

# The Tiger Tribune

Letters from the Staff:

Welcome to the August issue of The Tiger Tribune! This happens to be the first issue of this 2020-2021 school year and also my first year as the new Tiger Tribune Editor-in-Chief. Our former staff has moved on to the next chapter in their lives and have transferred these roles and the magnificent torch of “writing responsibility” to us!

August brings to us the back-to-school season vibes as we all prepare for the new school year. Though many things are different now due to the occurring events, we can brace ourselves for many great things to come. This month’s articles reflect a variety of things, with each writer bringing creativity through their writing. We always look forward to new ideas, creative writing, and more writers, so do think about joining The Tiger Tribune and making change with your writing! We wish you all a happy month and look forward to this new school year as well as more writing escapades with you all! Enjoy this issue!

Sincerely,  
Sana Basheer  
Editor-in-Chief  
The Tiger Tribune

Hello and welcome to the first issue of The Tiger Tribune this year! First of all, congratulations on making it to this page and showing your interest for the school newsletter. Second of all, welcome to a new school year even though it might not have begun how you expected it to. Now, let me introduce myself. My name is Zahra Shaikh, and I am the new Co-Editor for The Tiger Tribune Newsletter. We hope this tribune brings you entertainment, information, and knowledge. On that note, I hope you have a wonderful year ahead and enjoy the rest of this issue!

Sincerely,  
Zahra Shaikh  
Co-Editor  
The Tiger Tribune

## August Survey/Staff Question

By Amir Chermat

“What book would you like to go into, and what character would you be?”

Amir	I'd like to travel into <i>The Seams</i> by John Hulme and Michael Wexler. I could be any of the characters, so long as I get one of the important world-building jobs.
Ziyad Shaikh	<i>Animal Farm</i> , Snowball
Melody Moy	Not a dangerous book where dragons can possibly eat me!!! I'd want to go into a calm book like <i>Charlotte's Web</i> .
Misbah	Can't decide, but maybe Nova from the <i>Renegades</i> series.
Anaya	I don't read a lot of books so I guess I could be one of the elves in <i>The Hobbit</i> . No character specifically but just part of the elves folk. Archery is actually my favorite sport so my hobby fits with these characters. :p

Anonymous	Everyone's life is a story, an unpublished story. They are the protagonists of their own stories. Imagine going into another story while still in this story and trying to become another character while already being one.
Safiyah Razzak	I would like to go into one of the <i>Magic School Bus</i> books so I can go with the kids on those crazy adventures :)
Zahra	I would like to go into the book <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbit, and be the character of Winnie Foster, who witnesses a family that can live forever.

## Arielle's Amazing Popsicle Stand

By Melody Moy

It was 2020, and everybody was quarantined. Arielle, an aspiring dancer and cheerleader, was in her house too. She was SO bored at home, getting restless and antsy with every passing day. Every week before the quarantine she would go out shopping - at the grocery store, not at the mall like most girls her age. She was more of a sweets person than a savory person, and she loved looking at the aisles of ice cream and cookies. She knew she couldn't have it every day - after all ice cream was a treat. Arielle sighed. She missed going shopping and she missed looking at all the treats! She wished she could do SOMETHING to help the doctors and nurses!

Just a few weeks later, it was June, and it was blazing hot and 90 degrees outside. Arielle was in a tank top and shorts. She fanned herself and was glad that she was at home where there was air conditioning. She started thinking. They were still quarantined, and people were still out there dying. What could she, a 12-year-old girl, do to help? She turned on music, a thing she always did to soothe herself. She started singing along, but her thoughts drifted to the millions of people affected by the virus. There had to be some way she could help! She knew the weather was heating up; the forecasts said it would be 80 degrees this week. It was almost the end of the school year, and Arielle would be done with sixth grade! She was looking forward to that ice cream already. Arielle stopped singing along to the song suddenly. Ice cream. Popsicles. It was PERFECT! Even if people were quarantined, she could still set up a popsicle stand and wear a face mask and gloves while doing it!

She ran out of her room with a smile on her face and rushed to tell her mom while the idea was still fresh in her mind. She always had the best ideas as she listened to music. Also, she couldn't wait to get this down on paper and spread the word!

She ran over to the office where her mom was on the computer. "Mom! I have to tell you something," she breathlessly shouted with excitement. "What?" "I had the best idea. Weather's warming up, and we should open a popsicle stand!"

Arielle had no idea where she would get the money to open the stand to raise funds to help others. All of the economy funds were going to patients and to find a cure for the virus. People don't have a lot of money these days, so she has to not charge a lot. She thought quickly. Her first thought was that she should start a website for investors to fund her business. Her second thought was that she should probably get her idea down on paper, then on wood.

