

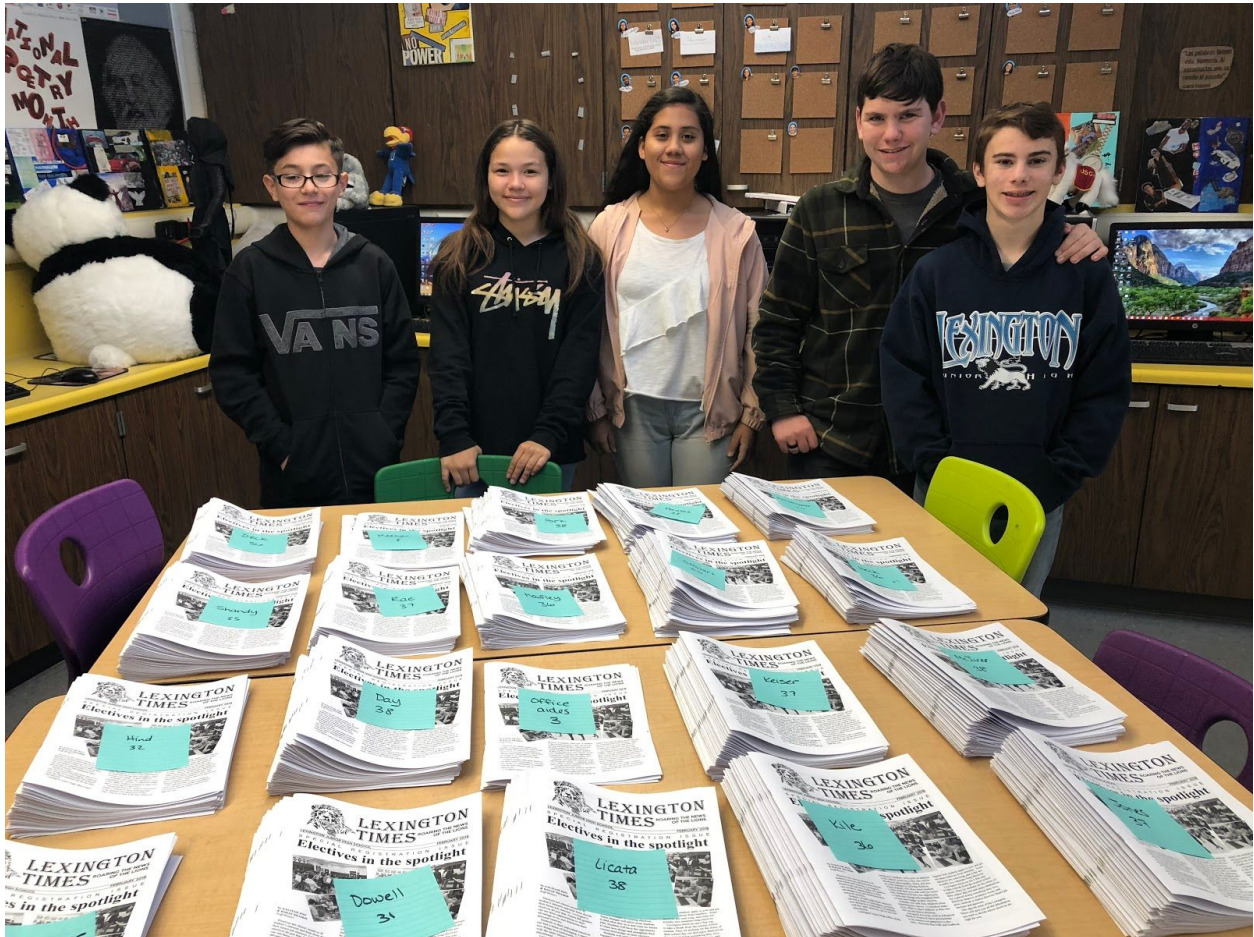


## Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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# Extra, Extra...

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by **Amber Houston** on February 26, 2018

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## **Journalism**

Under the leadership of Ms. Hind, we had a special issue of the school newspaper, The Lexington Times, come out this past Friday.. The journalism class manage distribution by counting out every issue for every single Lexington student. All of your students received a free copy in their SSR classes. This special edition is all about registration and electives! This class is a cornerstone for our school beliefs: Communication, Ownership and Relevancy. I am so proud that our students of access to such a dynamic and real curriculum! successful Science Fair this past week.

There is an awesome pathway at Cypress High School that this class can continue their Journalism skills. Our goal is to provide long term support and growth in any area your student chooses!

