



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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Civic Learning...

#ELECTION2017



by **Amber Houston** on November 13, 2017

You may have noticed your 8th grader working on a project about propaganda and political candidates. Well, it cultivated into a day of activity and campaigns in our MPR! I personally walked through these awesome campaign projects for the next president. Some of them went all out with treats, buttons, shirts, posters and commercials! A huge kudos to our history team that made this content relevant!!! Civic and democracy learning! The following day they participated in actually voting for each candidate and here are the results:

PERIOD 1: JOHN LEGEND

PERIOD 2: MICHELLE OBAMA

PERIOD 3: BILL GATES

PERIOD 4: LEONARDO DICAPRIO

PERIOD 5: JOHN CENA

PERIOD 6: OPRAH WINFREY

PERIOD 7: MICHELLE OBAMA





Important Upcoming Dates:

- Parent Leadership Academy @KPAC 11/14.
- SSC 11/14 in Library Conference Room 3pm.
- Band Show, this Thursday 11/16 Gym.
- Choir Announcements:
 - November 29 - Advanced Choir sings at Knott's Berry Farm
 - December 5 - Lexington Velocity Show Choir sings at Cypress Tree Lighting
 - December 13 - Choir/Guitar Winter Shows - 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

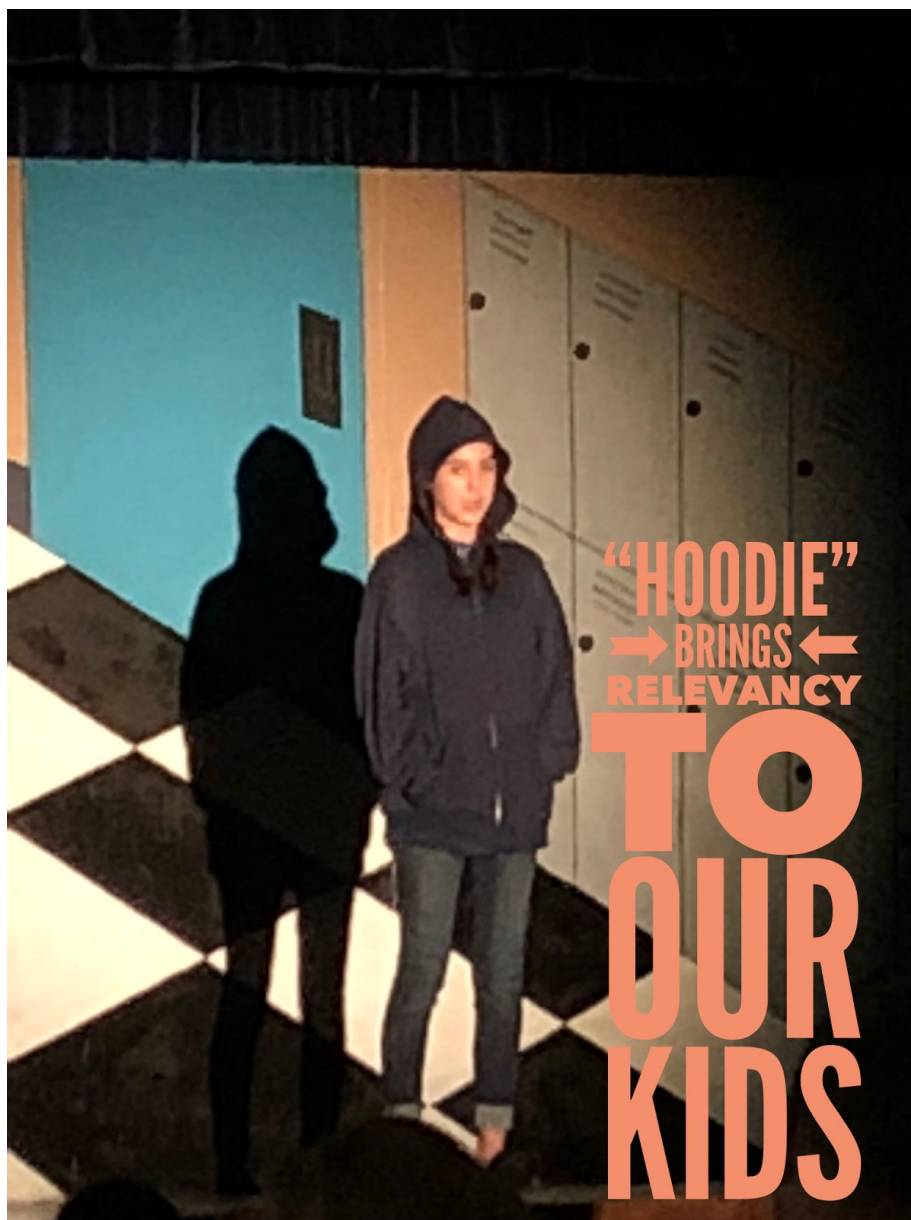
Office Reminders:

- Bikes and Boards must be locked in our bike rack area. Detentions will be assigned starting Monday if left without lock.
- Please do not block our school driveway-our busses and emergency vehicles need that clear to enter.
- Adhere to all safety and traffic laws in and around our school.
- No School: November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break.

