

Tigers & Cubs is an initiative to bring together Princeton alumni who have young families through locally-organized and family-friendly activities and events

## **BEST PRACTICES**

During the Event

## Before the Event

- Organize events designed
  specifically with kids in mind with
  age-appropriate activities
- Choose relaxed environments and venues that will be welcoming for active kids and the commotion that comes with them
- Share the event through your local and nearby PAA mailing lists
- Collect RSVPs using a Google Form to streamline responses
- Send out a reminder email 2-3 days before the event

- **Ensure that restrooms are easily accessible**; extra points for access to private spaces for nursing moms, baby changing areas, and spaces to park strollers
- Provide snacks and drinks if budgets allow! But be mindful of allergens and stick to easy-tohandle snacks (e.g., Goldfish crackers, cupcakes, small cookies)
- Take plenty of pictures of families and their kids!

## After the Event

- Send out a follow-up email with pictures from the event (services such as Google Photos or Dropbox can be used to share photos)
- Ask for volunteers to help organize and/or host future events
- Be mindful about posting photos of kids on social media; check with parents for permission as needed

## **EXAMPLES OF SUGGESTED EVENTS**

- Outdoor meetups at a local playground or hosted in someone's backyard
- Indoor meetups at a public library, indoor playground, or children's museum (be mindful of space constraints)
- Seasonal activities e.g., holiday cookie decorating, pumpkin decorating, farm visits & hayrides, egg dying or egg hunts
- Family-friendly shows e.g., local theater shows or magic shows for kids
- Kid-friendly sports e.g., mini soccer class hosted in someone's backyard, gymnastics class, rock-climbing session, etc.
- Volunteering activities e.g., helping out at local soup kitchen to pack sandwiches

