

TIEGERMAN SCHOOL AND  
TIEGERMAN COMMUNITY SERVICES*40th Celebration*

THURSDAY MAY 8, 2025, 5:30 PM AT THE INN AT NEW HYDE PARK

Dear Tiegerman Families,

As we celebrate 40 years of Tiegerman, I find myself reflecting not only on the growth of our schools and programs—but on the countless families who have walked this journey with us.

When I started this work in 1985, I was a young mother with a deep belief that every child deserves to be seen, heard, and taught in a way that honors who they are. That belief has remained at the core of everything we do. But what I've learned over these four decades is that a child's success doesn't happen in isolation—it's made possible through the love, commitment, and partnership of their families.

My own family has been by my side through every step of this journey. They've witnessed the long days, the growing pains, and the joyful moments when students achieve something no one thought possible. Just like so many of you, we've celebrated milestones together, navigated challenges, and held onto hope when things felt uncertain.

You—our Tiegerman families—are truly the foundation of our success. Your advocacy, your resilience, your trust in us—it inspires everything we do. Thank you for believing in your children, and for letting us be part of their stories.

With love and gratitude,

Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman

Founder & CEO, Tiegerman

Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman  
Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Christine Radziewicz  
Chief Compliance Officer

Dr. Jeremy Tiegerman  
Chief Operating Officer





Dear Tiegerman Families,

As spring brings new energy and a spirit of renewal, we seize this opportunity to reflect on the remarkable growth we have witnessed across all our programs, from our youngest preschool learners to our middle and high school students preparing for the next stages of their academic journeys. Whether learning their first words, building friendships, mastering new academic skills, or planning for life after graduation, our students continue to inspire us with their perseverance, progress, and potential.

### Exciting Announcements

#### Program Expansion: Grand Opening of Tiegerman Preschool at Saint Catherine's

We are excited to announce the launch of Tiegerman's new preschool program, specifically designed to support preschool children with developmental disabilities, starting in April 2025. This innovative program reflects Tiegerman's ongoing commitment to providing individualized, high-quality educational services in a supportive and developmentally appropriate environment. Our preschool curriculum emphasizes language and communication development, social growth, motor skills, and foundational academics, all tailored to meet each child's individual needs. Our team of experienced educators, speech-language pathologists, therapists, and support staff collaborate closely with families to ensure every child receives the attention and resources needed to succeed in school and beyond.

We are particularly excited to begin this new chapter in the heart of Franklin Square and look forward to building strong partnerships with local families and community leaders. At Tiegerman, we believe that early intervention nurtures lifelong confidence, and are privileged to be part of that journey. We are eager to welcome our new preschoolers and their families!

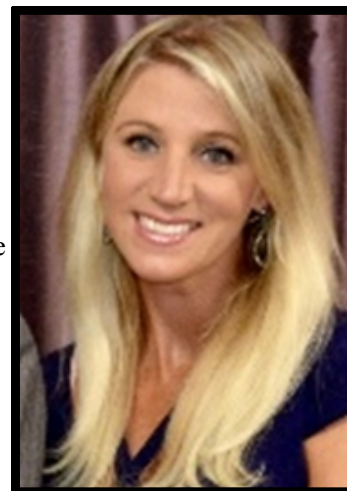
#### New Playground: Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway

We are excited to announce that Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway has received a generous grant to develop a new playground! We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato for her invaluable support in helping Tiegerman secure this grant to fund a new playground for our preschool students at Far Rockaway. Thanks to her advocacy and dedication to our community, our students will enjoy a safe, inclusive, and engaging outdoor space that promotes both play and developmental growth. The playground features modern, safe equipment specifically designed for young children. Our preschool students can learn through play, with elements that encourage creativity, physical activity, and social interaction.

We look forward to watching our kids enjoy their new playground. Stay tuned for updates on the project and upcoming celebrations!

Lauren Leonardi  
Program Director

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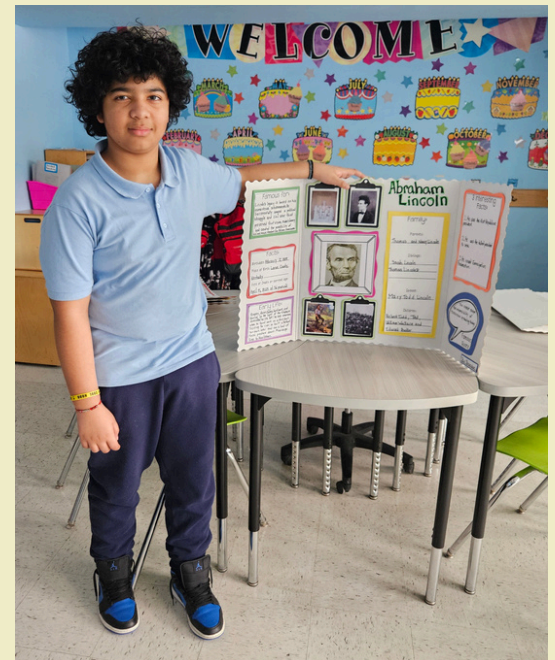
Dear Tiegerman Families,

