

NEED FOR SUPPORT

Tiger Academy is a charter elementary school of the YMCA of Florida's First Coast. The school was established with a commitment to providing a college-preparatory experience with strong parental engagement and a programmatic relationship with the local YMCA as a basis for a holistic approach to the development of its students.

Less than 3 hours of the 7 ½ hour instructional day is funded by the state of Florida. Tiger Academy relies on the generous support of the community to continue funding this specialized educational experience.

LEVELS OF GIVING

- ❖ \$500 College Field Trip for One Class
- ❖ \$1,000 Enrichment Experience for Entire Grade
- ❖ \$2,500 Sponsor a Student
- ❖ \$5,000 Teacher Professional Development

To give today, please contact Nekita Nesmith at 904.265.1812 or nnesmith@firstcoastymca.org.

Thank you for helping to provide life-changing educational opportunities for children living in a community with the highest instances of crime and poverty.



TIGERS TODAY,
LEADERS TOMORROW.

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STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- ❖ 256 students in Pre-K through Grade 5
- ❖ 146 male, 110 female
- ❖ 96% are African-American
- ❖ 79% of the families live below the poverty level
- ❖ 32209 and 32206 are the primary zip codes

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- ❖ Available support for the entire family through partnerships with Learn to Read for adult literacy and Family Support Services. Programs include family read-alouds, nutrition classes, book fair, monthly parent nights and 7 Habits of Highly Successful Family classes.

5,471 PARENT VOLUNTEER HOURS
38% INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR

INCREASED LEARNING TIME

- ❖ The learner-centered culture includes a 7 ½ hour school day and a 200-day school year.
- ❖ Tiger Academy offers academically-focused before and after school care from 6:30am until 8:00am and 3:30pm until 6:00pm daily.
- ❖ Saturday school and FCAT prep is available to students in grades 3-5 in need of academic support in math and reading. These sessions are offered twice a month from 9:00am until 12:00pm.
- ❖ To avoid summer learning loss, Summer Camp was provided to 80 students in need of math and reading assistance. Camp was five weeks long for 11 ½ hours a day.

WHAT DO YOU
LIKE BEST ABOUT
SCHOOL?

“Creating new things and learning new things.”
“Learning and being with my friends.”
“My school is loving and caring. I love my teacher.”
“Music, math, science and working on the computer.”

BEYOND TRADITIONAL SCHOOL

- ❖ Emphasis on attending college that creates a new mindset for both children and their families.
- ❖ Kindergarten readiness is 100% for students attending the full-day pre-kindergarten program.
- ❖ Enrichment opportunities provided for cultural exposure: Nutcracker, college tours, Jacksonville Jaguars games, MOSH, Jacksonville Zoo, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, IMAX Theater.

RECENT HONORS

- ❖ Governor Rick Scott commended Tiger Academy for gains in reading and math. Between 2012 and 2013, Tiger Academy increased their percentage of students reading at a satisfactory level or higher by 10%, ranking 32 out of 1759 elementary schools in improvement. In math, Tiger Academy ranked 2 out of 1759 and raised their scores by 23% from last year.
- ❖ The first charter school to ever have a semifinalist for Duval County Teacher of the Year: Susan Harper, Kindergarten.
- ❖ Graduating fifth grader received a full academic scholarship to Episcopal High School of Jacksonville.

93% OF TIGER ACADEMY STUDENTS
CONSIDER THEMSELVES LEADERS.*

OUR MISSION

To provide the children of the Northside a structured and nurturing learning environment that is focused on rigorous academic standards, character development, self-discipline, personal and social responsibility and family involvement.

*98 students answered this question in a 2013 survey prepared by Health Tech Consultants, Inc.

