



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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Lunch with a Lion...

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Parents...

On Thurs, Jan. 18th, 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 or MPR depending on weather.

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

If you are interested in coming, please fill out this form and return it to the main office by Jan. 16th. Each family member coming on campus will receive a bracelet for the event. If a person does not have a bracelet from the main

office, they will not be allowed on campus. Parking will be available on the field if it does not rain!!! If it does rain, parking is available directly past the school and in the neighborhood.

Event: Lunch with a Lion (your student)
Date and Time: Jan. 18th at 11:35 to 12:25
Items to Bring: Lunch for you and your child and something to sit on

Child's Name _____

Child's 5th Period Teacher _____

Parent's Name _____

Number of family members besides student _____

RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY Jan. 16, 2018

by **Amber Houston** on December 11, 2017

Our quarterly Lunch with a Lion is coming up-You are cordially invited to come on campus and celebrate community! It is our core value that the school and home work together for student academic and social success! Please follow directions on how to be part of this day-you are required to pick up wristbands from the Main Office prior to the actual event. There will be parking on the field again. See you then!

Perfect Attendance:

So let's make it a priority to attend school everyday and on time. Lexington Junior High School is committed to the "30 Day Challenge" for perfect attendance. That means - No Absences and No Tardies for a month. And Yes, it is as easy as it sounds. However, if you do miss a day, you have one chance to make it up during Saturday Academy on DECEMBER 16th. The best part of the "30 Day Challenge is that each month you have a chance to earn incentives and be recognized for perfect attendance.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 13 - Choir/Guitar Winter Shows - 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Sports Monday 12.11: HOME
- Band Recital: Band Room: Thursday 12.14
- Holiday Dance: Friday 12.15, 2:30-4:00pm.

Office Reminders:

- **Lost and Found will be donated at the end of EACH MONTH.**
- 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.

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

CHOIR SINGS AT CYPRESS TREE LIGHTING

Our choir was asked to sing at the annual Cypress Tree Lighting Ceremony this past week! It was such a fun community evening celebrating the upcoming holiday season! This was a great preview of their upcoming show happening this coming Wednesday, December 13th in our very own Lexington gym! Remember: If you don't have a ticket, there will be a "stand-by" line that will enter the gym after ticket holders and we will do our best to accommodate everyone in line.



Our choir was also awarded a very generous donation by the Korean American Master Chorale from New life Community Church. They honored Mrs. Batinga with the check this week! We are so grateful and thank you for supporting our awesome students in choir!

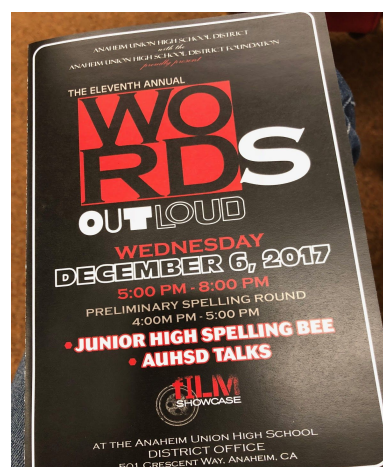


SPELLING BEE-WORDS OUT LOUD

Lexington had solid representation at the annual district spelling bee. In fact, our very own Clarissa Molina-Rodriguez captured the Spelling Bee Champion honor and will represent our entire district at the county spelling bee. Congratulations! A huge thank you to Mrs. Cooley our ELA department chair and our ELA teachers for putting on this spectacular event!



Clarissa with Board Representatives Brian O'Neal, Anna Piercy, and Assistant Superintendent Jaron Fried



We also had some special speech and debate student perform a “Ted Talk” at this district showcase. They were one of three groups selected to display the 5 C’s. Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity---and Character! They spoke about Feminism and Empowerment. I was so proud to see them up there! Huge shout out to Mrs. Heck who started our speech and debate class this year!