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

Drama Presents HOODIE

Under the direction of Mr. Wardle, Drama II nailed a dynamic show entitled, "Hoodie". This coming to age tale was relevant and funny for all ages of the audience. A great lesson on encouraging teenagers to be themselves! Stagecraft designed awesome sets and did the sound, lighting and backstage too! I love that Mr. Wardle encompasses all aspects of drama and theater---from stage hands, to the box office, to costuming, and actors/actresses---this is real stuff folks! And your students get to learn all about it!





BAND HONORS our veterans

At Lexington we value the arts---so much that our teachers are dedicated to outreach and connecting to our feeder elementary schools by not only performing, but sometimes even mentoring the future lions! This past week, Mr. Graves took his students to Arnold Elementary School to honor our veterans in a meaningful and beautiful performance.



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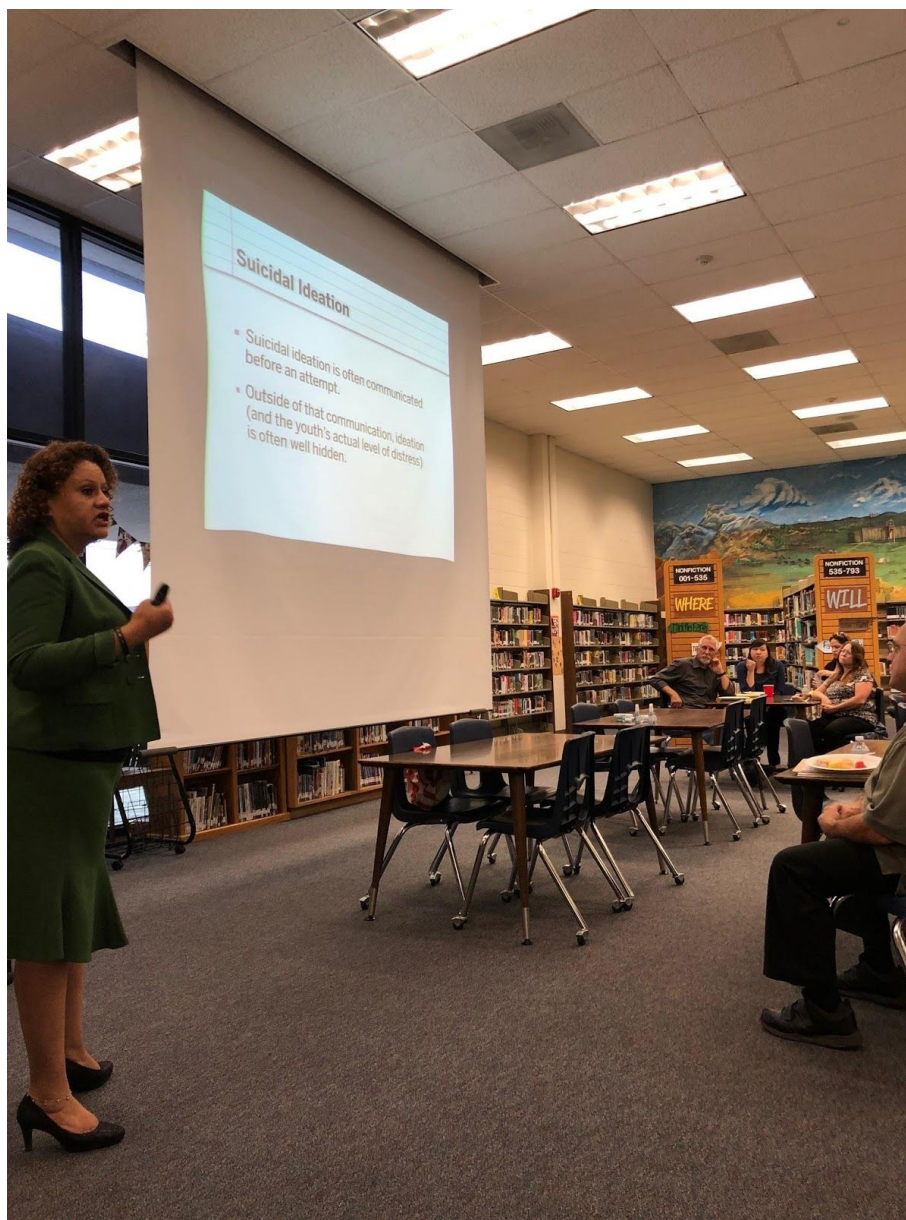
KINDNESS COOKIES are Here

We have started selling our Kindness Cookies---\$5 a box makes you part of the kindness movement! Anaheim was named the City of Kindness and AUHSD has partnered in spreading this movement. Gourmet Foods sponsored our AUHSD students and teachers in the creation of this very cool project that afforded our AUHSD students with the opportunity to create, market, and sell this idea. The proceeds from the cookies will go to fund paid internship for our AUHSD high school students as well as Lexington's Journalism and Speech programs. Get yours today! You can purchase these at lunch in the quad or you may purchase them from Mrs. Sanchez in the Main Office.



PARENT engagement

We had a busy Tuesday with our All Staff Meeting on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, followed by our Coffee with the Principal with special guest district social worker director, Adela Cruz Part and then our ELAC meeting with our bilingual families. This was a fruitful day educating families on the importance of the social emotional needs of our students. Junior high is probably the most critical time in a teenager's life---trying to fit in, meeting new people, rigor and social media. At Lexington, we value not only academic success, but also character and social emotional growth. In fact, AUHSD just hired more social workers to assist in this area and have trained all administration on restorative circles and mindfulness.



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: Amelie Lopez!

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



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