



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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This is Halloween...

#JACK.O.'CORNELIUS



by **Amber Houston** on October 30, 2017

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Who needs Halloween Haunt when you have the Great Jack O' Cornelius?! Here at Lexington we are pretty darn good---good grades, good test scores, good kids, good teachers, good activities....HOWEVER, we always strive to be better! That is what I love about our school---we never settle for status quo---we are always pushing to be better! And Mr. Cornelius thinks the same way continually shaping our school culture with his activities of unity, positivity and let's face it-FUN! After all, it is junior high school! We had a wonderful Halloween Dance, carnival, and MAZE! I so appreciate your PTSA and parent volunteers who happily gave their time and generous donations of snow cones, pop corn, candy and drinks! I would like to recognize our teachers who instead of dodging out on a Friday-stuck around to supervise, dress up, and hang with our students building positive relationships of knowing our kids! This is the good stuff folks---I don't take it for granted one day that I get to humbly serve this great community. Thank you for your support...and spirit!





Important Upcoming Dates:

- Students may dress up: dress code appropriate on Tuesday, October 31st. No weapons or masks.
- Parent Leadership Academy @KPAC 10/30.
- Band Spectacular, Wednesday 11/1 @Glover Stadium.
- Dia de los Muertos, Thursday 11/2 MPR.
- Parent Learning Walk 11/2.
- Coffee Chat, Mental Health Tuesday 11/7 @9am.
- ELAC Meeting, Tuesday 11/7 @10am.
- Parent Leadership Academy @KPAC 11/7.
- Drama Fall Show: 11/8,11/9.
- No School Friday 11/10.

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

Parent Academy

The first group of Lexington Jr. High parents attending the Parent Leadership Academy are more than halfway through a 7 week series of parent to parent workshops! These workshops are being held in English, Korean and Spanish, and in conjunction with Kennedy High, Cypress High and Walker Jr. High. The Parent Leadership Academy was created by AUHSD to provide parents with college and career readiness tools that will help empower them and enhance their student's academic achievement. Parents attending have learned about technology in education, high school graduation requirements, A-G requirements, the 4 systems of higher education, the importance of parent involvement and supporting learning at home. Keep an eye out for information on the next session starting up in the Spring.



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 week is: Alexa Lara!

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



RED RIBBON WEEK

ASB and TUPE advisors coordinated a week of information on Drug and Alcohol related facts and spirit fun for being DRUG free!

Here are some pictures from our week!



Sports Jerseys



College Wear



Red Day



Hat Day



Pink for Breast Cancer

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Our dynamic Home Ec teacher, Mrs. Harpst gave some of her advanced students a relevant task of catering our SPSA Peer Review with district leaders. I am so honored that our students planned, prepared and presented the food for this presentation. They all gave up their own lunches to work on this spread including bruschetta and capri salad as well as Muddy Buddies! This is real life skills in action folks! Thank you again to the following:

Kobe Nunez, Nicole Mungai, Tessa Brieger, Kathryn Schwab, Melanie LaBurn, Jayde Cabral, Mackenzie Cash, Emilyn Sawyer, Luke Sparks, Jacob Rothery, and Esmeralda Alba





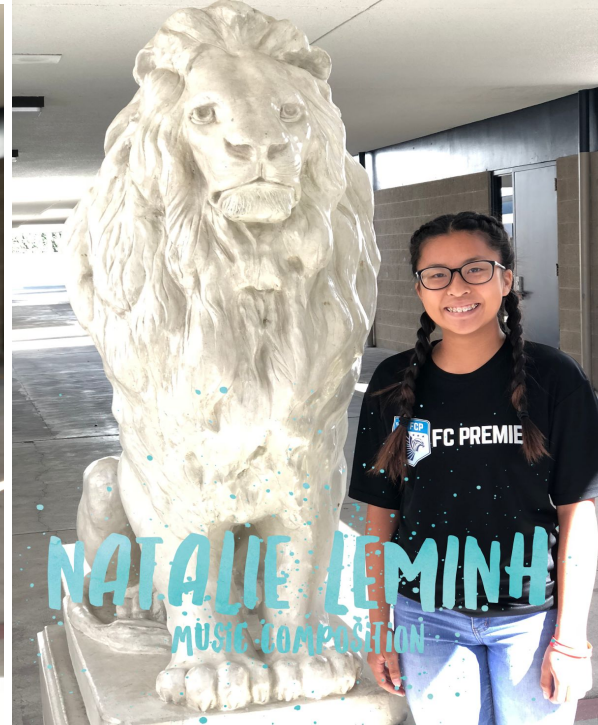
ART GOALS

Mr. Coombs, our art teacher, has been busy preparing for the next district show. Come by our display case in the Library to check out the best of the best!



PTSA REFLECTION TOP WINNERS

Please congratulate the following students for their excellence in our 2017 PTSA Reflections Contest. They will be moving on to district level representing Lexington Junior High School in the following categories below.





A-G COLLEGE and career ready

We wrapped up our College and Career unit with our students this past week-where counselors visited every classroom with lessons on how to be ready for high, college and career. Students took career aptitude tests, started their 6-year plan, explored college/careers, and heard about our Anaheim Pledge. This was backed up with two presentations for parents as well. District held their annual College Fair at Anaheim Convention Center as well. AUHSD prepares kids for life beyond our district because they put students first. If you don't know about these things---call us! We would love to talk with you! Stay tuned for more college fun with our LEXpectations coming next month! And a huge congrats to Caroline Kraemer who won our A-G song contest!



LION TIME

Did you know that our administration, counselors, and MTSS teacher, Mrs. Mai, service around 65 students everyday in Lion Time. This time is dedicated to assisting students with homework, classwork and skills to succeed in school. This is a great intervention for students. We switch this group every quarter. We have found that with this extra 20 minutes of support, it has assisted in growing students academically.



BEST BUDDIES

Best Buddies had a Fall Festival Party on Wednesday. Best Buddies is a social club that meets at lunchtime on Wednesdays and is designed to promote positive interactions between students on campus. It includes both general education students and special education students. This was the first time the students have had a chance to socialize with their Buddy pairs since they were matched. The Best Buddy officers organized the party with food brought by the students and served by the officers. The officers also organized and led the students in a game.



NEWSPAPER-LEXINGTON TIMES

Last week, the school newspaper staff released the year's first issue of the Lexington Times. Articles in the issue touched on various topics such as campus news, student opinions, food reviews, movie previews, book reviews, comic strips, and technology. Currently, the newspaper staff is in the works on a second issue that will come out before Thanksgiving break! -Rebecca Choe, staff Lexington Times.



dance

Dance, under the leadership of Ms.Stewart, rocked it out again at lunch performing “Thriller”. Did you know we are the only junior high with a dance program...yep! It was a spooky and smashing performance that gets everyone in the Halloween spirit each year! Thank you Dance!







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