SOLAR CAR 1ST PLACE

Congratulations to Eric Wen and Andrew Zhao for receiving first place in our district's annual solar car race. The car they designed was the fastest of all schools! Kudos to Ms. Cummings who mentors our students in this area!



socratic seminars in ela 7

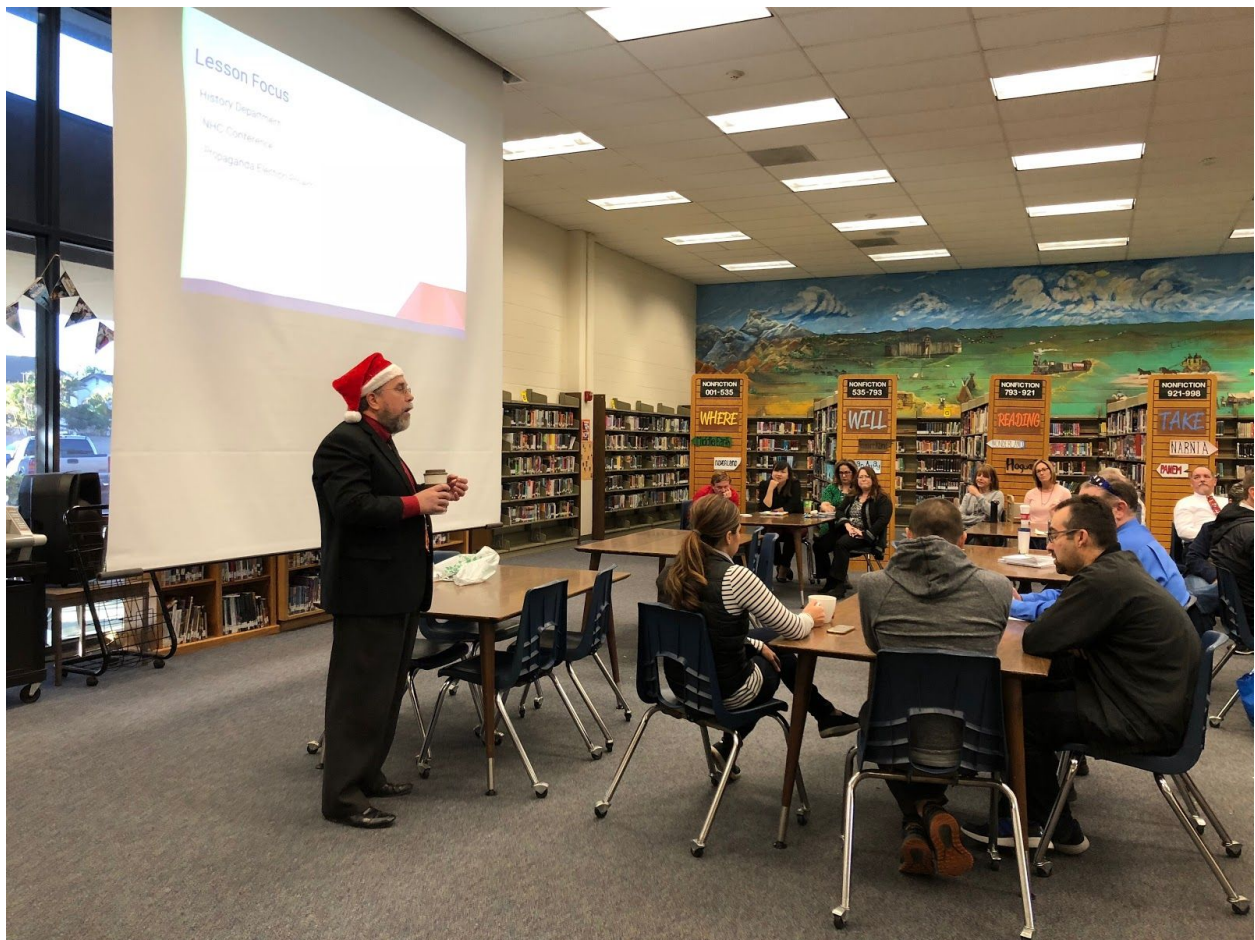
In the spirit of the season, our ELA 7 classes have been reading *The Christmas Carol*. Our 7th grade teachers, Ms. Hind, Ms. Parillo, and Mrs. Estelles combined classes last week for engagement and dialogue on the major themes and ideas of the text---relating it to the world around us now. Talk about relevancy! I was impressed by the students' comments and take aways---a tale written centuries ago exciting kids and making them critically think about the world around them! I challenge you---who is a scrooge in your life? We are not teaching simply content, but we are teaching your students skills that are transferable in life! When posed these questions in front of their peers, students were able to articulate, support and feel confidence in their answers! Watch out world!





