



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

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District-wide Event...

#COMMUNICATION



*Speech and
Debate
Competition*

by **Amber Houston** on April 9, 2018

We had our third annual Speech and Debate Competition hosted by Lexington Junior High School. Mrs. Heck, our speech teacher and debate advisor, successfully executed a district-wide speech and debate competition. She organized this event from start to finish. With the support of Cypress Kiwanis, students competed in several different categories. . All participants received a certificate of participation, and winners received trophies and medals for their achievements. Thank you to Kiwanis for sponsoring this event for Lexington, Oxford, Brookhurst, Walker, and Cypress students.





Important Upcoming Dates:

- Lexpectations Field Trip to USC for 8th graders 4/9.
- Coffee chat: Tolerance Summit and State Testing Presentation. Tuesday 4/10 @9am Library.
- School of Choice Parent information Meeting: Wednesday April 11 at 6pm and Friday April 13 8:30am.
- Democracy Schools Award, Site Visit: 4/10/18.
- Color and Light Art Show at the Muzeo in Anaheim, April 16.
- All school FunRaiser Assembly, Monday April 16.
- DELAC Meeting at District Office 4/17 6pm.
- Drama Shows April 18,19, & 20.
- HSA Award Dinner April 19 Thursday at 6pm.
- CAASPP Testing begins April 19th.
- Steamapalooza, Saturday April 21, 7am-2pm at Magnolia High School.

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

BAND BRINGS HOME GOLD

Our Lexington drumline had a really good outing, placing first at our show in Whittier. We are currently ranked first among junior high lines in Orange, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties by the American Drumline Association.

To add to the day, our kids helped out Magnolia HS with moving their stuff off and on the court, since they were short handed. The kids got to see Magnolia HS perform Thursday night at the 3rd annual AUHSD Drum Showcase, where we are the only jr high drumline amongst the district's high school lines.

Semi Finals competition is in two weeks, on April 15.





OCDE Science Fair

We had some dynamic students represent Lexington well at the 63rd annual OCSEF Science Fair this past month. I would like to personally congratulate the following students:

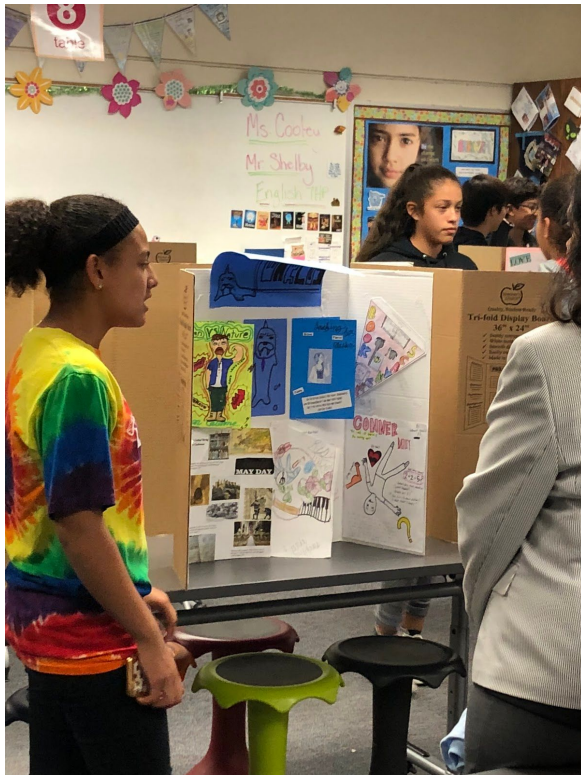
Enzo Li, Jecy Liu, Chana PArk, Serena Kim, Emily Kim, Jenny Lam, Caitlyn Lee, and Natalie Kim.

An extra shout out to, Natalie Kim, who won two awards. Honorable Mention in Math and Software category and also the Raytheon Asian Pacific Association category.



