



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



Vinton Elementary

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## Author Ronda Friend Visits T.I.G.E.R.S. Afterschool and Book Walk

Ronda Friend, a children's author, visited the TIGERS program on Oct. 13, 2022, to talk to the students about caring and obeying parents. The children received her new book **Waddle I Do Without You?** In December her next book **Monkey See Monkey Do** about obeying parents will be printed and sent to the students. Last year during her visit the students received her series on character building. **On Oct. 18, 2022**, Ronda Friend participated in the Down on the Farm book walk held at Bob Evan's Farms. When families registered each child received a Trick or Treat bag, Internet Safety Guidelines, and Score Touchdown Activities for Families. Families read 2 books along the walk, one of which was **P U You Stink** by Ronda Friend and received a prize at the end of each book. The Panda character in the book **Pass the Love Along** was present for pictures. The Bossard Library had a station that passed out information on the Savage Ancient Seas exhibit and crafts for the children and other goodies. Soil & Water had a station about Turkeys, their life cycle, and turkey calls students tried. The Gallia Literacy Grant



had books for students to choose from at their station. Vinton Afterschool had a door prize drawing sign up. Ronda's book **Pass the Love Along** was handed out to children when they finished the book walk and the stations. Everyone enjoyed the family time together.



## TIGERS AFTERSCHOOL BEGINS

On October 10, 2022, the TIGERS Afterschool program opened their doors to begin another great year with a large enrollment. In Reading the staff will focus on the Science of Reading to increase the students reading levels and using Creative Mathematics to boost scores in Math. Some exciting activities the students have to choose from are Move It, Video Games, Design Websites, Art for the Environment, Games & Puzzles, and Science Stuff. For great attendance and behavior students get tickets for a chance to win prizes weekly. Everyone is excited to be a part of the program.



## T.I.G.E.R.S. Pumpkin Decorating

Students in the TIGERS Afterschool program had a grand time decorating and personalizing their own pumpkin. Students used stickers, paint and their imagination to create unique pumpkins to take home.



## Christmas Trees in the Park

A community event the TIGERS participate in every year is to decorate a Christmas tree in the Gallipolis City Park to help decorate for the Gallipolis In Lights event. Students help to create ornaments in crafts in the afterschool program for their own tree. Students made 3-D snowmen, painted bulbs, made stars out of beads, and created garland by knotting fabric on a string. The students enjoy seeing their tree in the park and benefit by giving back to their community.



## MOVE IT

The TIGERS program has an activity called MOVE IT. So when Tina Elkins from the OSU had a session on exercise for your body the students were all on board. They had fun using hula hoops, stilts, and jump ropes to move and exercise.





Tina Elkins, from the OSU Snap-Ed program will be attending T.I.G.E.R.S. Afterschool program. Tina will guide the children through 6 lessons about eating our 5 food groups, how our bodies get the nutrients that it needs through digestion, the importance of calcium and the need for healthy bones, the importance of eating a healthy breakfast wakes up our brain and boosts our energy which helps us do well in school, the functions of our heart and how eating healthy fruits and vegetables help our hearts to stay healthy, limiting salt, sugar and fat, lean proteins and how they help our muscles and how we can build muscle with low added weight. All of our lessons were accompanied by experiments, demonstrations or actions.





## Enrichment & Intervention

During the first hour of the T.I.G.E.R.S. Program is reserved for Reading and Math enrichment and intervention. The program is an extension of the day school program. In Reading, the school is using the Science of Reading. Students participate in activities working on vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and articulation. Students have set goals and hard at work to accomplish those goals. In math they work on Creative Mathematics Strategies from Kim Sutton.





## Elephant Toothpaste

A fun activity in the afterschool that the students enjoy is the STEM. One of the STEM activities the students were engaged was Elephant Toothpaste. Students worked with ingredients to create a chemical reaction that is referred to Elephant toothpaste because it's a foam that looks like toothpaste. Students gained knowledge about endothermic and exothermic reactions, and catalyst. They had a blast with the foaming experiment.






## DINO—ROARRRRRR

On November 3, 2022, at the Bossard Library the family event DINO ROAR took place from 10:30 till 3:30. Families enjoyed The Savage Ancient Seas exhibit displayed in the library which is the only traveling exhibition featuring the marine fossil world that existed between 87—70 million years ago. Outside families played dinosaur bingo where children could win dinosaur toys, sticker books about dinosaurs and dinosaur pop its, enjoyed a Kona Ice and hot dog or chili. Dino-Roar show was full of excitement featuring a ferocious T-Rex, some roaming baby dinosaur or two, dinosaur fossils, and a couple of Dino experts. Children was able to hold and examine fossils as well as interact with the experts and get up close to the dinosaurs.



## T.I.G.E.R.S. Lights in the Park Stroll Family Engagement

The Afterschool programs in the Gallia County Local Schools invited families to partake in a family engagement held in the Gallipolis City Park called Lights in the Park Stroll on one of two nights: December 13th or 20th. Families that registered received a scavenger hunt to locate items throughout the park as they strolled at their leisure throughout the park enjoying the lights and the season.



When families were finished with the scavenger hunt, they were able to turn in their results and receive family movie passes, parent resource guide, and other prizes. A special visitor was present checking his list and taking pictures with the families. A good time for all families to enjoy the season without the hustle and bustle that evening.

## Vinton In Lights Family Engagement



Vinton Elementary and the T.I.G.E.R.S. Afterschool hosted a family engagement for their families on December 6th. Families could visit Santa's Gift shop, make Christmas tree ornaments, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, play games, participate in drawings, visit Santa, and count down to Light up Vinton Elem. Trees.

## Seussified Christmas Carol Family Engagement



The families were able to enjoy this whimsical reinvention of Charles Dickens Christmas Carol using wacky rhymed couplets. It teaches a lesson that we never know what someone has gone through, so we should always treat everyone with kindness. Families took pictures with Santa, received a winter puzzle, coloring supplies, and a winter activity packet for the family.