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Athletic Tournaments week of 2/26-3/2.
- Please adhere to all safety and courteous policies when in our school parking lot. Cypress PD will ticket. Please pull all the way down the parking to lto drop kids.
- We will be hosting our next Saturday Academy in March! This day will highlight math, technology and sports in our gym! Remember everyone is welcome!!! Sign up with our attendance office. Tickets will go home next week!
- Between February 20-27 all current 7th graders will be receiving their registration cards for 8th grade. Honors classes requires teacher signatures and entire card needs parent signature before turning in.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

### **Parent survey needed**

Every two years the Orange County Department of Education provides the California Healthy Kids Survey to all our district stakeholders. This survey provides us with pivotal data and information on how to best serve your students and families for optimal academic and social emotional success. Your students will be taking this brief survey in their science classes next month. I kindly ask that you as parents and guardians take the time to click on the link below and take the survey as well. I share data from this survey throughout the year to my staff and parents at Coffee Chats. Click and/or copy/paste the link below to take the survey! I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!

**[surveys.wested.org/csps/GG927MH](https://surveys.wested.org/csps/GG927MH)**





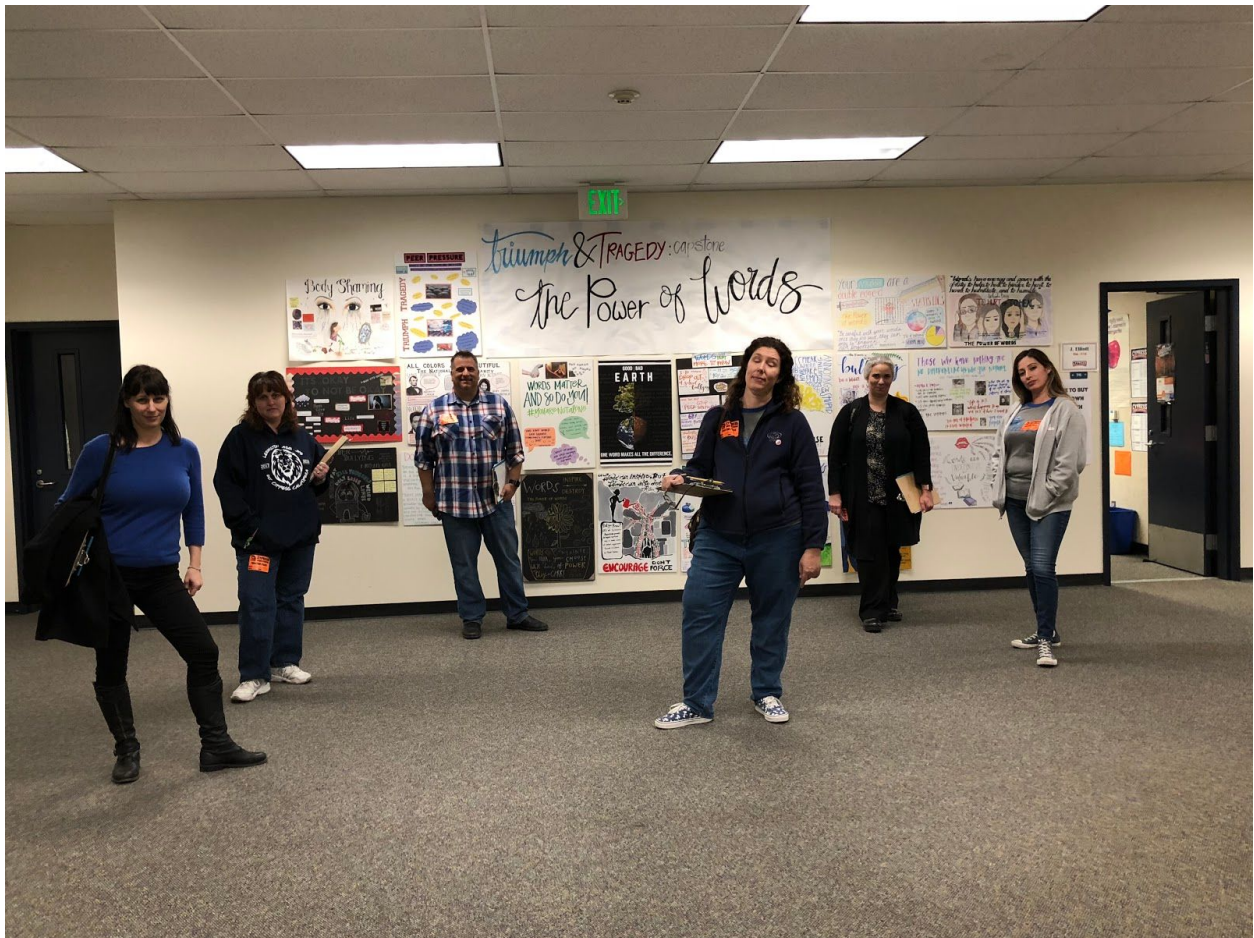
## CROSS COUNTRY

Lexington Lions came out on top at our last Cross Country meet. 7th Grade boys did exceptionally well---bringing home 1st place! 8th grade girls brought home the silver medal! A huge shout out to Coach Brunet, Elliot, and Shandy!



## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT Learning Walk**

This past week our 8th grade ELA teachers visited our feeder school, Cypress High School. The purpose of this visit was for our teachers to see what the 9th grade English classes look like and to vertically align with those teachers. Principal Dr. Wales at Cypress and I have been in constant communication to ensure our school are fluid and seamless for your students to transition. Cypress teachers will visit our classrooms next week as well! It was a fruitful day led by our Lesson Design Coach, Mrs. Bernhard and Mrs. Shimigawa (Cypress LDC).





## **6TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT**

We hosted our community feeder elementary school 6th grade parents this week. Can you believe it is already that time to register again! The days are long, but the years are short! We will be putting this presentation on our school website- so tell your friends. We will be hosting one more parent night for all of the school of choice families in April after the district carries out the lottery. We cannot wait to meet all our future lions!



## **LEXINGTON ROCKSTARS**

I am happy to announce our three Lexington Rockstars that our school and district honored this past week at our Board Meeting.

Bravo to our certified staff member: Marianne Stewart, our classified staff member: Ginger Z., and our student: Joey Hannifin.

### **Certified Staff**

Ms. Stewart is a rock star---literally on stage in her own band---but also as a teacher in our English and Dance classes. Ms. Stewart, an AUHSD alum having attended Walker and Kennedy has spent her entire teaching career at Lexington JHS. She is the most creative, innovative and patient leader on campus---who not only inspires her students, but her colleagues as well. Her altruistic spirit makes all around her feel welcome and creates a sense of belonging. At the hardest time growing up---Marianne is exactly what these young teens need to find their way. It is common to find her in her classroom at lunch, before/after school mentoring students and creating safe places where all students can be themselves. She continually chooses excellence and strives to flourish and grow with each school year---she is a UCI model teacher, and now is highly sought after to train and assist others. In addition she is civic leadership trained employing this in so many fashions. She has created and helped lead a cross curricular project based lesson, our new annual Tolerance Summit in the spring showcasing student choice and student driven projects expressing tolerance, understanding and equity. Ms. Stewart executes Lexington's Best Dance Crew show that crowns the best dancer on campus, along with many performances by her dance class throughout the year for students, staff and the community. Lexington is more colorful with this rock star!

### **Classified Staff**

Our next rock star is Miss Ginger Z. Ginger is new to our Lexington family---but you wouldn't know it. She came to us from Dale this year and even though she is a security guard she has been almost like a 4th administrator on campus. She does her job well---and it is because she truly cares about kids. She takes time to get to know kids and their stories---capturing each heart one moment at a time. Miss Z is everywhere---and the kids know that! Being an enforcer on campus, one would think Miss Z would have no fans---but that is totally wrong. The kids are her biggest fans because of the respect, fairness, and kindness she has shown to all who she encounters. Just recently, Miss Z has been part of several restorative circles helping to find the "why" in each kid's behavior, always forgiving and understanding each student to move them forward in a positive direction. Her heart is the biggest---always taking time to allow for student voice and reflection in each situation. Lexington is brighter with this rock star!

## Student

Joey Hannifin is a renaissance man---his biggest fans---his teachers! Currently he is an Associated Student Body Representative in Student Government Class. Joey is responsible for public speaking, team leading, cash control, peer and self evaluation, goal setting, pep rally coordination and much more. He regularly volunteers his lunch free time to work in the student store. He exhibits respect for all he works with, while at the same time leading by example. Joey truly does stuff because it is the right thing to do---he is selfless and sincere in all his efforts. Joey is a straight A student, top notch athlete and all around good guy. His period 7 class adoringly calls him, Mr. Wonderful. Recently we had Chinese exchange students attend our school for two weeks. Joey volunteered as an ambassador to one student who didn't speak any English. Joey included "Jay" in all his classes, activities, and conversations. Wherever we would see Joey---there was Jay and the entire time Joey tried his darndest to help Jay understand. His energy level and commitment to ensuring Jay had the best time at Lexington was tremendously admirable. Joey is a legacy in this district---as both his parents and extended family all grew up in La Palma/Cypress having graduated from Kennedy High School. Joey is a fine representative of our school and community as a whole. Joey's interpersonal skills are exceptional. I have interviewed all of his teachers, "Joey is a great kid, he is one smart cookie!" Mrs. Mai said. Mr. Kile who teaches Science says "Joey is a very nice kid and works hard." "Joey is a joy to have in class and leads by example in PE," Mr. Brunet Physical Education. Ms. Stewart says "He is a well balanced student who loves reading and athletics." I can attest, you will not find another young man on any campus in AUHSD that is so upstanding. He is our Lexington Super Star!





