**Tours**

Seven United Way volunteers toured Tiger Academy during a mid-year site visit of our YREADS Program on Thursday, October 26, 2014.

 **Staff Update**

Our 4th grade teacher Ms. McNeil resigned to take a district level Reading Specialist position with Duval County Public Schools. Ms. Jasmine Butler, a 5 year veteran teacher, is her replacement. Ms. Butler was on staff and able to work with Ms. McNeil for a week prior to her last day of employment.

Our reading coach Ms. Erika Pitts and our 2nd grade teacher Ms. Lauryn Stark attended the Florida Reading Association Conference in Orlando.

Ms. Rachel Hambleton (4th Grade) and Ms. Brandi Roth (2nd Grade) attended a Kagan Cooperative Learning Workshop in Gainesville on Saturday, October 25th.

Ms. Pitts, our Reading Coach, is currently leading an afterschool book study on a staff professional development book The Daily Five.

Thursday October 22nd was a school-wide Parent-Teacher conference day. As of October 22nd, over 80% of parents have had in-person parent-teacher conferences this school year.

October 24 teachers participated in a training given by Public Consulting Group, to deepen elementary understanding of the Florida Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy (ELA & Literacy) and the implications of the standards for shifts in instruction.

* **Board Update**

Governance Training- Florida Statute requires charter school board members take a 2 hour update every 3 years after the completion of the initial 4 hour training session. A detailed email was sent to all Board members in September with expiration dates and directions on how to complete the online update. A reminder email will be sent to each Board member one month before the date the update must be completed. Please contact Mrs. Golden if you have questions or need assistance.

Jack Allen will host our next Fund Raising Committee Meeting at noon on November 4, 2014 at Tiger Academy.

Shelly Boynton, chair of our Governance Committee meets with her group at 9:00AM on Tuesday, November 18th at the Yates Y.

On Wednesday, December 10,2014the Finance Committee will meet at 11:30AM at the Yates Y immediately before the Board’s Annual Meeting at noon.

The Duval County Charter School staff be at Tiger on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at noon for their first monitoring visit for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Community Development**

Tiger has been the frontrunner in the Urban Teen Program located at the Johnson YMCA. The kickoff to the program was Saturday, October 25th and the B.A.D.D. boys and Tiger Alumni are the target audience. There will be a Basketball tournament held at Johnson on Wednesday, November 26th as a recruiting event. B.A.D.D. has also collaborated with Northside Love in bringing healthy food options to Tiger parents and the communities by establishing a fresh food stand which will begin in December.

 **Student Update**

On October 7th & 9th, seven 5th graders visited and shadowed students for a full day at Bolles with their parents. On October 20th the same group of 5th graders visited and shadowed students at Episcopal School of Jacksonville. Each 5th grader that visited Bolles and Episcopal are preparing to take the entrance exam (ISEE) on December 7th held at Bolles. We are making strong progress every Tuesday with our Lady’s Etiquette class for all 4th and 5th grade girls.

October 2014

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

November 6th – 3rd grade to UNF

November 6th – Chorus performs at Y Event 6pm

November 7th – Honor’s Assembly

November 8th – Fall Festival 1-5pm

November 12th – 5th grade to White Oak

November 14th – Pre-k to Jacksonville Int’l Airport

November 26th – Grandparents Day