There are many different kinds of celebrations. There are, of course, birthday celebrations, anniversary celebrations, cultural celebrations and more. At Tiegerman we celebrate learning. We celebrate learning when we hear our students using language to explain what their teachers have taught. We celebrate learning when we realize our students' needs and are thrilled when they overcome their challenges. We celebrate milestones – saying first words, telling narratives, going onto the next level in reading or doing multi-step math and problem solving. We build confidence so that students who would never perform on stage do so with pride. We cultivate our students' interests and create a safe, joyous and comfortable environment.

We absolutely celebrated learning with our fifth and sixth graders when they researched and presented their social studies presentations. Topics ranged from Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Duke Ellington and many others. We celebrated our 100th day of school defining what 100 days looked like. Our Science Fair is coming back - first time since COVID. We promote social-pragmatic interactions between students and students/staff. We facilitate this at our dances, our hobby program, our field trips and our everyday encouragement and support with building relationships.

Every day at Tiegerman is a celebration. Small positive things add up to big things. We celebrate our students - you the families, friends and our wonderful staff. Our students' successes are better than a material birthday present wrapped in a box. We are not limited by the word – can't. We believe in the word – can. We are proud of our students every step of the way.

Mrs. Karen Katzman  
Principal







It is hard to believe we are almost through the school year. We are so proud of our students' growth, hard work, and enthusiasm for learning. Our students have been thriving inside and outside the classroom, from academic milestones to creative projects and various opportunities on our exciting field trips.



In November, our students had the opportunity to visit the Cradle of Aviation. The students learned about science, technology, engineering, and math. Additionally, they explored the history of aviation, astronomy, and earth physics. Some students also visited the Museum of the Moving Image, where they learned how moving images are created, marketed, and presented while discovering careers in the moving image industries.








Our families enjoyed a rocking winter concert right before the break. Our students showcased their incredible talents through singing, dancing, and playing instruments. We recognize the importance of the arts in fostering creativity, self-expression, and critical thinking. Our students cultivate cultural awareness and emotional intelligence while enhancing their overall academic and personal growth.



In February, we celebrated Black History Month, which ended with a presentation in which every student at the middle school participated. Our students were able to acknowledge the contributions, struggles, and achievements of the African-American community throughout history.





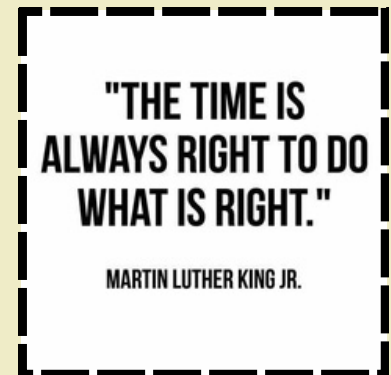
### Important Laws

**Enforcements Act-** The law passed in 1870- 1871. It prohibit the use of force to prevent people from voting, granted federal oversight of local elections, and made tactics used by the KKK illegal federal offenses.

**Act Creating an Electoral Commission-** It was passed on January 29, 1877. It regulates the counting votes for the presidents and vice presidents.

**The Compromise of 1877-** It was an agreement between southern Democrats and allies of the Republican Rutherford Hayes to settle the result of the 1876 presidential election and marked the end of the Reconstruction.



This year marks Tiegerman's 40th anniversary. We have been celebrating with monthly activities to commemorate this momentous occasion. Some highlighted activities include designing a mural for the 40th anniversary in the cafeteria, creating a poster of our favorite memories at Tiegerman, and saying “Cheers to 40 Years” with a fun social event.

Mrs. Kristin Lyons  
Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/29 & 4/30-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 5/1 & 5/2- NYS Math State Exams
- 5/12-NYS Science Exam (8th Grade Students)
- 6/24-8th Grade Graduation
- 6/25-8th Grade Prom



## Museum of Modern Art

On January 31st, our students enjoyed an incredible trip to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) to gain inspiration for this year's Fashion Show. The senior class explored a unique art exhibition featuring custom-designed skateboards. They were so inspired and impressed by the artwork that they decided skateboards would be the central theme for this year's Fashion Knight.