Over the course of two weeks, she received over \$500 through her website! It was a booming success and Arielle had her parents to thank for it! She now had enough money to buy paint for the stand and ingredients for the popsicles!

She drew a sign and it proclaimed, "WATERMELON POPSICLES! \$1 ONLY! ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS AND TO FIND A CURE!!!!" The sign was brightly colored and so was the driveway. They'd done chalk on it the day before, and the rain hadn't washed it off, so it

was still there-the rainbows and the butterflies and the flowers. Arielle had attempted to draw a bear for the kids who were on a bear hunt, but it hadn't turned out so great. Arielle also had a tip jar for the coronavirus patients. Her mom helped her make it, and it was decorated with little glass beads. Now, Arielle thought, she just had to actually MAKE the popsicles.

Making popsicles is harder than it looks. You have to mix things, put the mix into a mold, and freeze them! Then you wait. It's a lot of waiting, basically. It takes a long time. Over the course of three days, Arielle and her family made over 50 popsicles and froze them. They were concerned, however, about how Arielle would bring them out into the blazing summer heat. "They'll melt," her mom fretted. But there was nothing Arielle could do. She put them in a Trader Joe's cooler bag and sat down at her post, nervously. This was her first time doing this after all! Her flavors were watermelon, strawberry, pineapple, and raspberry. Not a lot of sugar was used in the popsicles so they could still taste the delicious natural flavors of the fruit. Then, Arielle waited for the first customer.

Ten minutes. Twenty minutes. Thirty minutes had passed and Arielle was still sitting in the same spot with the same sign and her face mask and gloves! She wasn't even ON the curb! She'd be six feet away from the customer!

All of the sudden, a girl about six or seven walked up to the stand with her mom. "We'd like two popsicles, please," the mom requested. "What kind?" Arielle asked. "Strawberry!" the girl begged, tugging at her mom's shirt. Arielle smiled. "Two dollars, please. All proceeds go to help find the cure for the corona virus and to help virus patients."

By the end of the day, they had made \$250 from extra donations! Arielle felt so happy and felt like her heart might burst. She presented the check to the CDC the very next day, and they were very grateful for her generosity. She was SO glad she was able to be a small help during what seemed like the dark quarantine days! Even if it was a little thing like her \$250, she knew that a little thing like hers could truly change the world, and she was glad she'd taken her stand.

THE END.

## **The Tiger Tribune Sports Section: Player Spotlight**

### **Who's the real GOAT?**

By Abdallah Khan

Is it Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant or LeBron James? For years it's been this infamous triangle between three of the greatest players that the NBA and the entire sport of basketball have ever witnessed. People have argued over this matter for decades, and still there is no solid conclusion. In my personal opinion, I think that though stats play an important role in determining this, one must also consider some additional factors.

One factor is influence, both on the game of basketball and on fans. I would vote Jordan for being one of the greatest influences on the game in his time. According to [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com), an anonymous poll was conducted among 117 NBA players in 2019, asking "Who's the best player of all time?" 73% said Michael Jordan, opposed to the 11% voting for LeBron and the 10.6% opting for Kobe. Undoubtedly, Micheal Jordan greatly influenced basketball, and that influence helped shape it into the sport it is today.

In fact, Kobe Bryant himself was inspired by Michael Jordan. Some people refer to Kobe carrying on Jordan's legacy as the "passing of the torch" from MJ to Kobe. It is further said that Kobe "passed the torch" on to LeBron near the end of his (Kobe's) career. At the end of the day, the line of succession

goes back to Michael Jordan, which is another reason why I would vote for him as GOAT or Greatest of All Time.

To conclude, I think being GOAT has to do with much more than just bare statistics, and that analyzing all those facts could finally lead to a conclusion and an end to this long debate.

## **“I Have a Dream” and the March on Washington**

By Maryam Masood

On August 28, 1963, civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. stood at the Lincoln Memorial and delivered the speech that became one of the most iconic in American history: “I Have a Dream.”

King was just one of the speakers at the Lincoln Memorial that day. He was addressing more than 200,000 people, all of whom had gathered there for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, usually referred to as just “the March on Washington.” Thousands of people, including African Americans, whites, Jews, Christians, American Indians, and Latinos, had come together from all over the country to protest for civil rights in what became the largest human-rights demonstration in American history.

The march was organized by many influential leaders (A. Phillip Randolph was the one who came up with the idea) from many important civil rights groups of the time, including the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the American Jewish Congress, and others.

Aside from civil rights leaders giving speeches, many musicians performed at the March as well. There were also a lot of other celebrities participating, such as baseball player Jackie Robinson.

Towards the end of the program, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous speech, “I Have a Dream.” In his speech, King talked about the dream of all the people gathered there - the dream of full equality and freedom for all Americans.

