



**Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo**

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# Holly Jolly Holiday...

#ASBEXTRAVAGANZA



by **Amber Houston** on December 18, 2017

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NICE! ASB hosted another fabulous Dance Extravaganza---Holiday Jubilee. I love love love how MR. Cornelius and his ASB students go above and beyond for ALL our students. If you don't like to dance---there is food, or games, or carnival goodies. In the Library there were video games, in the quad there were roughly 10 carnival style games to win prizes, not to mention a bounce house slide and air hockey! Thank you to all our parent volunteers and PTSA who helped in so many ways! We are lucky to be a lion!

JANUARY Perfect Attendance:

NEW MONTH-NEW CONTEST! 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 may make it up during Saturday Academy. 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:**

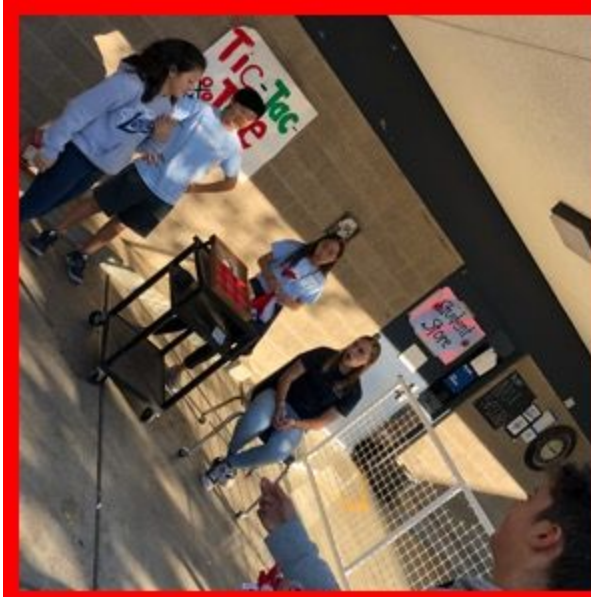
- Winter Break Dec.23-January 7. School resumes on January 8, 2018!

### **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 Presents RUDOLPH**

Our choir presented their winter holiday performance with Rudolph as the center focus. It began with an array of songs focused on the red-nosed reindeer and then transitioned into a variety of Holiday favorites. Choir doesn't just sing---guitar performed, along with tap dancers, hawaiian hula, violinist, rappers, and a fun light show. We also had our stagecraft who did all the "backstage" style efforts with lights and sound. Kudos to Mrs. Batinga on another fantastic show!









## **ELA 8 HP CLASSES PROMOTE COMMUNITY**

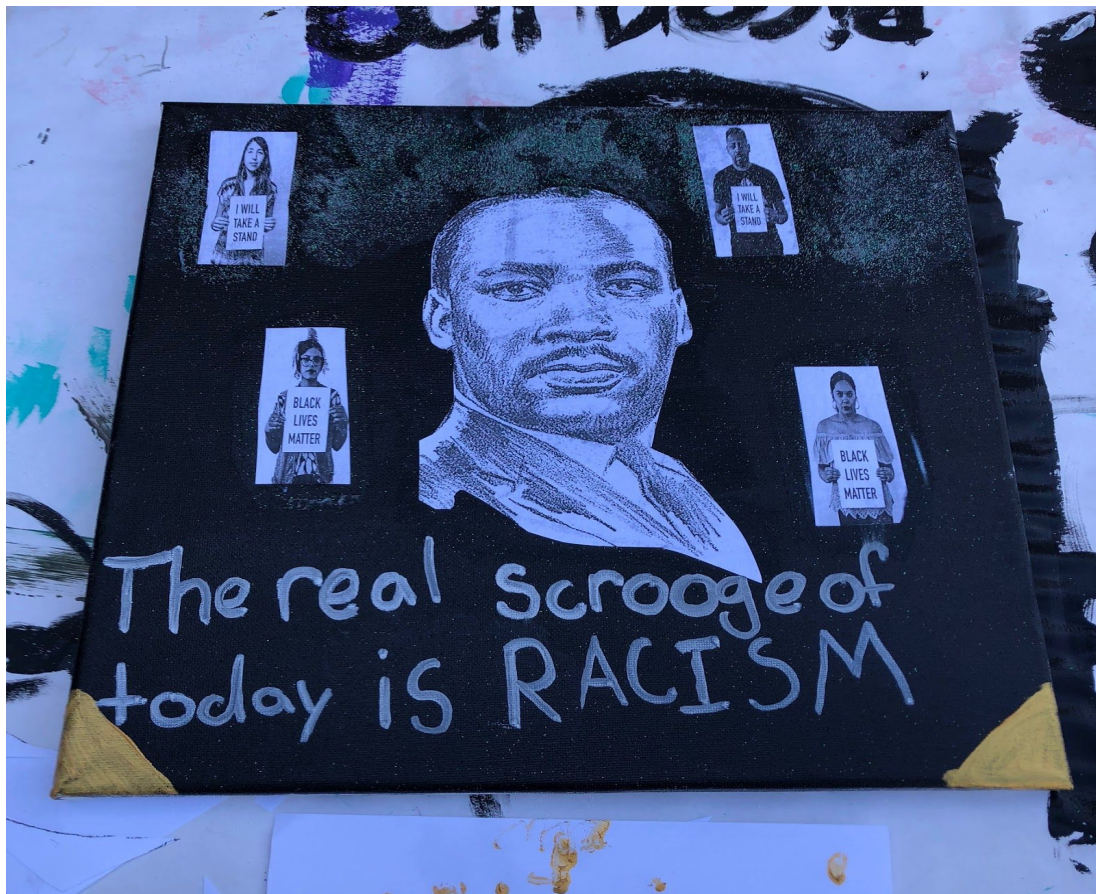
During Thanksgiving Break, ELA 8 HP students recorded and archived interviews of family members. Over the last two weeks, students have created narratives based on those interviews. The classroom has turned into a Santa-esque workshop as students have been collaborating in their writing groups and reworking their written products into gifts that they can present to the person they interviewed. It is so wonderful to see such intelligent students working with deep empathy and using their talents to honor such personal stories.



