



## Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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# And so it begins...

#STAYCONNECTED&ENGAGED



by **Amber Houston** on August 21, 2017

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We have had an amazing show of respect and character here on campus. The ROAR matrix has been adhered to in so many ways! I have had seen kids throwing away trash, being kind, returning lost items and participating in class. As a school we have been recognizing some of these student through Student of the Day, which a letter comes home as well as the student name on marquee. It is awesome to be greeted by friendly faces, high fives and positive attitudes! We must keep this energy all year.

You may have noticed that many of our activities are starting! Athletic sign ups, Robotics, Choir, Band and many more just to name a few! Make sure you check and connect with your student to make sure he/she is engaged and getting involved with the fun and meaningful activities here at Lexington!

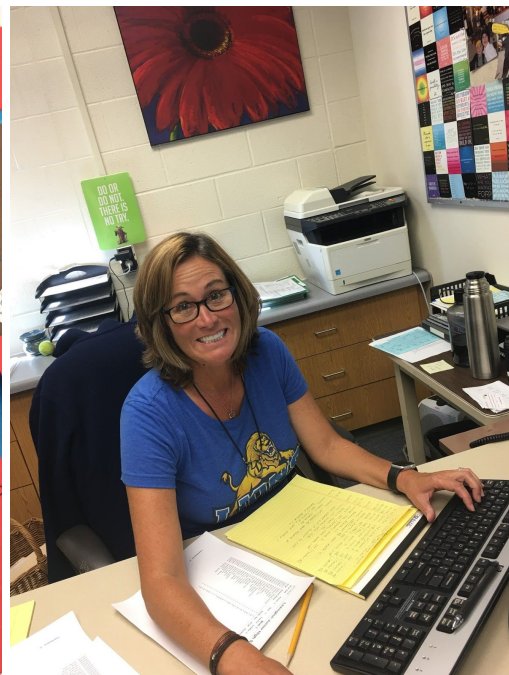
Parents it is time for you to get involved too! We had over 150 people at our first coffee chat! It was a great morning of growing this village we are part of! In case you missed it, I will be posting on our website.

Lexington's enrollment has grown immensely this past year-in fact, district is supporting us with another teacher. With this in mind, we will be rebalancing our master schedule and it will affect roughly 300 students and some room changes. Our hopes is to have it all finalized by Back to School Night so you are meeting the accurate teacher. These changes will begin Monday. I know it will cause a bit of discomfort, however, it is lowering class sizes significantly.

*Health classes promoting good habits.*



*Counselor Ms. Gjem changing schedules.*



## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

### **We are BRINGING COLOR TO THE RUN #Funrun2017**

FunRun has been changed to Friday, October 13th this year because it will be a COLOR run! We would like to thank you for all the donations we received at registration! But, we still have a long way to go! At Lexington, we do one annual fundraiser for the entire year that is so much fun and raises funds that go directly back to our students and classrooms! We welcome any donations, time and volunteerism for this fun and out of this world event!

Stay tuned there will be tons of information coming very soon!



### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AUGUST 24TH: Eat and Greet**

Our annual Back to School Night is a perfect time to meet your student's teachers, learn about classroom expectations and meet other parents. This night is not to be missed. We will start in the quad with announcements at 5:30pm. Parking will be on the fields, so allow for extra time to get in our parking lot, directed to fields and walk in. You will enter at our front gate by the bike racks. ASB will be selling a variety of snacks!!! Come after work, and have some food with us before we walk!

**LEXINGTON JUNIOR HIGH  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT**

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

5:00 to 5:30 PM	Aeries Support: Library with Counselors
5:00 to 6:00 PM	Boys/Girls Club + Cypress Parks and Rec Tables
5:00 to 5:15 PM	EL Meeting in room 508
5:30 to 5:45 PM	Introduction of PTSA and Staff: Quad
5:45 to 5:55 PM	FunRaiser Information: Quad
6:00 to 7:44 PM	Classroom Visitations

**Parents - Please ask your student to write his or her schedule on the form below.**

***Student ID #:***

<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
1	6:00 -- 6:10PM AUHSD video presentation in the first period class			
1	6:10 – 6:20 PM teacher presentation			
2	6:24 -- 6:34 PM			
3	6:38 – 6:48 PM			
4	6:52 - 7:02 PM			
5	7:06 - 7:16 PM			
6	7:20 - 7:30 PM			
7	7:34 – 7:44 PM			

**Make sure to support our school's FUN-RAISER!  
Don't miss the goodies for sale in front of Room 303!**



# August 25th Back to School Dance and Celebration Day



On August 25th, the school will be on a modified schedule to celebrate the 2017-2018 school year. Our ASB will be hosting an all school dance in the MPR with amazing activities taking place in the quad. Students will go to periods 1-5, lunch, and then periods 6 and 7. The celebration will take place from 1:10 until 2:10. All backpacks will be left in the 7th period classes. At 2:10, students

will return to their **7th** period classes until the final bell rings. The schedule and job duties are below and on the back of this sheet.

