

Monday Memo

OHANA AND ALOHA

We welcomed back our 8th graders and introduced our 7th graders to our awesome and dynamic way we do things at Lexington! Under the crazy vision of Mr. Cornelius, along with his ASB students—there was an aloha social on Friday. All students attended this after lunch as a morale booster and culture setter for the school year. Building relationships is one of our number one priorities here at Lexington. We want to get to know our students by name and need. We had all our staff outside with our students enjoying this day! What is unique to our site, is our ASB not only does music and dance—but also carnival style games, movies, karaoke, and games. Not all kids want to dance—so it is nice to engage them in other ways! Thank you to PTSA who provided supervision and treats for all our students! They are the best!

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CHINESE EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

What an awesome week we had with our friends from China! This is our third time hosting exchange students from China. We had amazing Lexington Ambassadors who we partnered up with each student. The Chinese students got to attend all classes and activities with our Lexington ambassadors.

The best part of this exchange—is that it is truly an exchange. We get as much out of it as the Chinese students do. They are seeking an “American” experience, but we walk away with so many gifts and things learned as well.

It is a priority that we expose our students to diversity and global awareness. I can truly think of no better way than this.

“It was so cool to meet someone all the way from China. I have never been out of California!”

SUPPORT OUR PTSA

PTSA is a great way to keep connected and involved in our school. We had our first meeting of the year this past Thursday.

They are held once a month, on a Thursday at 7:00pm at Round Table Pizza. Everyone is invited! Check our Monday Memos for upcoming meetings.

Our President Christen Jackson is a mother of four and awesome at leading this positive set of parents. We went over budget, and school activities planned for the year. It is not too late to step up!

We also welcome financial support if you cannot physically be present. Or if you just want to join PTSA it is still open!

PTSA ROCKS WITH THEIR FIRST MEETING



COMMUNITY



Ms. Larsen's class using technology to get to know all the teachers.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS TALK WITH YOUR KIDS

This past week, our energetic assistant principal Mr. Dorosky and Mr. Pfeiffer spoke to every single PE class about protocols and procedures for Lexington Junior High School. All kids were given information about dress code, conduct, study tips and more! This presentation is posted on our school website as well if you would like review and talk with your students.

BAND BOOSTERS FIRST MEETING

Mr. Steve Graves our band teacher started the year with a big bang—with over 150 parents attending his first booster club meeting. This group of parents are highly dedicated to making the band experience great for everyone. This club funds fieldtrips, equipment and so much more! We are so lucky Mr. Graves dedicates his time and energy to not only our band program, but this awesome group of parents. Stay tuned for their shows later in this se-

HISTORY BUILDS COMMUNITY

We have a new teacher we just got from Dale JHS, Susan Larsen. She will be teaching History and English—she is also our tech coach to our teachers and staff. A great way for her to learn the staff just like your students was this interactive game! Using technology and requesting from all staff some fun facts about them—the kids competed in this game on who knows the staff best! So hopefully kids were listening the last week when they teacher shared stuff—because those were the answers to a lot of questions! One fun fact was about Mrs. Rieger—who named her children after Abraham Lincoln and Scarlett Ohara. I learned something new! Super fun, engaging, and a great way for students to build community not only in class, but campus wide!

Our 8th grade history team will be starting the school year with their project based learning opportunity for the students with their Election Project. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Perales are both trained democracy and civic teachers and began this project with the 8th grade team a couple years ago. So you may see some fun goodies and requests come your way very soon!



FALL SPORTS-FIRST QUARTER

We are currently full swing on our first quarter intramurals sports. The following sports are being offered: Boys' Flag Football, Boys' Tennis, and Girls' Volleyball.

Any student can come out daily after school from 2:30-4:00pm to play with their friends for fun ! This will be available for the next six weeks. At that time, the coaches will pick an all star 7th and an all star 8th grade team where they will compete in tournaments against other junior high schools in our district . Lexington has a long standing tradition of being champions—I know this year

PE COMPETES IN FITNESS

We have some major awesomeness in PE. Under the leadership of our department chair, Ms. Lisa Shandy , our department's vision is to have fun while working on fitness. I love this! The kids don't even know they are working out! Below are some shots from the competition this past week! Mr. Scanlon did a great job in getting the heart rates up , keeping them engaged and all while students cheered each other on and com-



CHOIR AND GUITAR

Check out these luau guitars! Also choir students— Show Choir auditions are coming up in September! Stay tuned for dates!

For more information, Mrs. Batinga:

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FIRST COFFEE CHAT

We held our first coffee with the principal this last Tuesday morning. Our Coffee Chats are typically the first Tuesday of the month right after drop off at 9am. They will be held in the library unless otherwise notated. This week we had tips for success in junior high school. We also had Cypress Police Department come out to show our partnership with our community. Don't be shy—anyone can come out! Next month our FaCES (Family and Community Engagement Specialist), Mr. Barba will be presenting on how to stay connect with your students from home!



