



# TIGER ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2016



### Board Update

Board and committee meetings were held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at Tiger. At 10:00am the Governance Committee met, followed by Finance at 10:30am, the Board met at 11:00am and ended with Fundraising immediately after the Board meeting. The meeting were held in the media center and lunch was provided.

### Student Update

Tiger Academy completed the AdvancEd Accreditation Review on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Duval Site visit on November 14<sup>th</sup> with very positive reports.

**Math Parent Night** was held on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our focus was Mathematical Practice Standard #7: Look for and Make Use of Structure. Teachers chose activities that focused on recognizing patterns and/or structures (number sense), then shared strategies with parents that will assist our scholars with using patterns and structures to solve problems. Approximately 40 parents were in attendance and we received great reviews.

**Saturday School** was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>. There were over thirty-six 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in attendance. Math, reading, and writing are the primary focus during Saturday School. Math instruction is centered on Numbers in the Base Ten Number Systems. The Reading instruction focuses on Comprehending Informational Text. Students are working on Writing an Opinion &/or Expository piece during writing instruction.

### **Field Trips**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders visited the Florida Theatre Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders enjoyed The Junie B. Jones musical based on the books by Barbara Park. During this musical Junie B. Jones is finally graduating from kindergarten and is ready for first grade, at last! But getting used to the whole new group of friends, a new teacher, and new glasses is challenging, even for irrepresible Junie B. The musical followed her adventures as she writes everything down in her "top-secret personal beeswax" journal.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders visited the campus of the University of Florida on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Students, teachers, and parents toured University of Florida led by current students and enjoyed lunch on campus.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had a wonderful field trip to the University of North Florida on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Students participated in a college education course. They were able to observe what the students do and ask the students questions. Following the class students took a tour of the campus.

**Tiger Academy Honors Assemblies** took place on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> where students were recognized in the following areas; A Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, Distinguished Citizen, Distinguished Leader, Perfect Attendance, and meeting their goal toward the One Million Words Campaign.

### Student Update Cont.

PBS provided another Literacy Parent Workshop for our parents on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our Tiger Chorus performed for the Johnson YMCA Prayer breakfast on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and were able to enjoy breakfast. Tiger hosted a very special recognition for our **Donors** on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Appreciation was shown to all donors in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Tiger faculty and staff were able to honor our grandparents with a special day. We held our **Annual Grandparent's Day Event** on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were very elated to have 136 grandparents and family members come and have Thanksgiving lunch with the students. Grandparents and family members also enjoyed a Thanksgiving Treat with their grandchild(ren) in his/her classroom and participated in other Grandparent Day themed classroom activities.

### Community Development

The Tiger Academy Chorus performed at the annual Johnson YMCA Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, November 17, 2016. The children received a standing ovation from the audience.

Deutsche Bank started their mentoring program with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on November 4<sup>th</sup>. All students were in groups of three or four and met with two mentors from Deutsche Bank. Students were given a survey about how they feel about school, grades, and behaviors. They will be given the same survey at the end of the mentor program to see if their opinions have changed and to evaluate the mentoring program. The mentors returned on November 18<sup>th</sup> and will return every other Friday to read, complete math problems, write stories, and get to know their mentees.

### Tours

- Paul Parkison
- Kelvin Beachum

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>:</b>	PBS Literacy Night 5pm
<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Holiday Musical 6pm
<b>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>	December to Remember
<b>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	Jungle Bell Walk 9am
<b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Polar Express Day
<b>Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>:</b>	Winter Break – School Closed

**\*Board members are welcome to attend school events\***