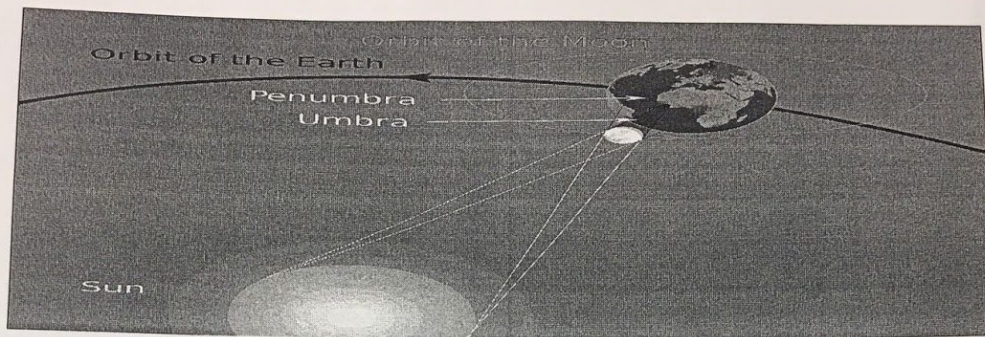
## Schedule

7:55-8:37	First Period and Announcements
8:37-8:41	passing
8:41-9:16	Second Period
9:16-9:20	passing
9:20-9:55	Third Period
9:55-9:59	passing
9:59-10:34	Fourth Period
10:34-10:38	passing
10:38-11:13	Fifth Period
11:13-11:43	Lunch
11:43-11:47	passing
11:47-12:22	Sixth Period
12:22-12:26	passing
12:26-1:01	Seventh period
1:01 -1:05	passing to <b><u>7th period classes</u></b>
1:05 -1:10	Prep and Drop off backpacks
1:10 -2:10	Dance/Activities and Celebrate
2:10 -2:15	Passing back to 7th period class
2:20	Dismiss

# **SOLAR ECLIPSE**

A phone call was sent out last week, but Lexington is observing this once in a lifetime moment! Please remind you student on safety and not viewing directly into the sun/eclipse. Wear LEXing or college spirit gear as the OC Register will be here doing a story on our school!

## August 21st Solar Eclipse

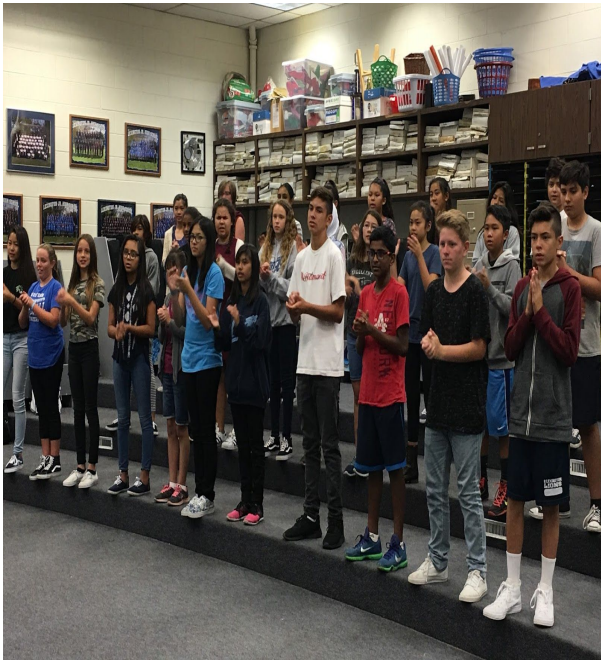


On August 21st, we will be on a modified schedule to allow students to view the Solar Eclipse. Right now, our science department is preparing students on safety issues and creating viewing tools. (Please see Mrs. Dunham for any questions) If you would like to take your classes outside to see the Solar Eclipse, please follow the schedule below. If you are staying in your room SSR will be 3rd period.

