



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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Jobs of Tomorrow...

#SEAPERCHCYBERPATRIOT



by [Amber Houston](#) on March 12, 2018

Ms. Cummings dedicates so much of her time to our students. Two clubs she advises is Robotics and CyberPatriot. These clubs meet at lunch and after school....not to mention weekends and evenings! And it has definitely paid off---check out the accolades these two groups recently achieved! Thank you Ms. Cummings for your committment to our students and their future!

Lexington JH Robotics teams participating in the US Air Force CyberPatriot program made top 20 in the nation!! CyberPatriot is a competition that teaches our students to be white-hat hackers (good guy hackers) that learn about Cisco, Linux, and various Windows platforms. Our LexLions team beat out all of the competition teams in the area!!

This weekend Lexington JH Robotics will compete in the US Navy SeaPerch underwater robot competition at Troy High School in Fullerton, CA. We have two teams competing in the event where each team will showcase the underwater robot they built. Each team appears in front of a panel of judges where they present their robot and members of the panel ask them various questions about the robot and the scientific knowledge they gained. Students learned about buoyancy, density, electricity & electrical current, soldering, PVC, and much more. Come out and watch this wonderful event...it starts at 8:30am at the Troy High School pool.





Important Upcoming Dates:

- Spring Break Recess: No School March 12-16.
- Cypress High School counselors visit to register 8th graders next week.
- 4th quarter Sports begin 3/19 after school.
- PTSA Administration Dinner March 21, Wednesday.
- Schoolwide Tolerance Summit-March 21-22. MPR/Quad.
- Students take Healthy Kids Survey in Science classes, 3/23.
- Saturday Academy March 24th.
- Speech and Debate Competition, Saturday March 31st.
- Open House, Wednesday April 4. Flyer with details attached to this email.
- We will be hosting our next Saturday Academy March 24! 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!

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY INFORMATION

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. There are two aspects I request you to examine.

#1 Your students will be taking this brief survey in their science classes next month. Attached to this email is the PASSIVE CONSENT forms. You only need to return the slip if you **do not** want your student to take the survey.

#2 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!

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BAND Drum Line

Last Saturday, March 3, our drumline traveled to West Covina for their first competition of the season, earning 3rd place in the junior division. They'll compete again in Whittier on March 31, before moving on to semi-finals in Riverside and championships at Azusa Pacific University next month. You can catch part of their show at our Open House, or at the district's Drumline Showcase at Magnolia HS on March 29th at 7PM. Lexington has the only competitive drumline in our district, and is one of only two from Orange County competing in the American Drum Line Association, along with over 120 high school, junior high, and collegiate level groups. In the last two years, the line has earned 1st and 2nd place awards at championships for the junior division, and hopes to achieve a high ranking this year as well!



DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL

Mrs. Batinga took her top notch choir students to participate and rock our AUHSD Choir Festival. These students were ambassadors of Lexington representing not only singing talents---but also our entire school. I love these opportunities for our kids to engage with other students in our district and our larger community. It is so cool they got to perform on a huge professional stage as well.



SPEECH AND DEBATE COMPETITION

We will be holding our 3rd annual speech and debate competition March 31st. Yes, that is a Saturday! And if your student signs up to compete, they will get credit in making up an absence. See below for details and email Mrs. Heck for any questions. heck_t@auhsd.us. Thank you Cypress Kiwanis for sponsoring this event!

LEXINGTON SPEECH & DEBATE AND KIWANIS

PRESENT

LEXINGTON JUNIOR HIGH SPEECH AND DEBATE COMPETITION

**SATURDAY MARCH 31ST
8:00 am to 12:30**



EVENTS OFFERED:
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LD DEBATE
MSPDP DEBATE

SCHEDULE
Check In
8:00-8:30
REFRESHMENTS
9:00 – 11:00 Events
11:30 – 12:00 Lunch
12:00 – 12:30 Awards

Pre-Registration Required

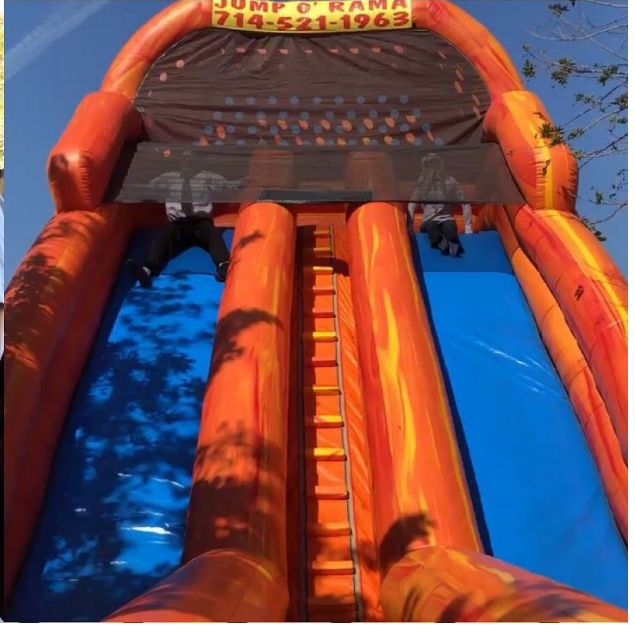
See Mrs. Heck Rm 506

ASB KNOWS HOW TO PARTY

ASB executed what I feel has been the best dance to date! There were over 500 students in attendance---and they were amazing! ASB students set up this entire shindig and manned all booths and stations. I love that these things are STUDENT LED! There was a ring toss game, air hockey, ping pong, stick the lips on JB, Jenga, Henna, a caricature artist, bouncy twister, slides and of course the awesome DJ Dance. That is what is so awesome about our ASB---we ensure all kids have fun and have something to do! PTSA donated all the food, drinks and candy! PTSA volunteers served our students and were a valuable presence! Thank you! Check out these pictures and tell me this doesn't look like fun!









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