## **Sports Section: How COVID-19 Has Affected the Sports World.**

By: Safiyah Razzak

As an avid fan of sports myself, I was greatly disappointed when I learned that nearly all of the main sporting events in the nation were being canceled. The exhilaration, euphoria, anticipation, and passion within the sports community were all going to have to wait until this microscopic creature decides to leave the human race at peace.

Many areas of sports around the world were tremendously affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, the most important event being the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Hundreds of talented athletes will now have to wait until the next year to be able to compete and showcase their skill sets in various sports. This is also an issue for Japan itself as they will lose billions of dollars invested for this year’s Olympics due to postponing.

There are many other renowned franchises that will be losing billions of dollars as a result of the outbreak, one of them being the National Basketball Association (NBA). By now, the NBA would have been preparing for the playoffs and accumulating a good portion of their money through these games. Another popular national sport that has been affected is Major League Baseball (MLB); the season was supposed to commence on March 16, but the league was forced to postpone it. Though, on a better note, the league has announced that they are planning on carrying out the game without fans during the summer. Critics of this decision do claim that without the fans, the sport will lose its essence

and soul, and I have to agree.

Probably the only sport in the States that was lucky this year is the National Football League (NFL). They had ended their season back in early February, so, tentatively speaking, they haven't felt the harsh blow of the COVID-19...well...yet. The season is supposed to start during the second week of September, and it's not sure whether the situation will be better by then, so we will all have to play the waiting game.

Along with these major professional sporting franchises, many college-level sports were also canceled. Similar to the professional leagues, this means that the colleges will also lose tons of valuable money. Overall, the COVID-19 outbreak has negatively affected sports in numerous ways, and as fans, the only thing we can do is try our best and support the wise decisions that will be made.

## **International Clown Week**

Amir Chermat

From the 1st of August to the 7th, clowns around the world celebrate International Clown Week. It is unknown when International Clown week started, but it went from National Clown Week to International Clown Week in 1991 after Clowns of America became the Clowns of America International. (Believe it or not, there are more and more important sounding clown organizations out there). Most clowns typically refer to International Clown Week as Clown Week.

What do clowns do to celebrate Clown Week? Clown around, of course! Celebrations typically include putting on shows in places like malls and hospitals. Educational events about clowns and fundraisers are also hosted.

Make sure that during Clown Week, you have fun! Seriously, the law demands it. U.S. Public Law 91-443 gives the president the authority to declare August 1-7 International Clown week in order to "...heed to the contributions made by clowns in their entertainment at children's hospitals, charitable institutions, institutions for the mentally retarded, and generally helping to lift the spirits and boost the morale of our people..." While it's doubtful that we will see any clowns this year (without a face mask, anyway), be sure to think of all the effort that clowns around the world put in in order to make us smile.

## Things to Do in Quarantine

Ziyad Shaikh

Do you ever have that feeling of emptiness after you finish your homework? Well, it is going to be very frequent during quarantine. There are several great activities out there which you can do to fill in the blank spaces in your day. For example, you can have a backyard barbecue. Those can be extremely fun, and it is a great way to bond with your family as you probably do not run into each other that often. Also, who does not like barbecued food? Finals are right around the corner for most people now. You can take advantage of all this time, and study hard for those tough finals! Finally, something I would love to do would be to get together on a zoom or hangouts video call with friends, just to interact. Now that we have all these brilliant technology ideas, it is quite simple to set up a simple video conference. Of course, there are other ideas out there for you to try. It is up to you to decide which one is the best.

## Successful Goals, Successful Life

Zahra Shaikh

It's a true fact that we all have dreams that we want to achieve. It can be questioned whether or not they come true, but all we can do as humans is try our best to dream high, make goals, and achieve them. When one fails to properly design a goal, the individual can easily fail in achieving it as well. Therefore, first of all, what is goal-setting and why do people do it? Very famous business people and top athletes set goals because it gives them long-term vision and short-term motivation. Additionally, it helps you focus your mind and aids you in organizing your time and resources so that you can make the most of your life. One thing that is often overlooked is that it helps you in improving your self-confidence as you recognize your ability to fulfill your goals that you've set.

I'm pretty sure you have some sort of sense for goal-making, but if you don't, or have very little, I will go through the steps to creating and achieving a perfect goal, and I hope that this will help you a lot as it did for me. The first step is obviously to think or find something that you would like to achieve. It can be something small or big. Once you have a good idea, the second step is to write it down and tell someone about it, as doing that will increase the likelihood of your sticking to your goal. The third step is to break down and plan your goal. This is where SMART goals come in.

