



**Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo**

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# The City of Cypress...

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by **Amber Houston** on October 23, 2017

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Everyday when I drive up to our school, I feel an enormous sense of pride, respect and humility in getting to serve this great city and community. On Thursday we walked to our Denni fence to show respect for our fallen Cypress police officer. There are no words that can express the moment of peace and reverence displayed by over 1500 people standing in honor. It again, reminds me of the important lessons we have to share with our students beyond the classroom. Thank you Officer Ward for always being a friend to Lexington.



## Important Upcoming Dates:

- Parent Night: The Coffee Chat was so popular we will host a night event for those of you who missed it. A-G, College and HS info Wednesday, 10/25 @ 6pm Library.
- Parent Academy: Monday October 23 6:30pm-8:00pm @Kennedy HS.
- College & Career Fair Tuesday, October 24 at Anaheim Convention Center.
- PTSA Meeting Thursday, October 26 @RuondTabe Pizza 7pm.
- Halloween Dance Friday October 28, 2:30-4:00pm.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

### **"FUN"raiser 2017**

We came, we saw, we ran! What a fun day! Another huge thank you to all students and families that donated and participated. We had over 40 parents helping in all areas of the day! Again, this is our only fundraiser all year and provides ALL departments and ALL students with so many benefits to create dynamic learning experiences and meaningful opportunities to grow! I would also like to give a shout out to Cypress PD, Cypress City Council and our Foundation Board along with ALL our teachers who step up and volunteer endless hours of time and energy to put on this annual event!

Here are our totals

\$73,627.56

# of Students Participated:  $947/1462=64.8\%$



















## **FIT TIP FRIDAYS**

Part of our vision is RELEVANCY---so as a staff we strive to make our lessons meaningful to students. We encourage lifelong learning and skills that students can apply to their life. Our awesome 7th grade PE team led by Ms, Shandy have developed a civic learning assignment entitled Fit Tip Friday. Living a healthy lifestyle comes from making healthy choices, which starts by educating ourselves on what healthy choices are vs. unhealthy ones. Once we know the difference we can make decisions based upon our knowledge of the topic. It is our goal at Lexington to help students become informed on the topics of health and wellness, and to help inform each other, our school community, and our friends and families as to what a healthy choice looks like.

Our Fit Tip Friday student lead learner selected for the past two weeks are: Jaxon Tanielu.

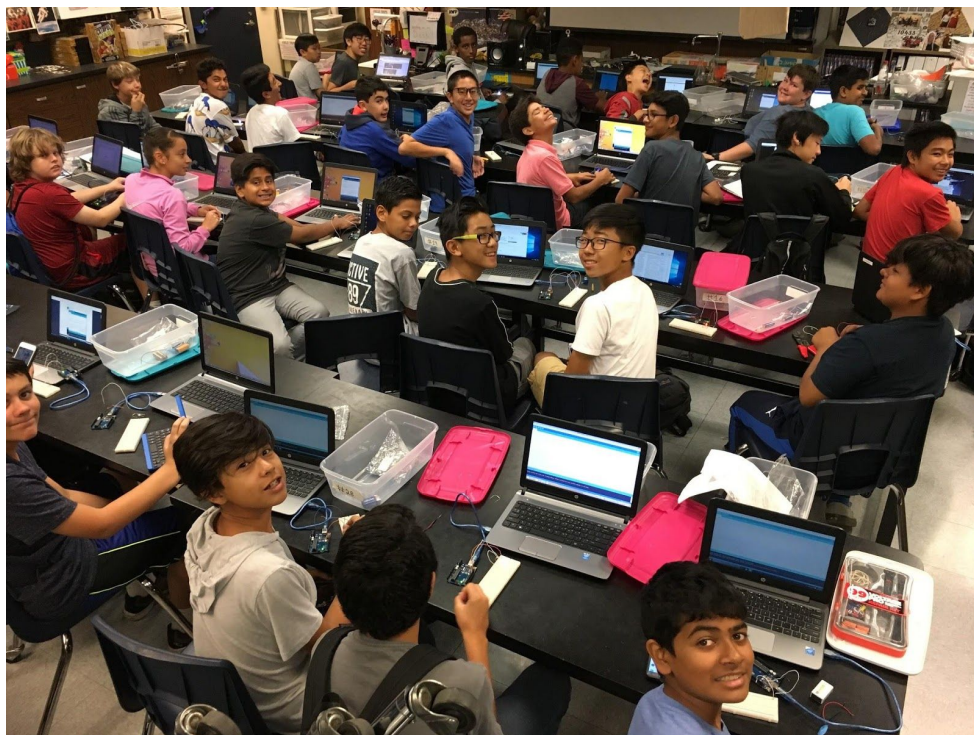
His fit tip was read on the morning announcements---Way to go kids!



