

New Life Literacy Collective



is seeking READING MENTORS

to participate in a pilot program in two
North Shore elementary schools in the
Fall 2016

Volunteers will

- Make a life-changing impact on second-grade children
- Work in small teams at either P.S. 78 in Stapleton or P.S. 18 in West Brighton
- Receive training and support from reading specialists and school professionals
- Commit to providing two hours of help each week from mid-September to mid-December

Please see the back of this flyer for additional information.

New Life 4 Staten Island, a ministry of the Staten Island Association of Evangelicals, has teamed up with reading specialists and school professionals to create this pilot program in two elementary schools, with the goal of expanding to other schools in 2017.

Why? Because studies indicate that if children are unable to read by second grade, they are unlikely to ever catch up. **The implications are staggering:** 20 per cent of all inmates in the US are illiterate and 40 per cent cannot write a simple business letter.

To qualify, volunteers must be fluent in English, provide a letter of recommendation, be fingerprinted (persons with felony convictions or any crimes against children are ineligible) and attend a two-hour training session.

Want to learn more? Attend a **volunteer recruitment open house** at P.S. 18 on Wednesday June 15 from 9:30 to noon or at P.S. 78 on Thursday, June 16 from 9:30 to noon. Help us plan for you by calling to say which open house you will attend.

For additional information or to sign up for an open house, please call either Nina Long (718.720.2665) or send an e-mail to ninadlong@yahoo.com or Jarene Pagliarulo (718.447.7598) or matriarch2@aol.com.