



Tiger Academy Newsletter

JANUARY 2021

School Update

Happy New Year!

The students and staff returned to school virtually on Monday, January 4th and in person January 5th. Unfortunately, over the break, there were multiple members of the Tiger community impacted by COVID. Many of our teachers continue to stay home due to the impact from COVID. In the spirit of Team Tiger, the faculty has pulled together to ensure instruction moves forward safely and with fidelity. At this time, teachers in Florida are not a priority for COVID vaccinations.

Modular Classroom

The new modular classroom is ready and our teachers are thrilled! The Tiger reading and math interventionists, UNF faculty, and our speech pathologist have offices in the new space. There will also be round tables where the specialists can pull small groups of students or hold professional development meetings.

Staff Update

We would like to welcome **Ms. Kimberly Hester** to Tiger Academy! Ms. Hester is our new K-5 Exceptional Education teacher. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. We feel so fortunate to have her on our team.

We would also like to welcome our 6 UNF fulltime interns. The interns will work with Ms. Daniels (K), Ms. Willis (K), Ms. Capobianco (1st), Ms. Hughes (2nd), Ms. Butler (3rd), and Ms. Davis (4th). We are so fortunate to have our partnership with UNF and the interns are fortunate to receive mentoring from our fabulous Tiger mentor teachers!

Please keep 5th grade teacher Edward Moore in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Moore is recovering from a heart attack over the break.

Board Update

The next Board and Committee meetings will be held on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021** at Tiger. We will continue to adhere to mask policies and social distancing. The Governance Committee will meet at 10:00 A.M. followed by Finance at 10:30 A.M. and the Board at 11:00. Lunch will be served. The Curriculum Committee will meet in February at Tiger Academy.

A Very Merry Tiger Christmas

All Tiger scholars were able to receive Christmas gifts for the fourth year in a row thanks to the time and efforts of several donors. Each year, the Stoudt family coordinates with Tiger in order to make the holiday special for our scholars and ensure that families have what they need. This year has been difficult for so many of our families and gifts may not have been possible. However, ALL students were given a gift before they left for winter break! A special thank you to the Stoudt family, Ted and Lauren Baker, Josh and Kirsten Martino, Kimberly and Ken Tanning, Leah Zalupski, The Eltrich Family, PVHS Cheer Team, and PVHS Girls Lacrosse team for sponsoring classrooms and making this holiday memorable.





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Student Update

Virtual Expo and Middle School Update

On Saturday, January 9, 2021 staff members spoke with potential parents at the Virtual School Choice Expo. Each school participating had a "homepage" parents could peruse at their leisure as well as four live sessions via zoom. All fifth grade parents were encouraged to participate to learn more about their middle school options and talk with staff members of their chosen middle schools.

Parent Night

December's parent night was a virtual sing along. Each grade level prepared multiple songs. The parents were able to watch the videos with their students and sing along together. Below is a link to the sing along. It is a fun video to watch!

Link to parent night video:

<https://animoto.com/play/6immrHrT4gtxWhaK303FIA>

Student Assessments/Progress Monitoring

We conduct progress monitoring on a frequent and regular basis. In August every child at Tiger Academy took baseline assessments using our I-Ready Diagnostic program. Teachers also assessed reading abilities using a Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA) protocol. Our diagnostics and DRA assessments are administered 3 times a year in the fall, winter, and spring. We also administer a writing assessment in grades 3-5 three times per year using Write Score.

We are currently administering our midyear progress monitoring assessments. The data will be analyzed during grade level meetings. This data will be shared with the curriculum committee in early February.

Saturday School began January 9th. All students are able to attend Saturday school but students who fall within the bottom quartile on their assessment data are highly encouraged to attend.

Virtual Learning Letters

In compliance with DOE Order No. 2020-EO-07, all families who choose to keep their students at home and learn virtually this quarter **and** are not making adequate progress **and/or** are truant or frequently absent, received a letter from the school.

These letters provide written notice to the parent or guardian that the child is not making adequate progress and other associated education risks. Families must submit written acknowledgement verifying the receipt of the information and the intent to remain in an online learning modality.

We currently have 33 students receiving virtual instruction.

Kindergarten – 3

1st Grade – 3

2nd Grade – 7

3rd Grade – 7

4th Grade – 2

5th Grade – 11

Fundraising Updates

Fundraising is at \$641,820.15 which is 64% to goal and \$132,110 of this total has been received since the 12/4 board meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/13~ Early Release Day

1/14~ January Family Night

1/18~ No School- MLK Day

1/21~ Monthly New Teacher Meeting

1/23~ Saturday School

1/27~ Early Release Day

2/2~ School Pictures

2/4~ February Family Night

2/6~ Saturday School

2/10~ Early Release Day (Teacher PD at MOSH)