



T.I.G.E.R.S.



Vinton Elementary

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April 2022



Easter Egg Hunt

Not even the rain could dampen the excitement of an Easter Egg Hunt at the TIGERS program on April 11, 2022. The students were divided into 3 groups by grade level: K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 to hunt Easter eggs. The eggs were hidden in the library and gymnasium for the children to hunt. Over all there were 1,000 Candy filled Easter eggs to hunt. After the hunt, the students used the eggs in a Math activity. They had to count their eggs and share with students that didn't receive as many. Every child received a chocolate bunny, a Preventing Summer Slide packet that had suggestions of what parents could do to help their student from slipping backwards during the summer, and an Internet Safety card. The culminating event for the evening was the drawing of the 6 Easter Baskets that students had a chance to win. Everyone started off Easter break as a winner.



Kona Ice Visit

The T.I.G.E.R.S. After-school program received a sweet visit from Kona Ice on April 11, 2022. Kona Ice is not a snow cone, slushie or slurpee, but a food truck that serves a one-of-a-kind, gourmet shaved ice experience. The truck pulled up to the school, turned on the colorful lights, tropical themed music and invited the students to step up and grab a cup of shaved ice. The students were able to pick from a variety of flavors such as Tiger's Blood, Pina Colada, Bubble Gum, Cotton Candy or choose to get a suicide which is a combination of all 10 flavors to add to their cup of shaved ice. A great way to end the program.



Comedy Juggler Matt Jergens



The comedy juggler, Matt Jergens, has been performing for over 25 years, visited the T.I.G.E.R.S. Afterschool

program on April 6, 2022. Matt Jergens entertained his audience using a multitude of unique props such as a unicycle, spinning plates, eggs in a basket, huge ball, bowling pins, and much more. There were many opportunities for students to volunteer to help out with a trick or a stunt. Once they were successful, Matt would send them back to their seats looking like the stars of the show. Students were rolling with laughter the entire show watching his electrifying show.



IMPORTANT Announcements

- * Spring Advantage—March/April
- * Easter Egg Hunt— April 11, 2022
- * Kona Ice—April 11
- * Treasure Your Family—April
- * Summer Advantage—June 13- July 19

T.I.G.E.R.S. Afterschool Science Enrichment



Students in the afterschool program at Vinton Elementary love their science enrichment activities. They have studied many topics, from geodes to Ohio animal adaptations. Students used magnifying glasses to examine geodes and how they are formed, discovered the physics of a working catapults by making their own, studied the different animals and their adaptations of Ohio, and made bird feeds from pine cones and peanut butter to hang around the school.



Recently, the 3rd graders enjoyed a nature scavenger hunt which allowed them to be outside and active. Their scavenger hunt charged them with locating an assortment of items in nature, such as

various flowers and leaves.



Gallia Winterfest



Our new family engagement, Gallia Winterfest, happened on February 19, 2022, in the Gallipolis City Park. This event not only drew in more than 1,200 community members and families, the surrounding counties, Mason, Jackson, Meigs, and Lawrence were in attendance, also. An ice sculptor, Tyson Whistler, displayed 9 sculptors throughout the park and held a live demonstration while carving a dragon. Family time was enjoyed by all during a scavenger hunt locating the different ice sculptures, ice skating, curling, hockey shoot, winning prizes at the Olaf games, and train ride. Everyone that registered received a free hot chocolate and a Kona Ice, a Chill Bag that contained an ice cream scoop, an ice scraper, and the children received a stuffed penguin or a Winterfest Bear as well as other prizes. This event was sponsored by GVES, Gallia County Job & Family Services, Gallia County Commissioners, and the City of Gallipolis.



Afterschool Spring Advisory Council Meeting

On April 5, 2022, Gallia County Afterschool Advisory Council met by way of zoom. Teachers, principals, students, parents, evaluators, and program managers of the programs of TIGERS, Highlanders, LIL Cats, CHOICES (RVMS, SGMS), and STEPS (RVHS, SGHS) were all invited to take part in the meeting. Each program highlighted their program sharing what worked well, favorites of the program and lessons learned. Students and parents had nothing but good things to say about their program.