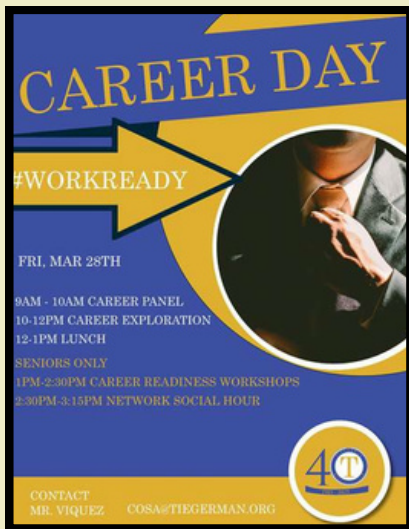






## Career Day

We are excited to report that the Tiegerman High School held Career Day on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to explore various occupations and learn about potential career paths. During Career Day, students had the chance to meet with professionals from a wide-range of industries, gaining valuable insights into the world of work. The senior class participated in a special networking opportunity, practicing their professional communication skills in real-world settings. The seniors engaged in mock interviews, preparing them for future career opportunities through hands-on experience in interview situations.



## Fashion Knight

The Sixth Annual Fashion Knight took place on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Coordinator of School Activities (COSA) in collaboration with the Retail Marketing, Culinary Arts, and Computer Arts Pathways. The event was unforgettable as students showcased their style, creativity, and fun by highlighting their talents and work in fashion, culinary arts, and design. The students put in a lot of effort to ensure everything was ready for the fashion show. Our Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein stores were open after the fashion show, allowing families and friends to enjoy the opportunity to purchase new fashion apparel.

Dr. John Wagner  
Principal





# Field Trips!

At the **Museum of Natural History**, students explored exhibits on prehistoric life, biodiversity, and space exploration. They connected their studies of ecosystems and evolution with real fossils, dioramas, and immersive planetarium shows, making science come alive in a way that textbooks simply cannot match.

At the **Hall of Science**, students became scientists for the day, engaging in hands-on experiments and interactive exhibits that reinforced key concepts in physics, engineering, and mathematics. Whether launching rockets, experimenting with motion and forces, or exploring digital technology, they gained a deeper appreciation for the role of science in our everyday lives.



These field trips exemplify our commitment to experiential learning—giving students opportunities to see, touch, and engage with the subjects they study. By stepping outside the classroom and into these world-class institutions, our students are not just learning about science; they're living it! Stay tuned for more exciting educational adventures!

Mrs. Nina DeVita  
Principal





### **Business Technology**

Our students are diving into the world of Microsoft Excel! They have been learning how to use formulas to organize and analyze data, developing valuable skills that will serve them in both academics and future careers.

To put their skills to the test in a fun and creative way, students recently completed a unique assignment—designing Pixel Art using Excel! By strategically formatting cells and applying color, they recreated images of either themselves or a favorite celebrity. This project not only reinforced their understanding of Excel's functionality but also encouraged creativity and problem-solving.

### **Home & Careers**

Our Home & Careers students have been busy learning essential life skills! They practiced sewing by creating their own stuffed animals, developed budgeting skills through shopping lists and couponing, and used unit rates to make smart financial decisions. Additionally, they learned how to set personal goals, helping them plan for their future. These hands-on lessons are preparing them for real-world success!



### **Work Based Learning**

Our students have been gaining invaluable hands-on experience through our Work-Based Learning program! This initiative allows them to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings, helping them develop essential workplace skills and career readiness. Students have had the opportunity to work in our in-school Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger store, where they have learned about retail operations, customer service, and inventory management. Others have gained experience at McDonald's and Walgreen's, understanding teamwork, time management, and professionalism in a fast-paced environment.

Additionally, students have worked with Woodside on the Move, a moving company, where they learned logistics, organization, and problem-solving skills. Many have also taken on roles in our school snack shop, handling sales, budgeting, and business operations.





Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway is continuing to have a wonderful school year!

In November, each class hosted a Parent Participation Day in their classrooms. Parents were able to come in to complete an art project with their child, see a class performance or participate in centers. Students beamed with pride when they welcomed their parents into their classrooms and our parents truly enjoyed themselves! Each class also resumed our Mystery Reader Program. Parents and family members are consistently invited to read to their child's class (and surprise them).

In December, the school hosted its annual David's Cookie Dough Fundraiser! Parents and staff sold 152 boxes of cookies, raising significant funds for the program! These funds will be used to hire a magician for an exciting school event this spring. December also featured a Character Day for our students. Staff dressed in Disney character costumes to greet students and partake in photo opportunities! Students also arrived at school dressed as their favorite characters!