## **SPOTLIGHT ON STEM**

STEM Robotics class running a circuit with a LED, resistor, breadboard, and jumpers on an Arduino UNO micro-controller. The kids are programming in C++ and learning the circuit and then changing the blink rate!

Engaged & Learning....and...having fun!!!



## **SPELLING BEE**

We had our Lexington Spelling Bee this past week-with over 50 contenders, we narrowed it down to our top three who will be moving onto District's Spelling Bee in December. Congratulations! Our annual spelling bee is sponsored by our Cypress Kiwanis who provide medals, refreshments and their presence!

### **7th Grade:**

1st place: Shruti Singh

2nd place: Viren Mehta

3rd place: Aaliyah Joo

### **8th Grade:**

1st place: Calixto Alvarez

2nd place: Clarissa Molina

3rd place: Randy Aboya



7TH GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS



8TH GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS





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## PE FITNESS GOALS

7th grade PE classes were busy today working on the components of fitness by creating fitness goals. We will not all be natural athletes or enjoy exercise, but our awesome PE teachers are teaching them to learn how to set short and long term goals to being healthier and more fit---not to mention, lifelong skills relating to health and wellness.

# SMART • GOALS •



## **Parent Learning Walk**

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. These Learning Walks are such a hit that we have extended it out to parents too! We had very successful walk this past week for our Korean speaking parents. Mr. Pfeiffer, our assistant principal, did a great job hosting our families and giving them a glimpse of how to support their students in junior high school.





## **THE Great SHAKEOUT/LOCKDOWN DRILL**

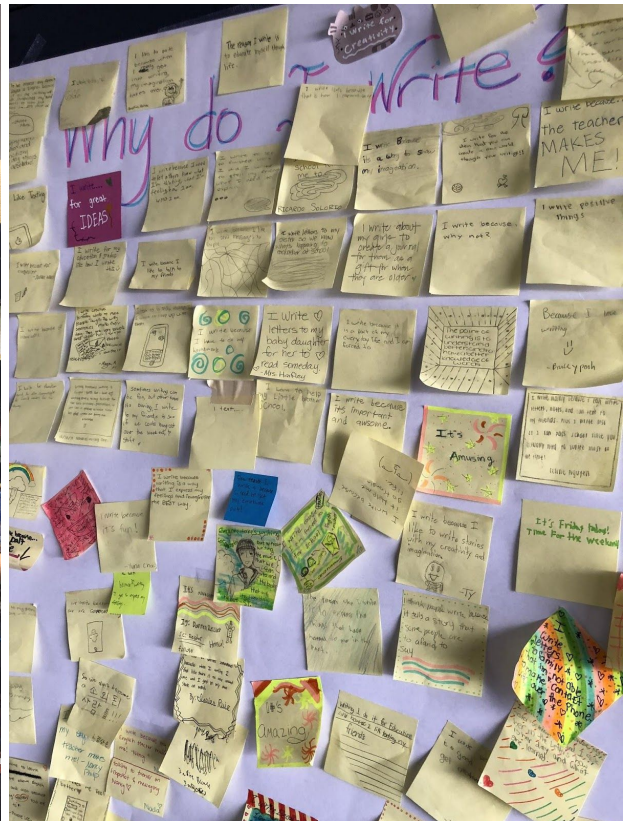
We participated in California's Great Shake out this past week, on 10/19 @ 10:19am. We had every single one of our Lexington family members out there and accounted for in under 20 minutes. We also did a lockdown drill as well. Please review with your student what to do in case of an emergency.



