



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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Pick a club, any club..

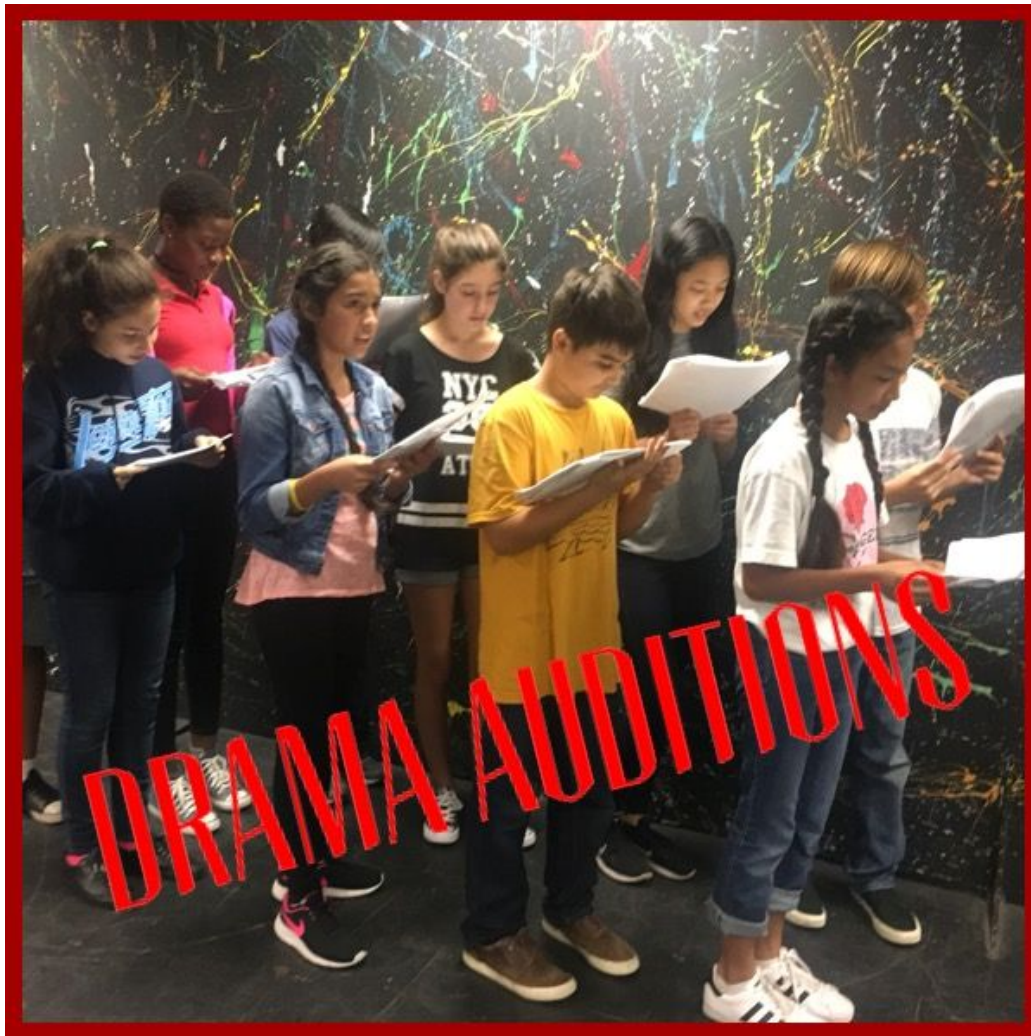
#COMEASYOUARE



by **Amber Houston** on September 4, 2017

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Busy is the new black! It is so valuable to keep your students engaged! When teenagers are engaged, feel like they belong, and have an outlet for their talents---they do better in school! We are lucky to be part of a district that values more than academics-but the whole child. At Lexington, we have more electives and clubs than any other junior high around. There is a place for everyone! School is at the heart of our community, and we love having our community share in these activities. Did you know that our ASB does our daily morning announcements, or that our newspaper class publishes monthly, and our VAPA (drama, choir, band) competes all over the county with dynamic performances? Yes--at Lexington relevancy is valued and part of our vision. Real world learning is being delivered to our students making them ready for life outside our school walls!



THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

Learning Walks

Something very cool that we do here in AUHSD are Learning Walks. We started off doing them with teachers as a way for them to see what others are doing in their classrooms on campus, and reflect on their own craft. We have extended it out to parents too! We had very successful walks last year and are extending that invitation out to parents again! It is from 9-12pm, and you will get a behind the scenes presentation on our learning objectives at Lexington and also visit over 10 classrooms to see your students and teachers in action. If you are interested in this opportunity-please contact Mrs. Bernhard our Lesson Design Coach and Math teacher. Bernhard_a@auhsd.us.

CLUB RUSH

We had a very successful lunchtime event showcasing all of our clubs on campus! Students were able to walk through display booths and sign up for clubs ranging from athletics, to the arts, to making robots! Thank you to all club advisors and especially Mr. Wardle who organized the event! It is not too late for your student to join a club---listen to morning announcements for meeting times!




LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2017

Our ASB and Yearbook class participated in the annual AUHSD leadership conference. The skills taught and talents fostered in this one day conference will show throughout our school year and thereafter! Way to go Mr. C and Ms. Hind!



ATTENDANCE awareness month

We will be starting Saturday Academies in September. September 16th will be our first opportunity. Anyone can attend, and it makes up for one excused absence. There is a sample ticket that will be available and sent home with your student the week before we will have one. There will also be blank tickets in the Attendance office for pick up! This is a great way to gain back an absence or attend for academic enrichment! We have certified teachers leading these enrichment days from 8-12 noon. Stay tuned!



Learning With Purpose
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College and Career Ready

Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

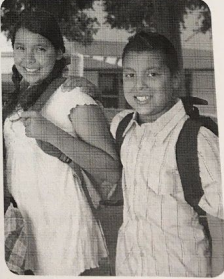
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged


- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.



www.attendanceworks.org
Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence



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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!



Home ec making IT COOL

Lexington is one of the few schools that still offer Home Ec. It is one of our most popular electives and one of the most rewarding for you parents! In this class, students learn the basics of cooking and cleaning---so next time you need your laundry done, put those kids to work and watch what they've learned! This past week, Ms. Harpst took to her recipe book and concocted refreshing smoothies to beat the heat! Healthy, cold and yummy! Teachers were very excited to get some of the products too!



MS HARPST'S
SERVING
UP
SMOOTHIES





Home Ec
"chills"
out



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

- Dance MPR 2:30pm daily.

MISC.

- Make-up ID/School pictures: 9/12 in PE classes.
- College shirts every MONDAY and Lexington spirit gear every FRIDAY.

Upcoming Parent Information & Events

- **Coffee Chat: come meet our FaCES (Community Liaison) and hear all about awesome ways to connect with the school and stay connected to your student.**
- **9/5, Tuesday at 9am in the Library.**
- **Late Start-EVERY Tuesday. See you tomorrow at 8:50am.**
- **Band Parent Meeting: 9/6/17 at 7pm.**
- **DRESS CODE:** Friendly reminder and clarification. No leggings (only if a shirt, dress, tunic or shorts are worn over them-length must be as long as the bottom of your students' finger tips if arms at side), no ripped/torn jeans, no shoulder exposure or tank tops.
- Homework club after school daily!
- ASI (After School Intervention) is in full force!
- PTSA Spiritwear: has arrived! Make sure your student picks it up!
- **The Boys and Girls Club of Cypress** has an after school program with transportation to/from Lexington. Check it out! 714-527-2697
- Parents-don't be alarmed if you see "dropped gradebook" it is all okay.

Dropped Gradebooks											
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Details	World Hist/Geo H	Fall Semester	7	Rice, G.	96.00	A		0	- - - - -	Aug 23	Dropped 08/18/2017



Lunch With A Lion

On Wednesday, Sept. 13th, we will have our annual lunch with a lion. At the event, you get to bring your child lunch and enjoy a great meal with them on the back field.

Our ASB department will be playing music, selling snacks and having fun raffle games.

If you are interested in coming, please fill out this form and return it to the main office by Sept. 11th. Each family member coming on campus will receive a bracelet for the event. If a person

Event: Lunch with a Lion
(your student)

Date and Time: Sept. 13th at
11:35 to 12:25

Items to Bring: Lunch for you and your
child, something to sit on and shade if needed.