Now let me ask you a question. Have you heard of SMART goals or something similar before? It is basically an acronym to summarize how a perfect goal can be made. The S stands for specific. The goal must be specific, or in other words, it must be clear and well defined. If your goal is too vague or general, it can be unhelpful because it does not provide sufficient direction. The next letter stands for measurable. What I mean is that you should include precise dates, amounts, whatever you can to be able to measure your degree of success. For example, if you want to reduce your expenses, and that's all you say on your goal, how will you know when you've been successful? There's time that comes into play as well as how much you spend. Therefore, make sure your goals are measurable and can be defined when met. The third letter stands for attainable. Your goals need to be something that you actually want to fulfill, and they have to be realistic, because if you set a goal that you have no urge to achieve, it can be very discouraging and demoralizing. However, you also don't want to set goals that are easy to reach, because when you achieve something you did no effort for, it is very unsatisfying as well. So, the best balance is to set goals which are realistic but challenging. After A is R, which stands for relevant. The goal should obviously be relevant and should directly relate to your chosen pathway to success. If your goals do not relate and are not aligned, you will simply waste your time and even your life. Last but not least, your goals should be time-bound. In other words, all of your goals should have a deadline, as this will help you in achieving more quickly and will increase your sense of urgency. Once you have done all this, you have succeeded in planning and breaking down your goal.

The fourth step after planning is to actually work towards it. Hopefully, the planning has carved a path that you can easily walk on. Thinking about different ways to achieve your goal is a great way to increase your likelihood of success. If it does not go your way, sometimes it helps to reread your written goal and change perspectives, or sometimes, you have to simply persevere. Remember that working towards your goal relies heavily on the planning. If the planning step is done well, you have pretty much achieved half of your goal already. Last but not least, when you finally reach your goal, take time to enjoy it and thank those who helped you. The feeling of having accomplished something is refreshing as well as motivating to do more. Contemplate on what you learned along the way and think about what your next goal might be.

If you follow these simple but helpful steps with utmost dedication and devotion, I guarantee that you will accomplish success in no time. First, decide on a goal or find something you want to work towards. Then, write it down or tell someone about it. Next, plan and break down your goal using the SMART goals. Finally, work towards your goal and then celebrate when you've achieved it. Something I wanted to do with the help of this essay was to inform, if not remind you, of a helpful design to create organized and stable goals. Goal-setting is something that I am pretty sure is meaningful as well as very useful to you, and I hope you will use it in the future to bring yourself closer to success.

## **National Simplify Your Life Week**

By: Anaya Cambridge

National "Simply your Life Week" happens every August and it encourages us to organize our lives right before school starts back up again. Most of us don't have time to put together a schedule or even stick to it. We commit to several social activities each week; there isn't time to "declutter" our living space and mental state. This holiday gives us a few ideas on how to simplify a few things in our daily lives. One example is preparing the day prior. In the morning, we most often don't want to get up, so we just throw everything (clothes, breakfast, backpack) together and rush out the door. The night before, pick out your clothes for the next day, have all your books or school work ready to go, and, if possible, prepare an actual healthy breakfast the night before or the next day. Overnight oats is one of my personal favorite go-to breakfast meals. Preparing ahead of time causes less stress, and you will have more time to enjoy the morning or complete any other chores before school. Decluttering your room is also a great way to simplify and de-stress your life a bit. A messy room reveals the state of mine the owner is in. Personally, I try to keep my room organized and tidy since it's where I do most of my school work. I can't focus if my room is a mess, so organization is a must. Lastly, I want to cover social media. We tend to be glued to our phones, and the day ends up unproductive, especially when procrastinating. A tip to break this habit is the 30-minute rule. Turn off or mute your phone and focus on your work for 30 minutes. If you need a break, then go ahead and enjoy the break once the 30 minutes are up, but most of the time your mind is already in the mode to keep working. This method has saved me multiple times when I just want to binge animal crossing videos. These are just a few tips, but feel free to make up your own or look up something better fitted for yourself. Remember, enjoy this week and make the best of it. Your life will be a little less chaotic.

## **Join the Speech and Debate Club!**

### Who are we?

We are the Speech and Debate club! We meet twice a month on Moodle, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. Joining us is a perfect opportunity to get involved with your school and help improve college resumes! The club is open to everyone from grades 7-12, and there are no prerequisites nor any qualifications needed to join.

The Speech and Debate club will help members refine communication skills and prepare students for real-life situations such as presentations, speeches, debates, etc. in a fun social environment. Friendly competitions such as mock trials, debates, and interviews are held alternately during our meetings.

We will post our next meeting platform in our September Tiger Tribune. You can feel free to drop by to check our club out! **All are welcome!**

### How to Join:

Joining us is very easy!

1. simply send us an email at [cwcsspeechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:cwcsspeechanddebate@gmail.com)!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email us at [cwcsspeechanddebate@gmail.com](mailto:cwcsspeechanddebate@gmail.com) or email our advisor, Mrs. Matranga, at [tmatranga@cwcharter.org](mailto:tmatranga@cwcharter.org).

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