### Eclipse Bell Schedule for August 21st

		Start	End
Period 1		7:55	8:43
Period 2		8:48	9:31
Period 3 (includes SSR)		9:36	10:38
Solar Eclipse viewing and SSR)	No Bells Take Students Out	10:10	10:38
Period 4		10:43	11:26
Period 5		11:31	12:14
Lunch		12:14	12:44
Period 6		12:49	1:32
Period 7		1:37	2:20

# ROCK STAR TEACHERS



*Mrs. Batinga, Choir/Guitar*



*Mr. Graves, Band*

I would like to highlight two amazing teachers that go above and beyond not only in their discipline, but also in activities supporting our school! Being in the VAPA arena---there job requires so much time after the hours of 7:30-2:20pm. In only a week, I have stopped by their rooms and heard some amazing sounds! Both are award winning programs that both are very deserving. Ms. Batinga has coined the phrase, "Lexellence" which is exactly what she is! Mr. Graves is an advocate for music and students---which you clearly see in all he does! Thank you so much for bringing harmony to Lex!



# Upcoming Student Activities & Reminders

## ATHLETICS

- 1st quarter sports: Boys, Flag Football, Tennis. Girls, Volleyball. Practices have started after school until 4:00pm.
- Lunch time sports: we allow students to play football, basketball and sometimes tennis at lunch. Athletic equipment and balls must be put away in backpacks or lockers during school day.



## VAPA

- Band: The first Band Parent Orientation occurred this week with hundreds of parent volunteers committed to this awesome program. They are busy practicing for their first performance.



## MISC.

- Make-up ID/School pictures: 9/12 in PE classes.
- Club Rush Friday 9/1 at lunch in MPR.
- College shirts every MONDAY and Lexington spirit gear every FRIDAY.



# Upcoming Parent Information & Events

- Homework club after school daily!
- Coffee chat presentation is on our website.
- Monday memos are posted on the website now too.
- Aeries Loop instructions are attached to this email.
- Mondays are college attire day, Fridays are Lexington spirit attire.
- Welcome Back Dance for students, Friday August 25 Period 6/7.
- ASI (After School Intervention) is in full force!
- Back to School Night, Thursday, 8/24. Book Fair 8/28-31.
- PTSA Spiritwear: arrives in 2 weeks. PTSA will pass out before/after school. Dates: TBD. You can still order-forms in Registrar.
- **The Boys and Girls Club of Cypress** has an after school program with transportation to/from Lexington. Check it out! 714-527-2697



Hanging out with our students at the Boys and Girls Club!

I highly encourage you to consider their facility/services for after school supervision and activities for your child!

# Homework Club

When: Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30

Where: Library



- Need a quiet place to study?
- Do you need some help with a homework assignment or class project?
- Homework Club is available (for FREE!!!) to all students.
- A teacher is available to help each day.
- Students do not need to stay for the entire hour but will need to check in and out.

