

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



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A Message From The Director

Hi All!

I hope you are enjoying this lovely weather!

We have experienced a great loss here at Palmetto Literacy Council. **Kim Reischling** passed away on Thursday, October 31.

Kim was a Tutor, a Volunteer Liaison at Surfside Beach Library, the Secretary of our Board of Directors, our features writer for the monthly newsletter, Facebook guru, and she started our PLC Travelling Show (she would go to different places throughout the county recruiting volunteers). She was a source of joy for us. Kim was a strong, passionate woman who loved life and living. There are not enough kind words to describe this giving person that we were fortunate to share space with at PLC. We will always remember her for her passion for her family and her community. May she rest in peace. The members of the Palmetto Literacy Council who attended Kim's memorial service wore their pink to show our admiration for her and her love of PLC.

We hope you have a joyful day of thanks on Thanksgiving. Day.

Stay safe and healthy!

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Remember, our new address is: **1435 Cannon Road, #101, Myrtle Beach SC 29577** ([Click here](#) for a Google Map of this address)

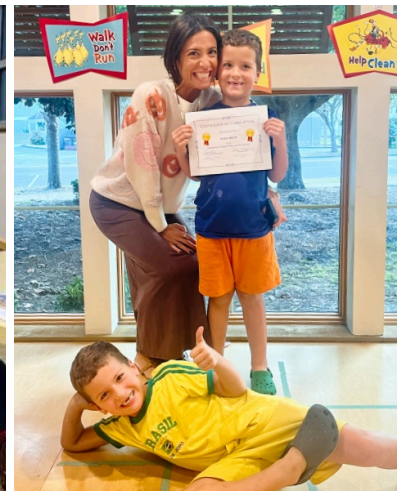
Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Palmetto Literacy Council student **Claudia Parks** has earned a certificate for completing section one of



Haleli Cohen received his certificate for completing *Level 1, Section 2 - Smart*



Holden Beard holds his certificate. He did not want to take a picture but his mom and his brother were able to

her binder, *Passages to Comprehension*. With her is tutor Diane Rumsfeld. Claudia is a quick-witted student with an adult-sized sense of humor. Both Claudia and her twin are tutored at Surfside Beach Library.

Steps in his binder. His tutor is Sue Walters.

convince him to do it if they were in it, too.

Donations

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3). We use grants and donations to provide free tutoring for our children and adults in Horry County who struggle with basic reading, writing, and/or math. Thank you to all who have donated to our organization. Your donations have provided materials for our Volunteer Tutors to use and helped our students learn!

Due to our growth, we need funding to purchase computers, desks, and supplies. If you can, we would appreciate any help you could give us to continue to provide Horry County with high-quality, free tutoring. We are grateful for any donations. You can donate on the PLC website by [clicking here](#), or by clicking on the **Walmart Spark Good** website below.



We are registered for the Walmart SparkGood donation hub. Donors can purchase gift cards or other items we have listed to donate to our organization. This is the donation link on the Walmart website:

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/36fa7082-9cde-489a-a5e8-4d31844ea9a1>

Other News

Toys for Tots

We have a drop box for Toys for Tots! Please drop off unwrapped toys to be given to children in our community. Toys will be distributed to children on December 15.

Tutor Talk

Only one this month due to Thanksgiving weekend.
Monday, November 25, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

New Sign

We will have a new sign on the building by the end of next week or the beginning of the week starting November 18. Very exciting.

Adult Team Spelling Bee

We had to postpone the Adult Team Spelling Bee. Look for an announcement of the new date and time!

Adult English Language Learner Program

We are excited to announce that **Caryn Cortez** will be our new Adult English Language Learner Program Manager. Caryn comes to us with extensive knowledge of Spanish and other languages and teaching experience in higher education. She will work closely with Dr. Hodges to develop a curriculum for our Adult English Language Learners and build the program as a new opportunity for Tutors and students in our community. Students who are emergent readers and have limited reading abilities will be able to "graduate" from PLC by being able to read.

Trick or Treat!

These pictures are from the Trick or Treat event sponsored by WMBF for people with disabilities at Medieval Times before Halloween.