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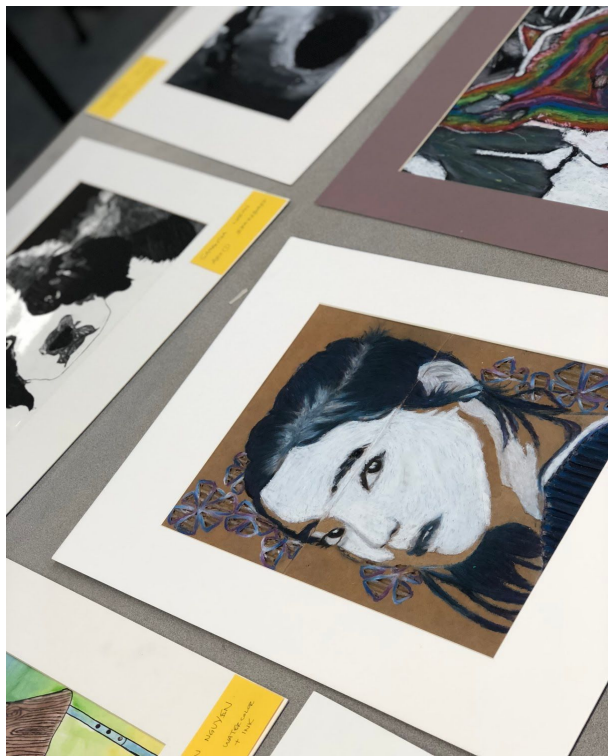
We had our annual Open House this past Wednesday. We had a great turn out of families and friends! This is a nice evening to come together as a school community and showcase our successes this school year. ASB sold food, Home Ec had a bake-off with the best cookies, our VAPA classes nailed their hit musical performances and we of course had all the departments highlighting academic achievements. It was a full house---and I love it that way! Thank you to all who helped make this day a hit---from custodial parking cars, to our PTSA honoring our stakeholders.