\*\* College and Career Ready--See you there Lions! \*\*



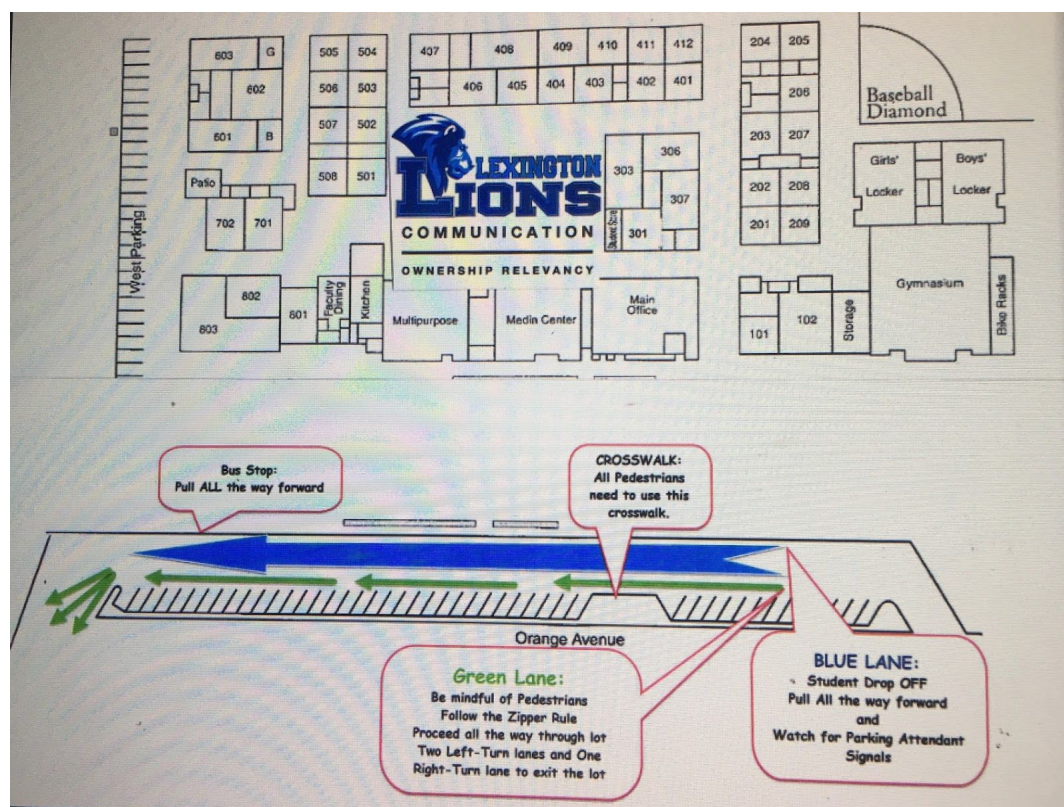
## Helpful Tips for Parking Lot:

- We encourage you to exercise alternative means of transporting your student to/from school.
- Drop students nearby at park or neighborhood and allow them to walk partly into campus.
- Bike, scooter and skateboard racks are provided for students.

- Have your student stay at Homework Club until traffic slows down.
- Find a walking group or a CARPOOL group.

**Remember:**

- There are two lanes that enter our parking lot from two directions on Orange Avenue.
- You may NOT drop your student from the left lane. This is very dangerous to your student's safety of moving cars in the right lane.
- Please do not walk around campus or sit in front of school while waiting for your student.
- You cannot park/stop on Orange to pick up or drop off your student.
- Pull all the way down to pick up your student.



**Office Management Reminders:**

Parents, if you need to pick up your student before the school day ends, we ask that you contact the attendance office one hour ahead of time or drop off a note in the morning. Your student will be sitting in the office at the requested time ready to go. In addition, please be mindful that we will not interrupt classes for lunches, and messages for your student. Again, we contact them during a passing period. This will limit the number of disruptions during each busy school day. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



## Community Announcements:

# Groovy 70'S DANCE

Tickets: \$10 Snacks: \$1  
7th & 8th Graders ONLY!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
6:00-9:00pm

**La Palma Community Center**  
7621 Walker Street

Tickets available the week of the dance and at the door.  
Limited Number of tickets.

Teens must be present to purchase ticket PLUS have a valid SCHOOL ID card stating their current grade! MUST have valid school ID and ticket to enter dance. Verification of student's ID through Aeries may be used in the absence of a student ID card.

For more information:  
Cypress: (714) 229-6780 [www.cypressrec.org](http://www.cypressrec.org)  
La Palma: (714) 690-3350 [www.cityoflapalma.org](http://www.cityoflapalma.org)

Cypress RECREATION  
La Palma Recreation & Community Services  
Cities of Cypress and La Palma Recreation and Community Services

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CYPRESS

Join us for fun & affordable

Monday-Friday **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** 2:00-6:30pm

Our Club programs offer:

- Health & Life Skills
- Daily Homework Help
- Sports, Fitness, & Recreation
- STEAM Enrichment
- Character Development

(714) 527-2697 | 10161 Moody Street, CA 90630  
[www.bgccypress.org](http://www.bgccypress.org)

Follow Us on:

the **CLUB FOR TEENS**

Join our teen program for the 2016-17 School Year!

