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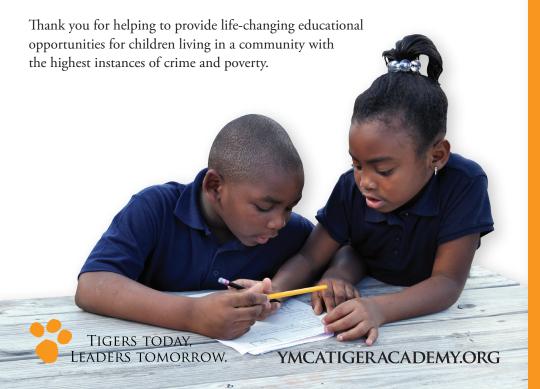
Tiger Academy is a charter elementary school of the YMCA of Florida's First Coast. The school was established with a commitment to providing a college-preparatory experience with strong parental engagement and a programmatic relationship with the local YMCA as a basis for a holistic approach to the development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





PAVING THE WAY FOR SUCCESSFUL FUTURES











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.