**Los Alamitos Griffins  
Varsity & JV ice hockey!  
Interested in becoming a Griffin?**

**Never played before?**

**Check out a FREE Learn to Play session thru the Ducks.**

<https://www.nhl.com/ducks/community/ducks-learn-to-play>

**After completing Learn to Play - Join the Jr. Griffins!**

**Younger players thru 8th grade**

<https://www.ighockey.com>

**Will you be in 9th thru 12th grade next year?**

**If you attend any school listed below (or live in that district), you're eligible!**

**Los Alamitos HS**

**Cypress SD**

**Savanna SD**

**Centralia SD**

**Pacifica HS**

**Artesia HS**

**Western HS**

**Hare HS**

**Rancho Alamitos HS**

**Kennedy HS**

**Email [losalhockey@gmail.com](mailto:losalhockey@gmail.com)  
for information!**

<http://www.losalicehockey.org>

# Attention 8th grade families----Kennedy High Schools IB Program

Attached is a letter that went out via USPS mail last week and through Aeries Communicator to all families of students currently in Grade 8 who have a 3.5 GPA and enrolled in either Math 8 Honors or English 8 Honors.

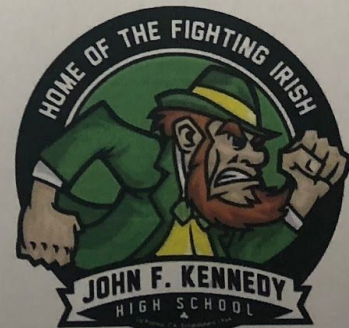
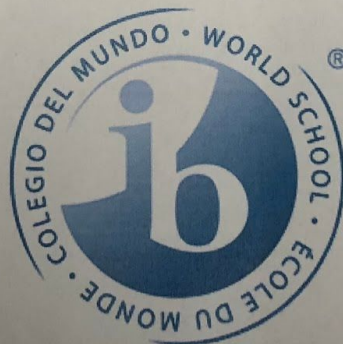
If you would like additional information or guidance, please contact the IB Diploma Program Coordinators, Mrs. Helton or Mrs. Foy, at (714) 220-4101 or via email at [helton\\_c@auhsd.us](mailto:helton_c@auhsd.us) or [foy\\_j@auhsd.us](mailto:foy_j@auhsd.us).

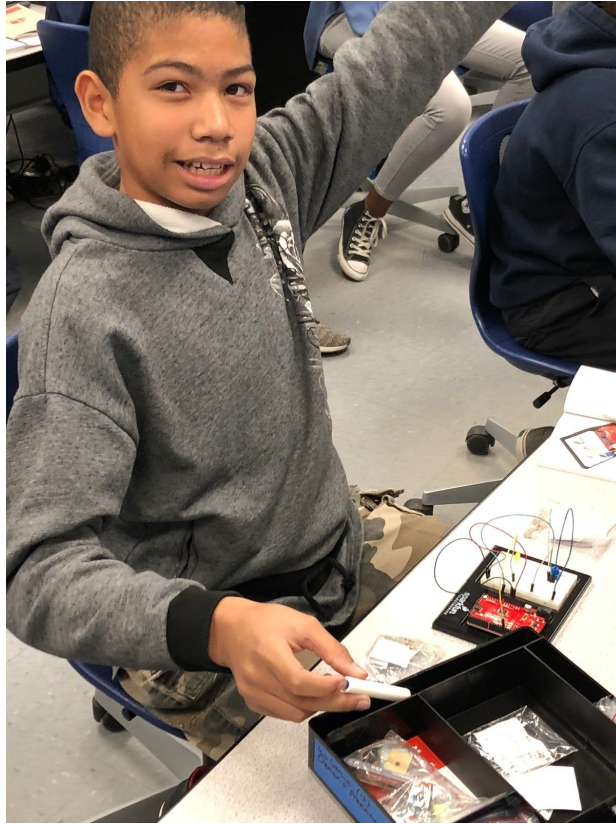
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