## **ELA 7 SCROOGE UNIT**

In the spirit of the season, our ELA 7 classes have been reading *The Christmas Carol*. Last week the unit started with our 7th grade teachers, Ms. Hind, Ms. Parillo, and Mrs. Estelles combined classes last week for Socratic Seminars including engagement and dialogue on the major themes and ideas of the text---relating it to the world around us now. It has moved into the next step with was expression of literary themes through art. This past week, English 7P students in Mrs. Hind, Mrs. Parillo, and Mrs. Estelles' classes collaborated on civic engagement art projects based upon Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The students created collages that connected the themes of this classic story to our world today.

After winter break, the students will take their projects to the next level as they research ways to address the issues their art works explored. The students' civic engagement projects, including their art works, will be displayed at Lexington's Tolerance Summit in March, Lexington's Open House, and the school district's Steam-A-Palooza in April.



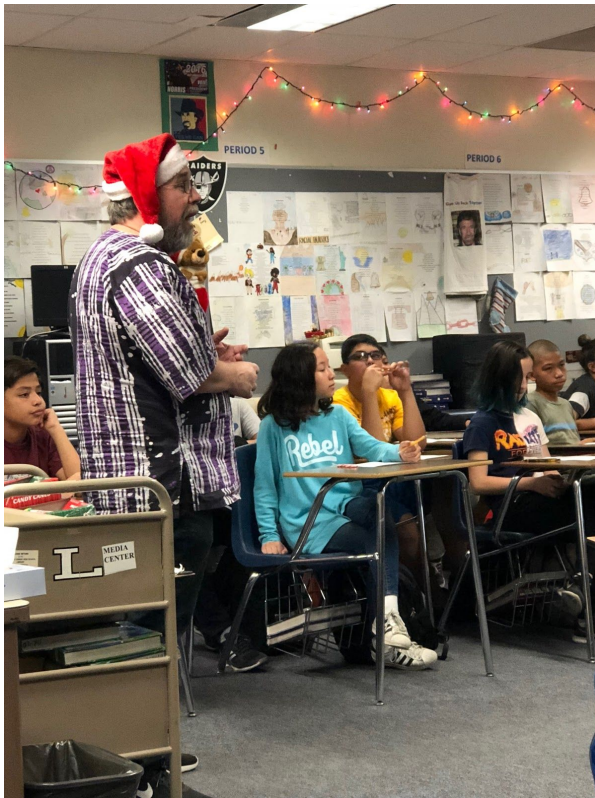






## **HISTORY STUDIES aFRICA**

Our History department is covering Africa right now. Mr. Jones' classes get an extra special treat as he lived there for much of his life providing the students with first hand artifacts, and experiences to share. I got to sit in on his opening of this unit by sharing personal photos of his childhood, family heirlooms and simply very cool first hand stories of this beautiful place!



## **ATHLETICS**

Our boys basketball grades 7 and 8 brought home the CHAMPIONSHIP title. 7th grade girls soccer also came in first place, while 8th grade came in second place. Tennis also qualified top 3. Lexington lions are CHAMPIONS. Way to go coaches and athletes on bringing home the gold for Lexington!







## **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!



# Lunch With A Lion

## 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.

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**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*

CITIES OF CYPRESS AND LA PALMA

# 2018 NEW YEAR'S DANCE

1.20.2018 | 6:00-9:00PM

7TH + 8TH GRADERS ONLY

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LA PALMA COMMUNITY CENTER  
7821 WALKER STREET

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TICKETS: \$10  
SNACKS: \$1

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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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