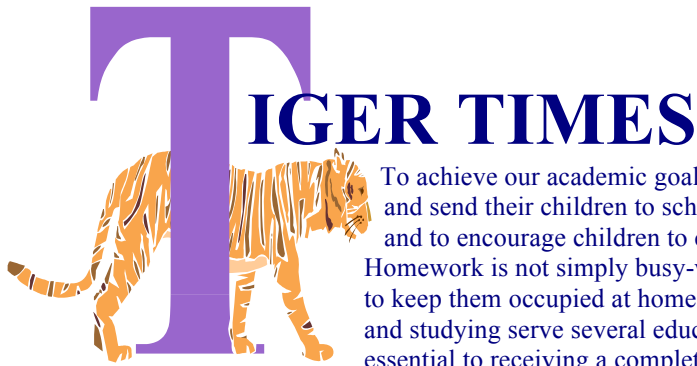


Manor House School Newsletter

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To achieve our academic goals, we request parents to try and send their children to school as much as possible and to encourage children to complete their homework. Homework is not simply busy-work assigned to children to keep them occupied at home. Homework assignments and studying serve several educational needs that are essential to receiving a complete education. They provide an opportunity for children to develop self-discipline, study habits, and time management skills.

Parents can help kids succeed at homework by setting aside a specific time every day to make homework part of a child's daily routine. Find a quiet and distraction-free area that your child can use when doing his or her homework. Review homework assignments with children and provide support and guidance, but be sure not to do the work for them. If assignments are unclear, communicate with the teacher and ask questions. Keep all supplies students may need at home. Most importantly, parents should provide constant support and encouragement. Demonstrate to children how important homework is by taking an interest and guiding them.

We need you to be a partner in the process of learning: You can also make a valuable difference in these ways:

- € Help your child get enough sleep.
- € Help your child get to school on time.
- € Check the planner daily.
- € Listen to your child read each day.
- € Encourage and believe in your child's abilities.



Dates to Remember:

- November 25:** Some Thanksgiving fun in class and Tiger Awards!
- November 26:** Thanksgiving holiday (no school)
- November 27:** Eid Vacation. School resumes on Tuesday, December 1st.

QUARTER TESTS

Quarter Tests (for grades 3-5) will be scheduled to take place from November 22nd – November 25th. These tests will carry 40% of each student's quarter grade. Stay tuned for the schedule.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween was a great success! The students wore amazing costumes and storytime in the 'graveyard' was wonderful. A special thanks to Ms. Aisha, Ms. Anne, Ms. Sherine, Ms. Batool, Ms. Radwa and Captain Mohamed for



TIGER AWARD

The Tiger awards will be distributed on **Wednesday, Nov. 25th** during recess. The Manor House School Tiger Award is rewarded to students who comply with the following points:

- Homework completion
- Speaking in English during school hours
- Respect for teachers, classmates and rules
- Completion of class-work on time and neatly
- Proper uniform attire



REMINDERS

Manor House American school does not provide late busing for students staying for the after school tutoring or after school activities. Students staying for the **after school tutoring on Sunday/ Monday** or for the **after school activities on Tuesday** need to be picked up promptly at **2:45 p.m.** We provide no supervision after 3:00 pm.

School lunch money must be sent in on Wednesday to ensure that your child will receive lunch for the following week. Any late lunch money will not be accepted.

NO MOBILE PHONES ALLOWED. Mobile phones will be confiscated if found.

MHS has a "hands-off" policy. This policy stresses no touching, pushing or hitting as a means of resolving conflict. Rather, we hope to encourage our students to settle differences peacefully and to get along with their peers. When a conflict occurs, please encourage your child(ren) to follow the following conflict resolution strategies:

- 1) Ignore
- 2) Ask offender to stop
- 3) Tell an adult

Most importantly, fighting is a major offense and violent overly aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. "Play fighting" is also not allowed. Please talk with your child about these issues to ensure a safe and positive environment for all our students

