



TIGER ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2016



Board Update

Thanks to members who attended our annual Board Retreat on Saturday, August 27, 2016 here at Tiger. Comments from those attending felt the meeting was informative and worthwhile. Our next scheduled Board and committee meetings are on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 here at Tiger. Governance will meet at 10:00am, Finance at 10:30am, the Board at 11:00am and Fundraising at the conclusion of the Executive Session of the Board meeting.

A special Finance Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 9:00am for the purpose of reviewing the 2015 – 2016 Audit.

The Curriculum Committee will also be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 11:30am at Tiger for the purpose of receiving and reviewing the baseline data for this school year.

Student Update

Tiger Academy Scholars enjoyed the YMCA Summer Camp held from July 5th – August 5th. Tiger had 80 students that enjoyed lots of fun activities that included swimming twice a week and weekly field trips. The highlight of the camp was their visit to the Thing-A-Majigs to learn about recycling and participated in building gadgets using recycled items.

Parents and students attended orientation on August 6th to meet and greet their teachers. Tiger Scholars (K-5th) returned on August 11th and the Pre-K students returned on August 22nd. Teachers and scholars have been very busy learning the rituals and routines for the year and assessing for teaching and learning. Our Superheroes are ready!

Teachers administered the i-Ready Diagnostic assessments for reading and math from August 17th – August 31st. I-Ready's Adaptive Diagnostic pinpoints students' needs down to the sub skill level. We use this tool to help drive our instructional needs.

Community Development

Fifth Third Bank was at Tiger, August 18th and 25th to teach financing classes to our parents. We had 6 participants for the first class and 12 participants for the second. They were able to learn how to budget and manage their family money.

PBS will start Literacy Workshops for parents on September 22nd.

The KIPP to College representative, Erin, met with Jessie Didier, Support Services Director on September 9th. Erin was able to give her guidance on how to track students and meet with current parents. They agreed to meet monthly and track students that are shared together.

Community Development Cont.

Tiger will be continuing its partnership with White Oak as Lauren will be here to introduce our animal: the tiger! 4th and 5th grades will then visit White Oak in the weeks to follow to learn more about and complete a field experience with tigers.

Staff Update

Tiger Academy's theme for the 2016-2017 school year is **Knowledge is Our Superpower**. Our teachers and scholars are excited and ready for a great year. Our teachers returned to preplanning focused on student achievement and making this the best year ever.

Teachers Pre-Planning and Summer Professional Development

The focus of our Pre-Planning Professional Development was on differentiating instruction for our scholars and going deeper with our adopted resources to support the teaching and learning of our Florida State Standards (Reading/Ready Gen, Math/Eureka, Science and Social Studies/Pearson). In addition, the total staff received Code.org training to begin school-wide implementation in September. Code.org is an online computer program that teaches basic programming skills. Many of our teachers participated in Duval County Summer Professional Development Program, as well.

Tiger welcomes two new members, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Moreno to the staff. Ms. Wilson joins us as a second grade teacher after retiring from Duval County Public Schools and Ms. Moreno joins us as a first grade teacher after interning with us during the previous year from the University of North Florida. We are also happy to have Mr. Norman Beverly as the Director of our Before and After School Program.

Tours

- Tracey Westbrook and Deborah Pass Durham
- Eric Jackson
- Marcus Wells and Samantha Geisler
- Erin Almond

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 19th:** White Oak Visits Tiger
- Sept. 22nd:** PBS Workshop
- Sept. 23rd:** 4th Grade to White Oak
- Oct. 6th:** 4th and 5th Grades to UF
- Oct. 6th:** Parent Literacy Night
- Oct. 7th:** 3rd Grade to UNF
- Oct. 14th:** 5th Grade to White Oak
- Oct. 27th:** Episcopal Tour

Board members are welcome to attend school events