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# TIGERS' DEN

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February 2024 Newsletter

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# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

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## Pick Up

We will continue to have all pick ups ring the main door-bell (door on the right-hand side in the half circle). Pick-ups are allowed to park in the half circle. We ask that you have your child clean up the items they are using and change their card to "GONE HOME" prior to departure.

## Early Release

We ask that any children participating in a half-day with us either pack a lunch or order through the school. Tigers' Den does not provide lunches, just snack. Students will have lunch after dismissal from school or arrival to Russell street from Shaker Lane. Children who are not 5 Day PM will be charged a \$30 fee for 1/2 days whether they attend or not.

## Authorized Pick Up

Student safety is our top concern, we ask that you inform all authorized pick up persons to have their ID on them. If someone is not on your authorized pick up list and it is a last minute change, we ask that you call AND email us to inform us of the change. Authorized pick ups must be over the age of 18.

## Schedule Changes

If a student is changing their schedule, there must be a two week notice. Billing changes will go into effect the first of the following month. Students dropping the program must provide a months notice. Billing will go into effect the first of the following month.

## Attendance

Please notify BOTH Tigers' Den and the school when your child will be absent from Tigers' Den on his/her regularly scheduled day. We can be reached by email, phone, or ProCare message. Parents MUST contact us by 2:00 p.m. each day (11:00 AM on 1/2 days) with attendance, as staff needs to know prior to school dismissals. We need this information so we know which children are being bussed. Failure to inform us of an absence will result in a *\$10 Missing Child Fee.*

## Late Pick Up

There is a \$10 fee plus \$1 per MINUTE fee for all late pick-ups. If there are three separate occasions of late pick up, families will have to meet with the Director to identify a pick-up plan to make sure children are being picked up prior to closing. Failure to meet with the Director or continued late pick-ups will result in removal from the program.

## Drop Off:

This is a friendly reminder that parents should not be dropping students off before our 7:00 am start. We also want to remind you all that the latest morning drop off is 8:15. If the flag is not out, it means the kids have already left. If a student is dismissed from school, they cannot be dropped off to Tiger's Den later by a parent, they must come to Tigers' Den from school.

## Toys from Home:

All students are asked to leave any toys from home in their backpacks so they do not get lost. Thank you!



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# TIGERS' DEN UPDATES

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## **Goodbye to Ms. Bowen...**

As many of you may know, we have said goodbye to Ms. Bowen as she transitions into a new role. Ms. Bowen has worked with Tigers' Den for several years and played an incredibly important role as our Site Coordinator. She was responsible for making sure the program ran smoothly each day and planned many of the wonderful and exciting activities TD presented. There simply aren't enough words to do justice to Ms. Bowen and the impact she has had on TD. We wish her the very best, and she will be sorely missed.

## **Welcome Back Ms. Drinkwater!**

We had the recent pleasure of welcoming back Ms. Drinkwater, who worked for Tigers' Den for quite some time before pursuing college. Ms. Drinkwater brings a lot of knowledge, positive attitude, and excitement to the team. We are so grateful for her return. Ms. Drinkwater can be found helping run morning program, supporting students in the afternoon when they're outside, and supporting staff during office hours to make sure our program runs smoothly. If you see Ms. Drinkwater, say hi!

## **Code Wiz STEM Club**

Code Wiz links have been sent out to all families that had expressed interest back in December. The email was sent out Monday, **February 26th**. Due to the short notice, we have added a week for everyone who signed up or has not had a chance to sign up. The program will run for 8 weeks and conclude on **April 23rd**.

## **Magic Club**

We have gotten a lot of feedback from students in Magic Club that they would like to bring their own cards. We are sending out a contract to all Magic Club students to bring home and have signed. This will outline all of the rules and expectations around bringing cards. Be sure to sign and send back with your students or upload into ProCare!

## **Pokémon Club**

There has been an overwhelming amount of interest in Magic Club for our younger students. Unfortunately, due to the complexity of the game, it is only offered to RSS students. Leadership has brainstormed together a way that we can bridge the gap for our Shaker Lane students. We have decided to offer Pokémon Club! If your Shaker Lane student loves all things Pokémon, then this is for them! Mr. Miller will be hosting this club, **starting March 7th** and it will include: card playing, coloring pages, and Pokémon themed games. This is at no added costs and students can sign up each week. We will limit our sign ups to 20 students a week and will host this club every Thursday! There will be a sign up sheet every week and we will make sure everyone gets a chance!

