2025-2026 Tiger After School Program Year in Review

East Helena Public Schools

Mission

The Tiger After School Program provides out of school time opportunities for youth in East Helena Public Schools from Kindergarten through eighth grade. The Tiger Program provides a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for the children of our district. Our mission emphasizes creating an atmosphere that balances student learning, enrichment, physical activity, and free time in a stimulating and enjoyable setting. The Tiger Program provides parents with safe, convenient, and reliable out of school time care for their children. Enrollment is open to all youth at the following schools: Eastgate Elementary, Prickly Pear Elementary, Radley Elementary, and East Valley Middle School.

$93,000

This year the 21st CCLC grant awarded us $93,000. The grant is awarded every year for five years. We will be going into our fourth year of the grant in the 2026-2027 school year.

Previously, the amount of money awarded would decrease on years 4 and 5 of the grant cycle. That has been changed. We will now receive $93,000 for all five years of the grant!

Tiger After School Program Sites

Eastgate

There were 25 attendees at Eastgate this year. The attendees included grades K-2, with students from Eastgate Elementary and Prickly Pear Elementary. The program begins at 3:30 pm and includes social/emotional learning, snack, tutoring, physical activity, and enrichment activities. The program ends at 5:00 pm and students must be picked up by 5:30 pm.

Radley

There were 30 attendees at Radley this year. The attendees at Radley included grades 3-6, with students from Radley Elementary, and East Valley Middle School. The program begins at 3:30 pm and includes social/emotional learning, snack, tutoring, physical activity, and enrichment activities. The program ends at 5:00 pm and students must be picked up by 5:30 pm.

Daily Schedule Eastgate & Radley

3:30
Welcome Circle

3:45
Homework/Tutoring and Snack

4:05
Physical Activity

4:20
Enrichment

5:00
End of Program

5:30
All Students Picked Up

Family Engagement

Throughout the year we held two family engagement activities. We were able to provide each student a book and math game to encourage literacy and math engagement at home.



- **November** - Bingo Night to win books
  -Our first combined with EG and Radley

- **April & May** - Math games
  -Our first one on different nights to accommodate parents

Feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive and parents hoped to have more of these activities next year.

Cultural Activities

Students created balloons after a lesson on the importance of the sun.

They also created wampum bracelets and dream catchers.







Career Days

Policeman:









Surgery Tech:











Harvest of the Month

Once a month Kim, from St. Pete's would give us a lesson on a different food from MT.

Some foods they learned about and tasted are:

- beets
- carrots
- bison
- apples
- chickpeas



Eastgate Activities







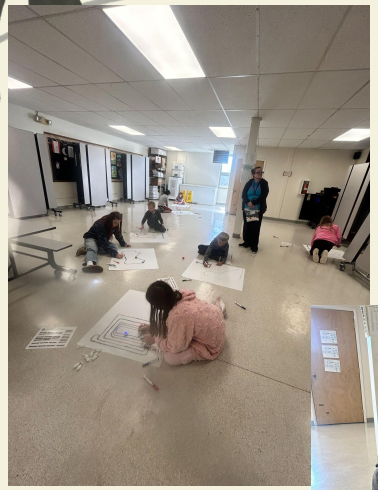


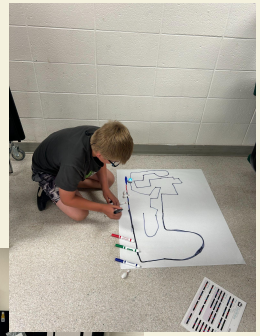


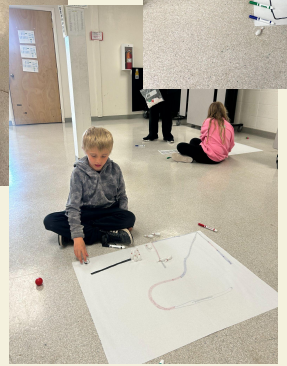




Radley Activities













Community Partners

EHPS PTO

Lifepoint Church

Heritage Market

Safeway

Overview

The Tiger After School Program at both sites began September 15, 2025. The program ended for both sites on May 29, 2026. The feedback from parents and teachers has been positive, thus leading us to call this year a success. Program goals moving forward include:
-creating strong community partnerships
-increased coordination with the school day teachers.
Applications for the 26-27 school year opened June 1, 2026.