Child's Name _____

Child's 5th Period Teacher _____

Parent's Name _____

Number of family members besides
student _____

**RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY Sept. 11th,
2017**

parking

on Field

Lexington Junior High School PTSA
4351 Orange Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630



Attention Lexington Students:

**It's time to enter this year's PTA Reflections Art Program!
Categories include: Dance Choreography, Film Production,
Photography, Literature, Music, and Visual Arts.**

Attached please find 1) the 'Official Rules' including specific requirements for all categories and 2) the 'Entry Form.'

★ The rules have been simplified on the "Official Rules" pages so there are no longer specific category rule pages nor is there a participation consent form this year.

Follow all rules, complete, and sign an entry form for each entry. Yes, you may submit as many entries in as many categories as you want!

All entries must be turned into the Lexington Main Office between Monday, September 11, and Friday, September 15. No entries will be accepted after September 15!

All participants will receive a certificate of recognition and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded. All 1st place entries will move onto the Anaheim Secondary Council competition. A Reflections Art Gallery and Reception to showcase all entries will be held on Thursday, October 19, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Cypress High School Media Center. Please attend!

Contact me if you have questions.

Be creative and have fun!

Judy Kraemer, PTSA Reflections Chairperson

Jkraemer99@icloud.com (714) 606-8704

Don't forget to join our PTSA!!!!



Homework Club

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

Where: Library

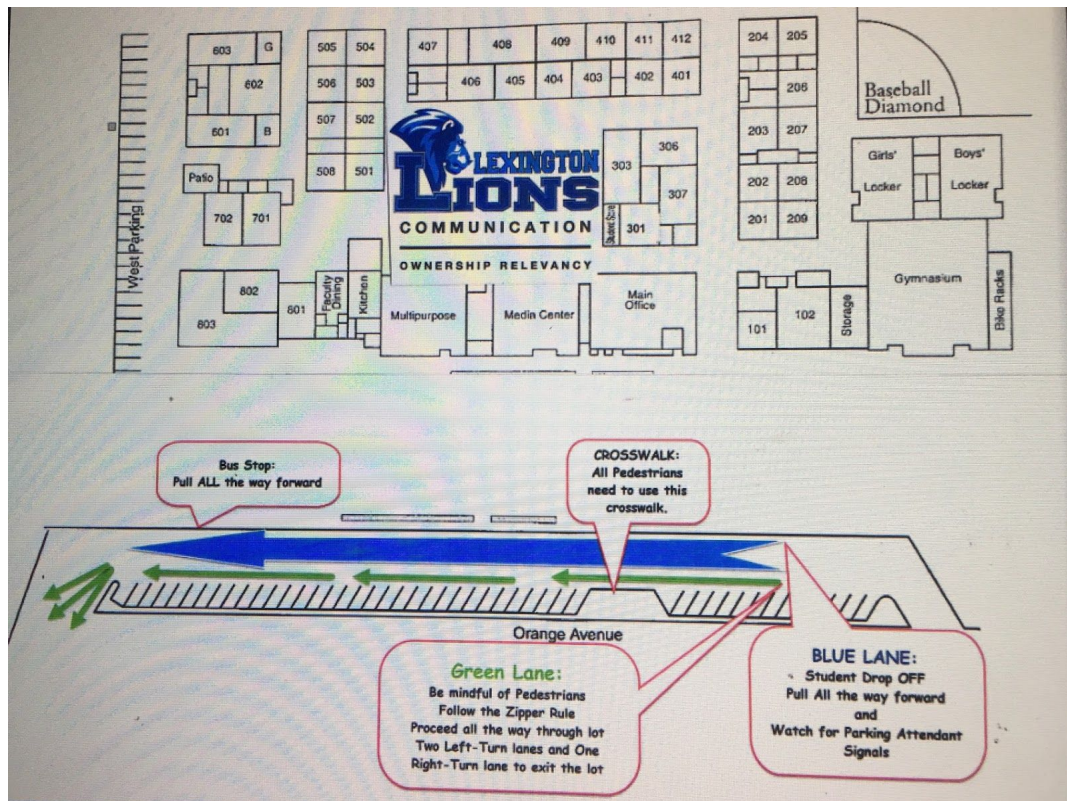


- Need a quiet place to study?
- Do you need some help with a homework assignment or class project?
- Homework Club is available (for FREE!!!) to all students.
- A teacher is available to help each day.
- Students do not need to stay for the entire hour but will need to check in and out.

