



Dear Tiger Academy Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year! Many new and diverse learning experiences are in place for your scholar. Our goal is to challenge your children intellectually, grow them socially, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. As we strive to promote healthy development in all aspects of each student's life, we also strive to develop a student body of good moral character. We encourage students to demonstrate the best of themselves every moment of everyday and to make positive contributions to society.

The 2016-2017 school year was a very rewarding one academically as Tiger Academy earned a "B" school grade. What makes this even more exciting is that we were only one point away from an "A"! Our scholars' performance on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) was the result of a wonderful teaching staff, great support from our parents, and of course lots of hard work by our students. We believe that with the same type effort from everyone, we will achieve our ultimate goal of receiving an "A". This is why we have adopted a school theme for this year of **QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE!**

Here is a brief summary of the 2017-2018 instructional staff members of Tiger Academy:

Pre-Kindergarten – Ms. Bourne & Ms. Copeland-Scott will be the classroom teachers, and Ms. Thomas and Ms. DeRouen will be the teacher assistants.

Kindergarten – The kindergarten team will consist of two familiar faces, Ms. Shenita Daniels and Ms. Susan Harper.

First Grade – Our first grade teaching team will be Ms. Janay Milton and Ms. Capobianco. Ms. Milton will be in her third year at Tiger Academy, while Ms. Capobianco served as an intern at Tiger Academy in the Spring and will be a first year teacher.

Second Grade – Our two second grade teachers will be Ms. Jennifer Olson and Ms. Jean Maierhoffer. Ms. Olson is in her third year at Tiger Academy and Ms. Maierhoffer is a first-year teacher. Ms. Maierhoffer is not new to Tiger Academy, as she too served as an intern at Tiger Academy in the Spring.

Third Grade – The third grade team will consist of Ms. Rodina Hughes and Ms. Sherri George. Both teachers have over 7 years teaching experience. Ms. George is new to Tiger Academy this year and we are excited to have her on our team.

Fourth Grade – The two fourth grade teachers will be Ms. Leanne Gorman and Ms. Jasmine Granger, both returning to the same roles on the 4th grade team.

Fifth Grade – Our 5th grade teaching team will return two veteran teachers, Mr. Edward Moore and Mr. Larry Harrison.

I encourage all Tiger families to join our PTA. The Tiger academy PTA (**Parent Teacher Association**) is a wonderful organization for you to join and an awesome avenue for your involvement in our school. Ms. Pamela Thorbs will serve as the PTA President for this year and the PTA board will be available at orientation on Friday, August 11th and will be there to enroll members for \$6 per person.

School Uniforms and PE Uniforms

All Tiger Academy scholars are required to wear uniforms daily. The school uniform provider is Poindexter's Uniform Company, located at 3730 Beach Blvd. and their website address is <https://poindexters-uniform-company.myshopify.com/>. The PE uniforms may be purchased from Tiger Academy for \$12, and will be available at Orientation.

Important Dates for Back to School

- **Friday, August 11th - Orientation from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. (Kindergarten-2nd Grade)**

Friday, August 11th – Orientation from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (3rd-5th)

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE GIVEN AT ORIENTATION

- **Monday, August 14th - First day of school for students (K-5) 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM.**

Parents are encouraged to walk students directly to the classroom, particularly if students are new to our school.

- **Thursday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. – Open House**

Teachers will present to parents and guardians a comprehensive overview of the year ahead. Curriculum, instruction, assessment, schedules, special events, and more will be discussed.

Stay tuned for Principal and Teacher newsletters detailing events throughout the year. Also, be sure to follow Tiger Academy on our school's website at www.ymcatigeracademy.org. I am excited to work with all of our returning Tigers, as well as getting to know our new Tigers. Tiger Academy is an awesome place where school pride is strong. You have made the right decision in enrolling your child in the best school in the county!

Charles McWhite

Principal