- Career Development
- Homework Help
- STEAM Clubs and Classes
- Leadership Opportunities
- Community Excursions
- Club & Community Service

For more information, call 714-527-2697 or email [membership@bgccypress.org](mailto:membership@bgccypress.org)

\*\*Scholarships available for military and qualifying families\*\*

Transportation available from Lexington Jr. High for \$140/month (monthly program fee is waived if taking Club transportation)

Located at 10161 Moody St. in Cypress

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CYPRESS

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### FREE Online Tutoring & Homework Help

**HelpNow!** is an online resource that provides:

- Live tutoring from an expert tutor
- Expert writing assistance
- Skills building with lessons, videos, tests, and more
- Help with foreign languages
- Flashcards, tests, and games for studying

Live tutors are available Monday-Sunday 1:00 PM-10:00 PM  
<http://main.buenapark.ca.brainfuse.com/authenticate.asp?>

**Buena Park Library Resources**  
[http://buenapark.lib.ca.us/online\\_databases.php](http://buenapark.lib.ca.us/online_databases.php)

Includes:

- Public libraries for articles, essays, and documents
- Social Studies Fact Cards for Grades 4-8
- NovelList Plus for finding books to read
- Tuition Funding Sources to help students find scholarships and college and career information
- Points of View to help students develop their analytical thinking

**Khan Academy**  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

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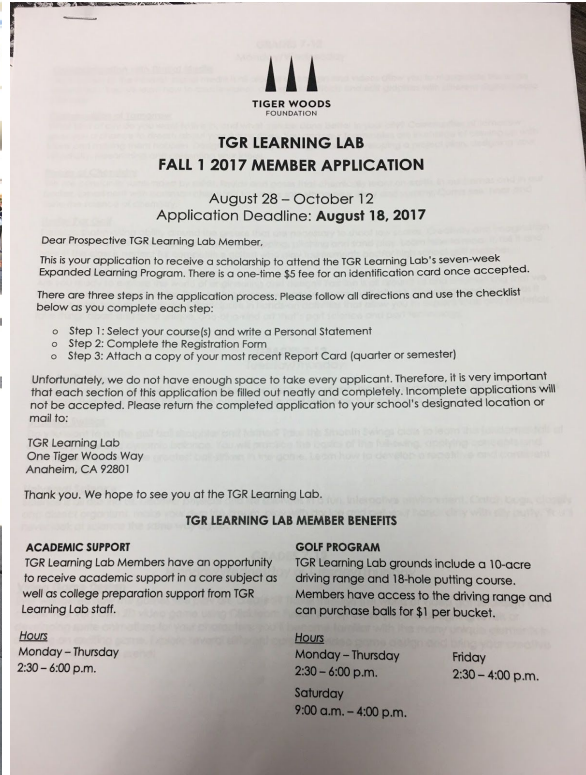
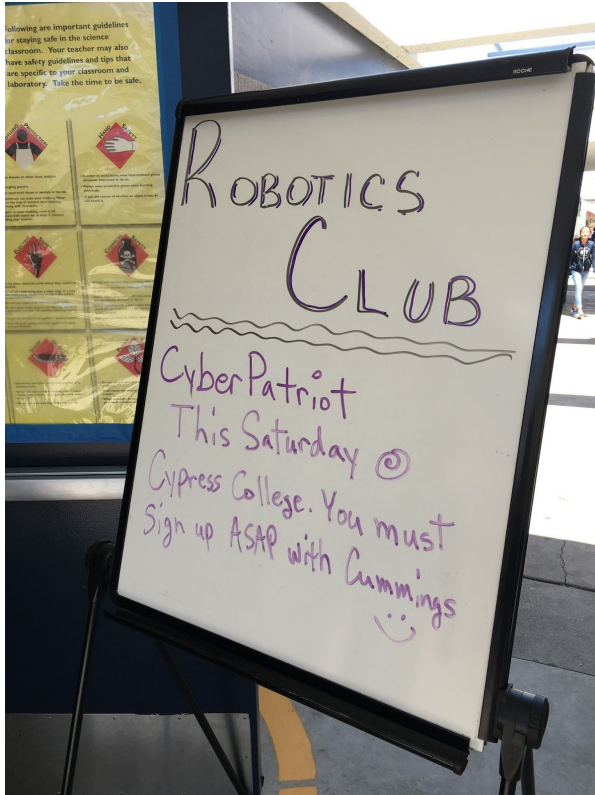
- Free online classes for Math, Science & Engineering, Computing, Arts & Humanities, and Economics & Finance
- 6 full SAT tests with test taking tips for FREE
- College admission help

**Crash Course**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse>

These are YouTube videos that make learning fun and easy! They help students learn concepts by using visuals and examples.

- Anatomy & Physiology, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Ecology, Economics, Government & Politics, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Intellectual Property, Literature, US History, World History, Big History, and Games





\*Remember, EVERY Monday is college attire---because in AUHSD we are College and Career Ready!

# Communication Ownership Relevancy

[Check out more information on our website!](#)



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