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



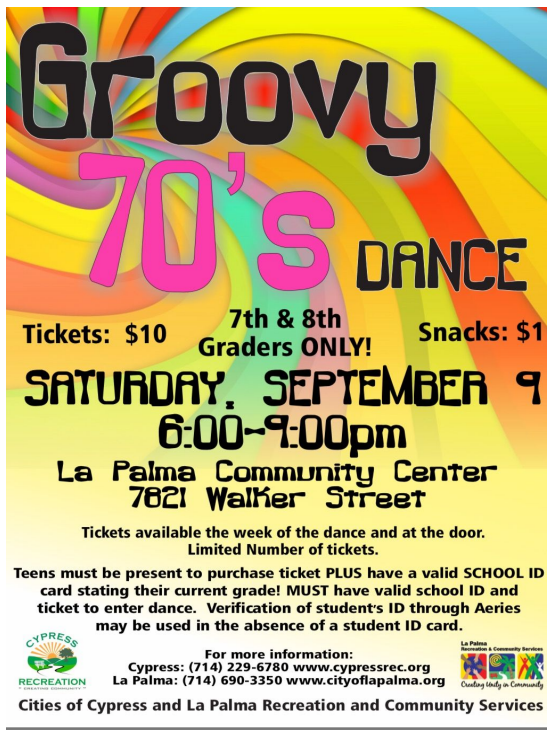
- There are two lanes that enter our parking lot from two directions on Orange Avenue.
- You may NOT drop your student from the left lane. This is very dangerous to your student's safety of moving cars in the right lane.
- Please do not walk around campus or sit in front of school while waiting for your 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 7th & 8th Snacks: \$1
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.

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Creating Unity in Community

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

Cities of Cypress and La Palma Recreation and Community Services



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Monday-Friday 2:00-6:30pm

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- Daily Homework Help
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the CLUB FOR TEENS

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

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

For more information, call 714-527-2697 or email 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

\$30/month program fee
\$50 registration fee

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

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/>

Includes:

- 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

Following are important guidelines for staying safe in the science classroom. Your teacher may also have safety guidelines and tips that are specific to your classroom and laboratory. Take the time to be safe.

ROBOTICS CLUB

CyberPatriot
 This Saturday @
 Cypress College. You must
 Sign up ASAP with Cummings

TIGER WOODS FOUNDATION

TGR LEARNING LAB FALL 1 2017 MEMBER APPLICATION

August 28 – October 12
 Application Deadline: **August 18, 2017**

Dear Prospective TGR Learning Lab Member,

This is your application to receive a scholarship to attend the TGR Learning Lab's seven-week Expanded Learning Program. There is a one-time \$5 fee for an identification card once accepted.

There are three steps in the application process. Please follow all directions and use the checklist below as you complete each step:

- Step 1: Select your course(s) and write a Personal Statement
- Step 2: Complete the Registration Form
- Step 3: Attach a copy of your most recent Report Card (quarter or semester)

Unfortunately, we do not have enough space to take every applicant. Therefore, it is very important that each section of this application be filled out neatly and completely. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please return the completed application to your school's designated location or mail to:

TGR Learning Lab
 One Tiger Woods Way
 Anaheim, CA 92801

Thank you. We hope to see you at the TGR Learning Lab.

TGR LEARNING LAB MEMBER BENEFITS

ACADEMIC SUPPORT TGR Learning Lab Members have an opportunity to receive academic support in a core subject as well as college preparation support from TGR Learning Lab staff.	GOLF PROGRAM TGR Learning Lab grounds include a 10-acre driving range and 18-hole putting course. Members have access to the driving range and can purchase balls for \$1 per bucket.
Hours Monday – Thursday 2:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Hours Monday – Thursday 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Friday 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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