Bonnie Kelley



Polly Putorti, Lana Miller, Nora Perrin-Jones, Veronica DeCicco

Gary McKinney (tutor), Lois Berlin (Volunteer Liaison, Tutor), and Emily Clover (Tutor) are not pictured.

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Christopher Irving got his level 3 certificate!



London Selwa completed the 1st grade reading program. London works very hard & is a joy to tutor. Her tutor is Kathy Coulom. They meet at the Surfside Library.



Dawson O'Neill shows his certificate with pride for achieving *Decoder Kids Reading Section One*. His tutor is Patricia Jabonaski at the Socastee Library.

Volunteers

Want to give back to your community? It only takes 2 hours each week to tutor a child or adult who struggle with basic reading, writing, and/or math. We provide materials and training

which are designed to meet the individual student's needs. We also provide training and opportunities to learn from other tutors (Tutor Talks).

If you can help, please attend one of our **Volunteer Orientation and Training** sessions or give the office a call (843) 945-9278. You can check when the Volunteer Orientation and Training sessions are scheduled on our [Calendar](#) on our website. We welcome you to bring friends to these sessions.

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Sammie Burroughs received a certificate for *Passages to Comprehension - Level 3*. Cherylynn Cardlin is her tutor.



Aubrey Lorusso holds her certificate for *Smart Steps Level K*. She is with her Tutor, Carol Oldroyd, and Aubrey's mother Michelle.

Kimberly Kaye Reischling Obituary

Kimberly Kaye Reischling, aged 68, of Murrells Inlet, passed away on October 31, 2024.



Born on July 20, 1956, Kim dedicated herself to her family and to making a difference in her community. Even after retirement, she volunteered her time and talent to the Palmetto Literacy Council in Myrtle Beach, where she tutored children in reading while fostering a deep commitment to growing the organization's reach and in fundraising.

Kim graduated from Northwestern State University of Louisiana with a bachelor's degree in English. As a committed mother, wife, and student, she managed her educational responsibilities while raising three children and supporting a military household. Her career began at the Fort Polk Army Installation Newspaper, the Guardian, where she quickly ascended from a staff writer to a Public Affairs Officer and later a Command Information Officer for JROTC.

Kim's dedication to her role and her exceptional writing skills earned her multiple Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson awards and many installation-wide accolades.

She retired in June 2022 after losing her husband Frank and moved to Murrells Inlet to be closer to loved ones.

Kim is survived by her daughters, Rachel Reischling and Katie Kapotsy; son-in-law, Michael; father, Roland Brendel; siblings Barbara Reynolds and Tom Brendel; and grandchildren, Kaanon, Ella, Hazel, and Jaxon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Reischling; mother, Marilyn Parsche; and stepson, Frankie R. Reischling.

She was the best of mothers and a heroine to her daughters. She loved as deeply as anyone can love.

Speaking Engagements

If you have a service organization and need speakers, we would be happy to provide your organization with information about the Palmetto Literacy Council. Contact us here:

Email: info@palmettoliteracy.org

Office Phone: [\(843\) 945-9278](tel:(843)945-9278)

2025 Golf Scramble Announcement!



The **2025 PLC Golf Scramble** will take place at **Shaftesbury Glen Golf & Fish Club** on **June 14**. Much more information will be coming over the next few months. Visit Shaftesburyglen.com for more course photos.

Dates to Note

You can always check the Calendar on the PLC website. [Click Here](#).

These events take place at the office,

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We have a hot pink banner hanging outside our door. If you find yourself in front of a yellow building, that is the wrong building. We are in the brick and stucco building next door.

Tutor Talks

Tutors share ideas, ask for ideas, and get to know each other! Light refreshments.

• Monday, November 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Always a lot to learn and you get to meet fellow Tutors!

2025 Golf Scramble at Shaftesbury Glen

June 14, 2025

This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. June seems like a long way off, but the organizing committee will be meeting soon to start planning.

Our Mission:

The Palmetto Literacy Council's mission is to improve the literacy of youth and adults in our community by tutoring literacy skills for those who struggle with basic Reading, Writing and/or Math.

Donate Now!

If you've read this far, you're obviously interested in what we do. Your donation helps pay for student binders, office space, copy machines, paper, and much more. Please donate what you can today!

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