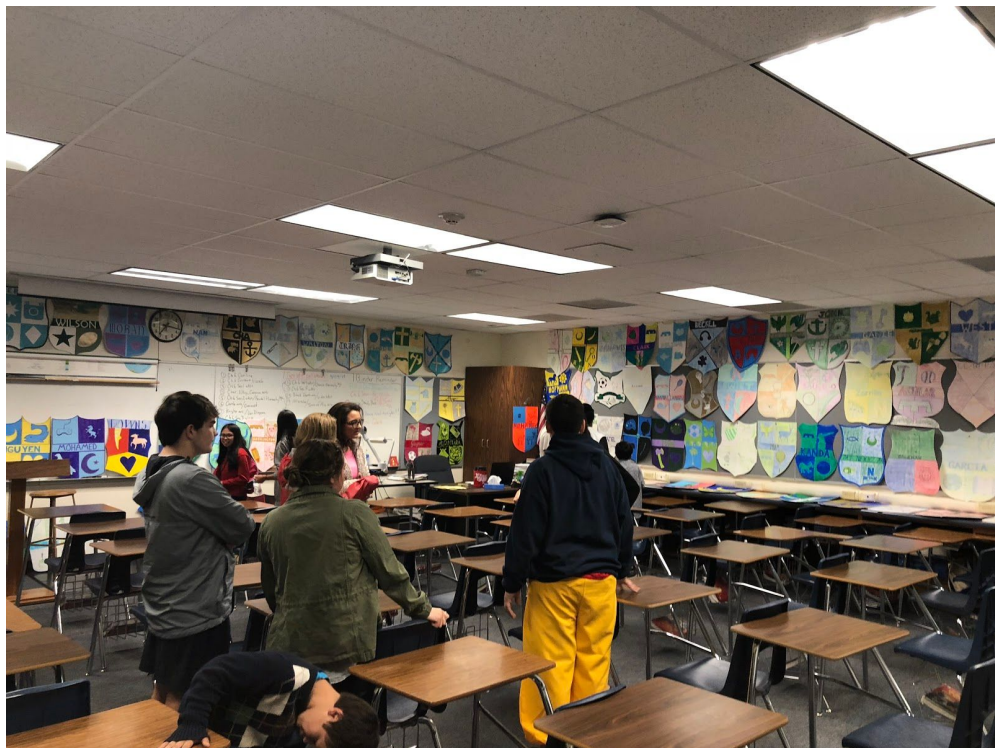


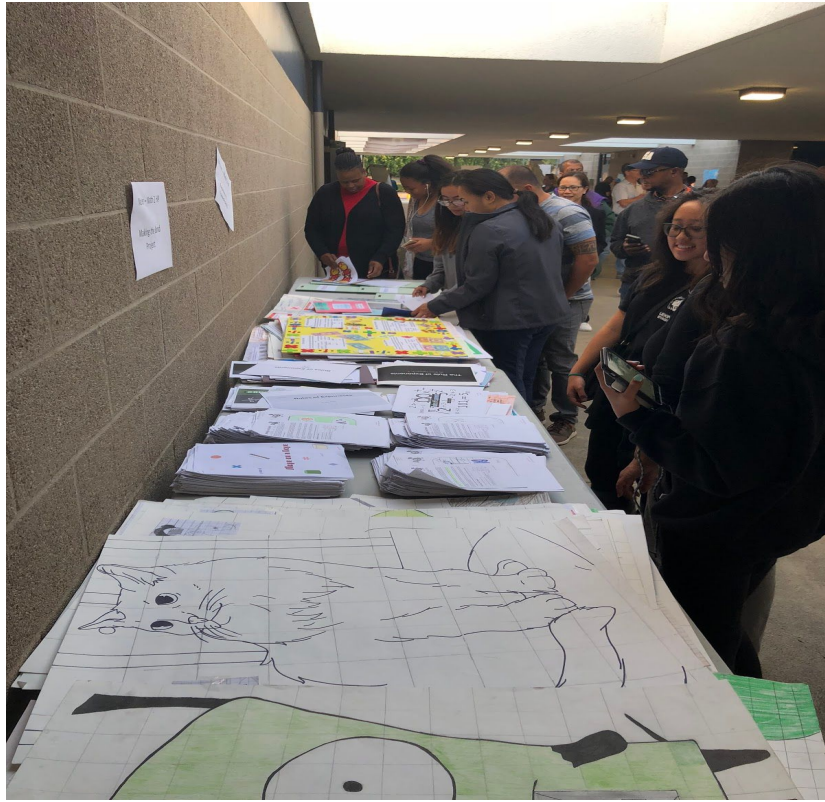














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3rd Annual Steam-A-Palooza Set for April 21 at Magnolia High School

ANAHEIM--The community is invited to Magnolia High School on Saturday, April 21, as scores of AUHSD students put their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) talents on display during AUHSD's 3rd Annual STEAM-A-Palooza.

Magnolia is the perfect venue for STEAM-A-Palooza, since it is the future home of the Center for Excellence and Innovation, which is designed to build on STEAM skills. Attendees will also learn about Magnolia's first-in-the-nation partnership with the [The Tesla Foundation](#), which is also spurring innovation and building on STEAM skills. In addition, [Magnolia High School](#) is home to Southern California's first Cybersecurity High School Pathway, in partnership with the [University of California, Irvine](#), (UCI), [Cypress College](#), and the [North Orange County Regional Occupational Program](#).

The building project also brings into sharp focus the Anaheim Union Educational Pledge, Orange County's most comprehensive, education-support system for students and parents. The Pledge culminates in guaranteed admission to University of California, Irvine and [California State University, Fullerton](#), for AUHSD students who meet minimum qualifications for transfer from Cypress College and [Fullerton Colleges](#).

STEAM-A-Palooza will allow students to share their deeper learning experiences with the community. Designed as a festive, family gathering, the event will feature food booths, bands, a book fair, and cultural dance presentations. STEAM-related activities will be highlighted in a science fair, solar cup sprint, boat races, a Makerspace emphasizing innovation, drone displays, and an art exhibition. Also on tap are student TED Talks and entries from the upcoming AUHSD Student Film Festival. Even "tamer" disciplines such as math and social science/English will have the opportunity to be highlighted.

Coinciding with STEAM-A-Palooza will be the District's 3rd Annual Tech Fair, which will bring some of the biggest and most innovative companies in technology to AUHSD. [Google](#), [Apple](#), [Microsoft](#), [Intel](#), [Blackboard Inc.](#), [HP computers](#) and more will be on hand to demonstrate their latest technology. Prizes and giveaways will happen all day from various vendors.

STEAM-A-Palooza is being held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the campus at 2450 West Ball Road, Anaheim, 92804. Admission is free and all are welcome.

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



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APRIL 21

SATURDAY • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL

2450 W BALL RD, ANAHEIM, CA 92804

PTSA HONORS HSA

PTSA honored some very special people on our Lexington Campus and Community. The Honorary Service Award (HSA) is a yearly award given to people for their contributions to our local schools. We are so lucky to have these people go above and beyond for our school and students! A huge thank you and even bigger congratulations to this year's winners:

Mr. David Dorosky, AP

Mr. Brent LaBonte, Parent

Mrs. Angela Carswell, Parent

Mr. Jones, Teacher

Anaheim Assistance League, Community Non-Profit



STAGECRAFT

Our dynamic stagecraft class and yearbook class came together and created giant Jenga games---these games will be donated and used at the local Renaissance Fair this summer. Way to go Mr. Wardle and Ms. Hind!





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