In January, all classrooms and departments participated in a door-decorating contest to celebrate Tiegerman's 40th Anniversary. They were tasked with incorporating the number 40 in their creations. Each door was beautiful and truly captured the Tiegerman spirit!

In February, the PTFA hosted its first ever Scholastic Book Fair and it was a huge success! The fair sold \$2,700 worth of books. The students enjoyed shopping for their favorite titles, and the event brought so many wonderful parent volunteers! The school also celebrated its 100th and 101st days of school in February! For the 100th Day, every student decorated their own 100th day wearable vest and wore special gear (i.e., crowns, glasses). Each class also had a glow stick party to demonstrate they were "100 Days Brighter." For the 101st Day, students and staff wore black, white or polka dots to resemble Dalmatians from the movie, 101 Dalmatians.

For the month of February, students participated in a Ball unit of study, which was derived from the Creative Curriculum. To celebrate the end of the unit, students "played ball" in the indoor gym and wore their favorite sports jerseys and hats to school! The school's related service providers organized and facilitated engaging ball activities, such as catch, baseball, and therapy ball exercises.

Lastly, to highlight the contributions and dedication of the school staff, the Spirit Committee created the Staff Spotlight Award. The Spirit Committee honors one staff member bi-weekly and the committee requests ongoing staff nominations. Award winners are featured on a lobby bulletin board and they receive Tiegerman swag and a certificate of recognition. Thus far, the following staff members have been recognized for their contributions to the Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway school community: Joshua Williams (IT), Hayley Livingston (SLP), Sandy Ungar (Intake Coordinator), Sharaia Felder (RBT) and Avrohom Fordonski (Nurse).

We are looking forward to the remaining months of the school year, which will include a full playground renovation, visits from a local ambulance and fire truck visits, a magic show and a "Marching into our 40th Year" school parade.

Ms. Michelle Costatino  
Principal









Tiegerman Community Services (TCS) was proud to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Kings Park residence. The residence is home to six young men who live together under the guidance and supervision of a dedicated staff. These young men call Kings Park home, close to their families and friends. Each day, they go out and join others at a Day Program; weekends can be spent with family and friends in the community.

Tiegerman Community Services not only provides residential programs allowing our residents to be as independent as possible with their activities for daily living, but also fosters participation in community-based activities that enhance socialization skills and community partnerships.

Tiegerman Community Services offer work programs that help young adults become contributing members of society. We match individuals' strengths with the appropriate job opportunity – part-time or full-time – helping these individuals become part of the community and give them a sense of independence while contributing to society.

Tiffany Harkless  
TCS Program Director





Supportive and Nurturing Staff ♥ All the Fun Events  
 Students are Nice ♥ C.O.S.A. Lunches ♥ Student Council  
 Small Classes ♥ Community ♥ Thanksgiving Feast ♥ OT Fun  
 Terrific TAs ♥ We have the Best Counselors ♥ Clothing Store  
 Clubs ♥ Achieving Goals ♥ Outstanding Office ♥ Fall Festival  
 Be Myself ♥ Love My Teachers ♥ Socials ♥ Always There to Help  
 Speech Teachers ♥ Cradle of Aviation Field Trip

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THINGS WE ♥ ABOUT

# TIEGERMAN

Having Fun ♥ Roaring '20s Party ♥ Nurse Sue ♥ Helpful  
 Unique ♥ Making Friends ♥ Holiday Shows ♥ P.E. Class  
 Learning New Things ♥ Positive Environment ♥ Challenges Me  
 Hanging out with my Friends ♥ Trips ♥ Sensory Hallway  
 Best Staff ♥ Using Chromebooks ♥ Super Speech Therapists  
 Tiegerman is Extraordinary



[Name a Classroom!](#)

Tiegerman needs your support to ensure the longevity of our schools and the security of a safe and enjoyable education. You can help by naming a classroom in one of Tiegerman's schools to maintain our space dedicated to caring instruction.

### How to Name a Classroom

- Honor a Loved One- Dedicate a classroom to a family, friend, staff, student, business or even a pet that you would like to have a presence in Tiegerman Schools.
- Leave an Impactful Message- Classrooms can carry a special message that is meaningful to the donor and positively impacts the students. Plaques can be engraved with a name, greeting, mantra, or short poem and are good for the lifetime of the school.
- Name a Classroom \$5000-\$10,000  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

October 23, 2025

Annual Chefs for Children Food and Wine  
at the Inn at New Hyde Park

You can support Tiegerman in many ways by participating in an event, running a fundraising campaign or making a donation!

- ♦ Make a one-time donation or continue your support by becoming a monthly donor. Visit [www.Tiegerman.org/Donate](http://www.Tiegerman.org/Donate)
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