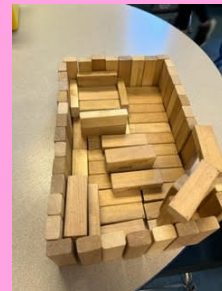
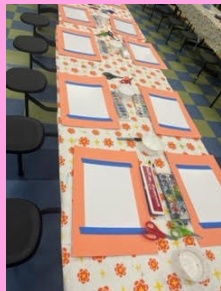
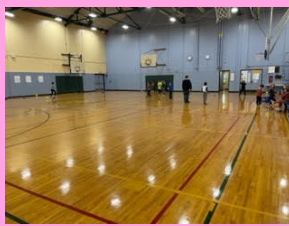
## **Gardening Club**

We will also be hosting gardening club on Fridays! Ms. Johnson will be hosting students who are interested in all things agriculture. This will be available to RSS and SL, at no added costs. Students will get to start seedlings, learn how to use a green house, and work in the garden as the weather starts to get better. This will be a rolling enrollment, so students can sign up each week if they are interested. **This club will start March 8th**.

## **Re-enrollment**

Tiger's Den will be closing Open Enrollment for new students for the rest of the year. We will be opening enrollment for current families **March 11th**. Tigers' Den will continue to uphold the tradition of opening enrollment to current families and their siblings. Enrollment for current families will remain open until **March 29th**. Your account **must be in good standing in order to re-enroll**. Open enrollment for all will begin on April 1st if room is still available. We will be sending out emails to all current families to outline the upcoming enrollment dates. If you have any questions around enrollment, please email us at [tigersden@littletonps.org](mailto:tigersden@littletonps.org)

# WHAT WE DID IN FEBRUARY



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# HALF DAY WEDNESDAY

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## Comedian/Magician: Mike Bent

Recommended by the library , Mike Bent brought on the laughs and ohs/ahs with his performances. Some of our older students thought he was our best performer yet! Many of them enjoyed the funny voices and how he was frequently “interrupted” by phone calls during the presentation.

Younger students were amazed and delighted by the different tricks Mike Bent performed. When asked if they liked the performance, there was a resounding shout of “yes!” that echoed through the halls.



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# SHOUT OUT

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We wanted to give a big shout out to Mrs. Behan and Mrs. Bowen for donating craft supplies for our 3/4/5 room. Mrs. Behan and Mrs. Bowen have worked tirelessly to create crafting activities that are interesting and age appropriate for our oldest student group. They have donated kits for drawing (charcoal, paper, stencils), beads, and a plethora of other items that get our creative minds calling! They have also dedicated so much time to collaborating on what would really appeal to our older students.

These items have been a great addition to our art program, as the older kids have expressed a lot of interest in doing more intricate crafts. These supplies have helped us to really enhance their experience!

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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**MS. BOWEN!**



Even though Ms. Bowen has stepped away from Tigers' Den to pursue new and exciting avenues, we wanted to recognize her for all of the hard work, dedication, and kindness she has brought to Tigers' Den. Ms. Bowen started working at Tigers' Den in 2018. If you remember from last month's newsletter, Mrs. Bowen loved Tigers' Den so much that she convinced Ms. Bowen to start working here too!

Ms. Bowen played the very important role of Site Coordinator for Tigers' Den. This means that she was responsible for making sure our program ran smoothly, that each room was appropriately and safely staffed, and that each student group had age appropriate activities to keep them happy and engaged while at Tigers' Den. You would often find Ms. Bowen making Russell Street announcements, playing with students outside, or helping Mrs. Bowen out in the café.

Ms. Bowen was also responsible for starting our Fitbit Health challenge, where students from RSS were able to borrow a Fitbit during their day at TD and see how many steps they could get while they were here. Ms. Bowen would total the number of steps to see how close TD would get to walking around the world. She also kept up a healthy competition with students to see who had the most steps each week. Ms. Bowen is still the reigning champ of steps!

We will miss Ms. Bowen and we are so excited for her new journey!

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN MARCH

**March 6th– Carnival**

**March 7th– Pokémon Club  
starts with Mr. Miller**

**March 8th– Gardening  
Club with Ms. Johnson**

**March 13th–  
School is Closed  
Tigers' Den is Closed**

**March 15th– Wear  
Green or Gold to win a  
prize!**



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