Montgomery County in adjusting to the society
- Provide community service and leadership opportunities to qualified high and middle school students
- Extend services to adults through English classes
- Present education-related issues and needs to Montgomery County Public Schools





#### Attendance!!

- BE ON TIME!
- Arrival time:
  - Coordinators: 9:50 am
  - Tutors & tutees: 10:00 am
- If unable to come...please call as soon as possible
  - HS Group Wendy Sun
    - (240) 486-5225 or wendysun380@yahoo.com

  - MS Group Danting Liu
    (240) 543-9833 or danting.liu.94@gmail.com

  - Upper ES Group Kathy Chen(240) 475-9964 or kathychen2828@gmail.com

  - Lower ES Group Kaiwei Hsu (240) 380-0733 or khsu2414@yahoo.com
  - Emergency Aldrin Leung (240) 505-6988
- Check www.capsa-mc.org for announcements

## Let the day begin!

- Sign in at your tutoring group area in the sign in book labeled for tutors (Be honest about the sign-in time!)
- Go to your assigned seat and find your tutee. Don't wait for them to find you.
- If there is a problem with a tutor-tutee pairing, please contact a coordinator as soon as possible.
- Tutors should not do their own homework or socialize with friends during this time! It is dedicated to addressing the tutee's needs.

#### Do's and Don't's...

- Please do
  - Communicate with and understand your tutee
  - Be patient with your tutee's request
  - Teach them to the best of your abilities
    - Find a teaching pattern or style that works best with your tutee
    - Relate to him or her
  - Provide teaching materials if needed (Many in the CAPSA boxes or bring some from home)
    - Books
    - Magazines
    - Worksheets
    - Material copied from workbooks
  - Ask coordinators for help



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## Do's and Don't's... (cont'd)

- Please
  - Do Not socialize with your friends
  - Do Not eat your breakfast while tutoring
  - Do Not bring outside homework to do or books to read
  - Do Not play with your cell phone, listen to music, or use any other electronic devices while tutoring
  - DO NOT DISTRACT OTHER TUTOR-TUTEE PAIRS
    - Do not sit next to your friends while tutoring if you feel like you will be distracted and not focus on teaching your tutee (Be responsible and mature!).
  - DO NOT do all of your tutee's homework and prevent him/her from doing any thinking or work of his/her own



- Assist with completing their schoolwork
- Be aware of your students' abilities
- Cultural problems? Try to understand them!
- Develop their English skills (read the Teaching Skills Sheet to get an idea of important skills)
- Evaluate which subjects need more help and find related books and worksheets to improve them during the tutoring session
- Finish the day by assigning a little homework (A copy machine is available to make copies of books or workbooks)
- Give praise and motivate your tutee!

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#### Basics

- Tutee needs to be able to reveal personal information
  - Name, Age, Address, Telephone Number, and Name of School
- Build confidence
- Generate rapport with chats
  - Normal daily life
  - School activities
  - Differences in culture
- Constantly interact with the tutee even when they are working on problems

## Reading...

- Begin with a topic of interest
  - Ask tutee about his/her week, hobbies, academic problems, etc...
- Read books that are challenging but not frustrating for the tutee
- Encourage reading out loud
- Give a stopping point if unable to finish a chapter so tutee is not discouraged
- Read some background information
  - Correct pronunciation minimally to build confidence,
  - Pick out vocabulary words
    - Explain them
    - Have him/her use the words in a new sentence



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# Discussing..



- Discuss the reading and include some relevant firsthand experience
  - Use the wh-questions (who, what, when, why & where) to stimulate the discussion
    - Also try to stimulate discussions by relating the questions to their own lives or ask them to give an example of the main idea/topic of the story, if applicable.
  - Ask for summary
- Encourage them to apply new vocabulary
- Encourage them to speak in English

## Writing!

- Formulate the discussion into a piece of writing
- Practice brainstorming and outlining to create organized writing pieces
- Feedback should first focus on the content and then on its form and the way it was written/organized
- Grammar and spelling should not be fixed until after the tutees have experienced the thrill of uninhibited writing
- Have the tutee rewrite the corrected composition as homework



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# Quality Improving...

- Goals:
  - Rapid adaptation to America
  - Effective educational assistance
- Gauge students' continuous growth
- Set high expectations new immigrants and ESOL students are capable
- Leverage stimulating strategies to meet this demand

#### Resources Available:

- Other tutors & coordinators
- Large collection of storybooks & novels
- Collection of workbooks & worksheets
- Textbooks and dictionaries
- Don't be fooled by the covers!

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## At the end of the day.

- Fill out tutor and tutee records completely (Tutee records may be treated as informal report cards to parents)
- Return the records and name placards to coordinators
- Continue tutoring until the bell rings
  - If tutee is finished with his/her homework, go get a reading book from the program at an appropriate level for your tutee and work on new work from there.
- Help coordinators clean up and put away books (Don't leave books laying around, throw away trash and napkins from the snack, put away pencils, pens, crayons, etc.)

### **Important Dates**

- Dec. 1, 2012 Complete student information section of MCPS SSL form
- Dec. 8, 2012 Due date for 1st tutor and tutee evaluation
- Dec. 15, 2012 Holiday Party, 11:00 am -12:30 pm
- April 6, 2013 Deadline for coordinator application
- April 13, 2013 Due date for 2<sup>nd</sup> tutor and tutee evaluation
- May 4, 2013 Complete student information section of MCPS SSL form
- May 4, 2013 Deadline for 2012-13 tutor pre-registration
- May 18, 2013 Annual award ceremony, 11:00 12:30 pm

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#### Remember:

- Be Responsible!
- Use your common sense! If you don't know something...ASK a coordinator or adult volunteer!
- Read the Tutor Guidelines and Skills Sheet to improve your teaching skills! Remember, your goal is to help your tutee!
- Tell your lead coordinator if there is any change in phone number/email address so they can easily contact you when anything comes up.
- You're the key to helping your tutee! www.capsa-mc.org info@capsa-mc.org

Thank you for listening J