## **NATIONAL DAY OF WRITING**

Our ELA department celebrated the National Day of Writing on Friday---in honor of writing we dressed in PJ's---students also participated in sticky note and Flip o'gram app of "Why I write". Check it out on our facebook page!





## **ASB and TUPE**

Mrs. Dunham and Mr. Cornelius have put together some fun for our students next week to celebrate Red Ribbon Week---and being drug and alcohol free! Don't forget to have your student show their school spirit!



## **Relection winners PTsa**

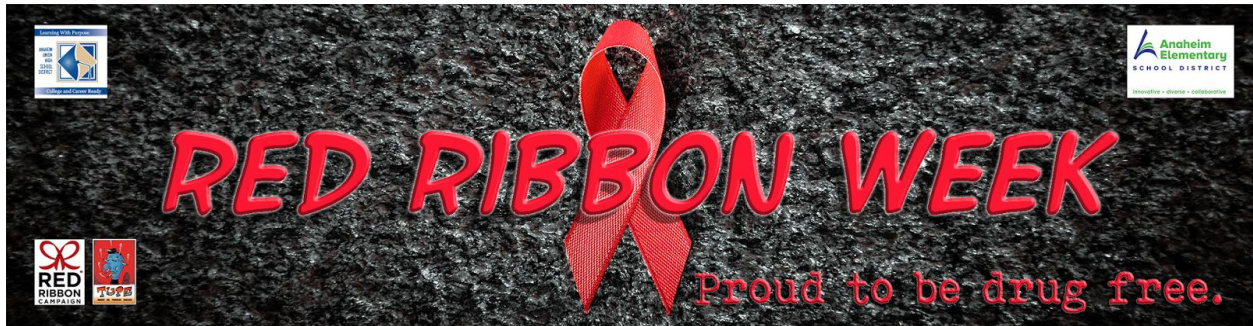
A huge thank you to Judy Kraemer and our Lexington PTSA for our 2017 Reflection Contest. We had the most entries of all schools. Our top winners will move on to the district level and onto county. We had an award showcase at Cypress High School this past week displaying all entries with the theme, "Within Reach".

Congratulations! And an extra thank you to Caroline Kraemer for the pictures below (which were way better than mine:).





# Upcoming Student Activities & Reminders



**District Announcements:**

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

9th ANNUAL DISTRICT-WIDE

Learning With Purpose  
ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
College and Career Ready

# COLLEGE & CAREER Fair

**TUESDAY**  
**OCT 24 2017**  
**5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER**

**FREE ADMISSION & PARKING**

**FREE SHUTTLE BUSES**

**TRANSPORTATION TIMELINE**  
*\*Shuttle Busses start at times shown below and run every 40 minutes. Last bus will leave the Convention Center at 9:15 pm.*

LOCATION	FIRST PICK-UP TIME
Cypress HS circle drive	4:45 P.M.
Kennedy HS parking lot	4:45 P.M.
Ponderosa Park	5:00 P.M.
Savanna HS circle drive	5:00 P.M.
Western HS	5:00 P.M.
Katella HS parking lot	5:15 P.M.
Loara HS circle drive	5:15 P.M.
Magnolia HS circle drive	5:15 P.M.
Anaheim HS parking lot	5:30 P.M.

Visit [www.auhsd.us](http://www.auhsd.us) if your institution is interested in being a participant, go to the College and Career page under "Quick Links" to sign up to be a participant.



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