



## YMCA TIGER ACADEMY

Dear New and Returning **Tiger Academy** Families:

I hope that this communication finds you all well and that you enjoyed a safe, healthy and fun weekend.

School is set to begin on August 10. As you may know, the State of Florida released a statement indicating that all public and charter schools will offer five-day classes to students beginning in August. Due to the fluidity of information regarding COVID 19, Tiger Academy will release its complete return to school protocols by July 30<sup>th</sup>. It is our desire for our return to school plan to be based upon the most current information and/or mandates. The Tiger Academy leadership team has worked with great intention and care to develop a multi-phase program for the return to school plan. Our plan will continue to provide for a hybrid approach for a student to continue their educational plan via distance learning should a parent choose to pursue that option.

Please take note of the following protocols we have instituted in preparation for opening this school year:

- **Face Coverings will be required**  
Tiger Academy will provide a mask and face shield for all students. All staff members will be required to wear masks.
- **Sanitation measures**  
Tiger Academy has invested in sneeze guards for the desks, self-cleaning door handles, foggers for disinfecting areas, an additional custodian who will focus on cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day
- **Campus Upgrades**  
New carpet is installed throughout the building. We have repurposed space so that we have a larger clinic area. All water fountains will be replaced with water bottle filling stations. The hand air dryers will be replaced with automatic paper towel dispensers. Students will not change classes. All students will have individual student materials, and social distancing practices will take place in the cafeteria and classrooms. We have added outdoor picnic tables to assist with social distancing.
- **What are options/choices for instruction?**
  - Full time face to face 5 days week
  - Hybrid of face to face and virtual (2 days a week F2F with 3 days virtual)
  - All Virtual- same curriculum and number of school hours-students will Zoom into the classes and participate virtually as if they were in the classroom (synchronous instruction)

\*All virtual students must submit attendance by 8:30 each morning- they are expected to engage in a regular 7 1/2 hour school day 5 days a week.

- All K-5 students will be provided with an electronic device, either a tablet or chrome book. We will notify you when the 1-to-1 devices can be picked up.
- Morning and afternoon care - As of right now Tiger will not have before or after care in the fall.
- **Start Date-** We will be hybrid starting August 10<sup>th</sup>- individual grade level plans for what this will look like will be sent by teachers no later than August 7<sup>th</sup>. The weeks of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to building relationships with the students, meeting with parents, administering baseline assessments, providing one-on-one and small group instruction to students. In-person instruction will begin August 31<sup>st</sup> with the options listed.
- We will have a **return to campus comprehensive handbook/plan** to parents no later than July 30<sup>th</sup>. This will include protocols and procedures for Tiger Academy and answer frequently asked questions

You will receive a short survey asking your plans for your child. Please respond with the plans for your child by this Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, be safe and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely,

Charles McWhite

Principal