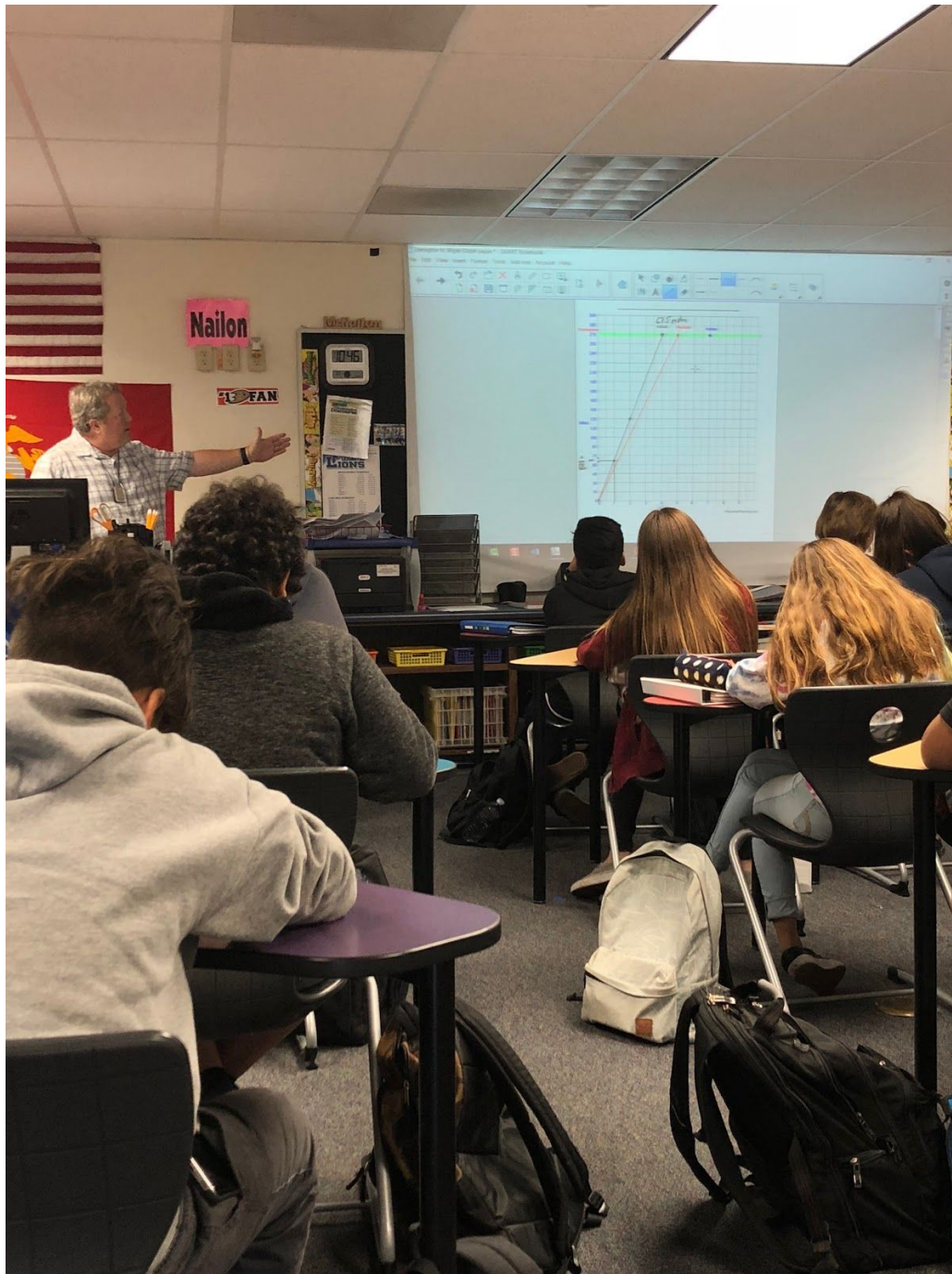
HISTORY TRAVELS FOR THE FUTURE

Our History department recently spent their Thanksgiving Break at a State Conference encompassing the new California History Standards. I am so thankful that our teachers are willing to continue to grow and learn in their subject areas and craft! This is indirectly modeling to students to be lifelong learners and encourage reflection! They came back with not only content area knowledge on frameworks, but even more united as a department ready to align and work together to provide ALL students with engaging projects based learning opportunities and meaningful lessons! The team presented out to the staff at our Tuesday Late Start to share ideas and promote what's next for the History Department. Stay tuned for some cool stuff!



MATH HELPS YOU

In Mr. Nailon's 7th grade Math class he captured the students' attention with some pretty cool rides and roller coasters. Once he got them---that's where the fun really began! They were calculating speed, slope, time and maybe even measured some raw feelings on how scary...lol Let's just say, if you are planning a trip to Las Vegas soon---ask your student to map it out for you!



ATHLETICS

Our lion sports are in full effect. They competed across the district all last week ending at Lexington on Friday with three big WINS. All our sports will be competing for 1st place on Monday at Lexington for the CHAMPIONSHIP. Way to go coaches and athletes on bringing home the gold for Lexington!



SPEECH AND DEBATE