STAY CONNECTED

- *Don't forget to make sure you have a working **Aeries account**. This is where you can see your student's attendance, grades, assignments and more!*
- **Gradepop** is an awesome APP that pulls from your Aeries account in a quick and easy viewing screen.
- **Haiku**— is an online program that many of our teachers use to post information, assignments, tips, tools and more! Parent log in-is the same as your student.
- Follow up on **Facebook** for live and current happenings! We post daily pictures of your students in action and also use this to notify families of events or cancellations of clubs/practices.
- **Lexingtonjhs.org** is our website. Class curriculum letters, news, calendars and updates are also on this tool!

NEW LION STAFF

I am happy to introduce to you some new teachers here at Lexington! All of these awesome teachers come to us from other schools in our district. Welcome to the pride!

- Jessica Souza-Naudin, English
- Shelley Diaz, English
- Nick Rotherham, SDC
- Diane Sweeney, PE
- Myron Pottios, RSP/SDC
- Toby Howell, PE
- Susan Larsen, English/History/Tech (not pictured)



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

LEXINGTON JUNIOR HIGH BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, August 29th, 2018

5:00 to 5:30 PM	Aeries Support: Library with Counselors
5:00 to 6:00 PM	Boys/Girls Club + Cypress Parks and Rec Tables
5:00 to 5:15 PM	EL Meeting in room 508
5:45 to 5:55 PM	Introduction of PTSA and Staff: Quad
5:55 to 6:00 PM	FunRaiser Information: Quad
6:10 to 7:44 PM	Classroom Visitations

Parents – Please ask your student to write his or her schedule on the form below.

Student ID #:				
Period	Time	Subject	Room	Teacher
QUAD	5:45 -- 6:10PM <small>Principal Welcome!</small>			
1	6:10 - 6:20 PM			
2	6:24 - 6:34 PM			
3	6:38 - 6:48 PM			
4	6:52 - 7:02 PM			
5	7:06 - 7:16 PM			
6	7:20 - 7:30 PM			
7	7:34 - 7:44 PM			



PASTA POWER HOUR Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Home Ec

Home Ec will be selling spaghetti dinners at Back to School Night on August 29th from 4:45-6pm. Dinner is \$5 and includes spaghetti with **homemade** marinara, garlic bread and dessert.

Please attend hungry and join us for a fantastic feast!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event
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August 24-30	Book Fair (Library)
August 29	Back to School Night
August 31	Club Rush @lunch in MPR & Parent Leadership Conference
September 3	No School-Labor Day
September 4	Coffee with Principal-Staying Connected 9am, Library
September 8	Saturday Academy-Dance, Science and more!
September 14	Parent Learning Walk-for info perales_c@auhsd.us

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Library

*August 14th - Welcome to Lexington
September 4th- Aeries & Other Apps for Student Success
October 2nd- Being Successful in Jr. High
December 4th- Mental Health
January 8th- TBD
February 5th- TBD
April 2nd- State Testing
May 7th- Cypress HS Admin Visit



* Meeting will be in MPR

AUHSD PARENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2018

JOIN US!



THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE :

- Motivational Speakers!
- Workshops focused on team building and leadership
- Networking

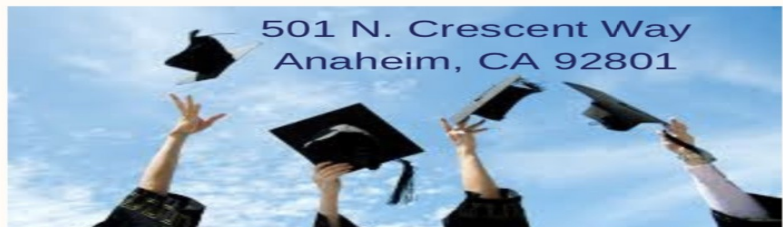
Breakfast and lunch will be provided



**FRI. AUG. 31
8 AM -2 PM
REG @ 7:30 AM**

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OUR SCHOOL VISION

At Lexington Junior High School, we believe that to be successful educators we must create a high interest level in learning and maintain cross-curricular collaboration with enthusiasm for our subject areas. We are dedicated to maintaining high expectations for ourselves and for our students and to utilizing a variety of instructional strategies so all students are actively engaged in relevant learning and are successful in our classes. We set professional goals annually and frequently re-examine our effectiveness through peer collaboration and the sharing of best practices. Our collaborative and enthusiastic spirit maintains our focus on continuous improvement with the intent to help all students achieve academically and socially at Lexington.

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