A quick shout out to more Speech and Debate students who recently competed on a Saturday at the Soap Box Competition. Action Civics LA Project sponsors this competition where students debate and present on a civic issue. Our students had to be creative in planning their issue and how to organize their argument; they had to be critical thinkers in researching and taking a stance on their issue to provide with valid logic; they had to be able to collaborate with a partner and teacher to formulate all their aspects of the speech; they had to be able to communicate their point of view and position in front of an audience; and most importantly they showed character in choosing relevant and meaningful issues that are important in the world we live in. The 5 C's in full force! Ms. Heck led a great team---congratulations to our first place winners: Omkar, Allj, Jared, and Chinonye!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

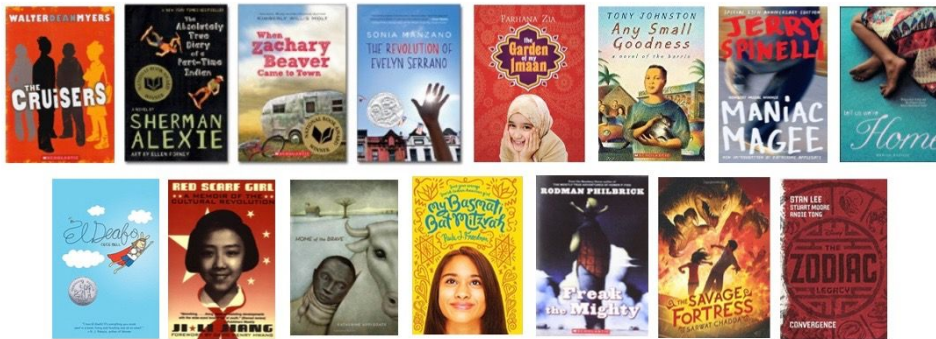
Spotlight on dance! An awesome show under the direction of Ms. Stewart-our dance teacher! Here are some awesome pics from the Beauty and the Beast themed performance. I am so proud of these kids---many who just started dance upon entering junior high school.



LIBRARY BOOK CONTEST



WIN A PAPERBACK BOOK SET



Guess the number of books that have been checked out since the beginning of the school year until the contest ends on **December 15, 2017**. The student who comes closest without going over will be announced the winner of the paperback book set.

Only **ONE** entry per student.

May the odds be ever in your favor. Good Luck!



KINDNESS COOKIES are STILL 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.

GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!! TEACHERS LOVE THEM!



CITIES OF CYPRESS AND LA PALMA

2018 NEW YEAR'S DANCE

1.20.2018 | 6:00-9:00PM

7TH + 8TH GRADERS ONLY

LA PALMA COMMUNITY CENTER
7821 WALKER STREET

TICKETS: \$10
SNACKS: \$1

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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