



Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

Joyful, Joyful!

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness." —Helen Keller



by [Amber Houston](#) on December 23, 2019

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On behalf of our Lexington Family—we extend joyful tidings of happiness during this Holiday Season! I trust that you will enjoy this winter recess as we all get recharged for our second semester! I would like to bring to your attention that we will have our first Saturday Academy of 2020 right when we return(1/11)! It will highlight girls basketball and study hall style tutorial. We also have our quarterly, Lunch with a Lion in January. The RSVP sheet is attached to this email as well.

One of my greatest gifts is serving as principal of this wonderful school and community. I hope you unwrap your own amazing gifts this season and realize there are so many to be thankful for that simply are not under our trees. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Upcoming Student Activities & Reminders

- 1/6: School Resumes
- 1/11: Saturday Academy-Girls Basketball!
- 1/15: Lexington Idol Auditions! (open to all choir members)
- 1/16: Lunch with a Lion
- 1/20: MLK Jr Day-No School. Servathon.
- 1/21-1/22: Vision/Hearing Test
- 1/25: Saturday Academy AND concert Band Camp
- 1/27: Chinese Exchange Student Visits AND Lion Paw Awards
- 1/29: State of the City of Cypress Luncheon
- 1/30: Cross Country Home
- 1/31: Lexington Envisioning Day at Lexington Gym---NON STUDENT DAY



Unlimited Possibilities at Lexington Junior High School



Warm wishes!





THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

ASB Gifts us our Winter Assembly

We ended our last day of the semester and winter season with an ASB led assembly featuring our Band, Choir, Dance, Guitar and STAFF! What a fun way to wrap of the year!





DANCE CREW





BAND







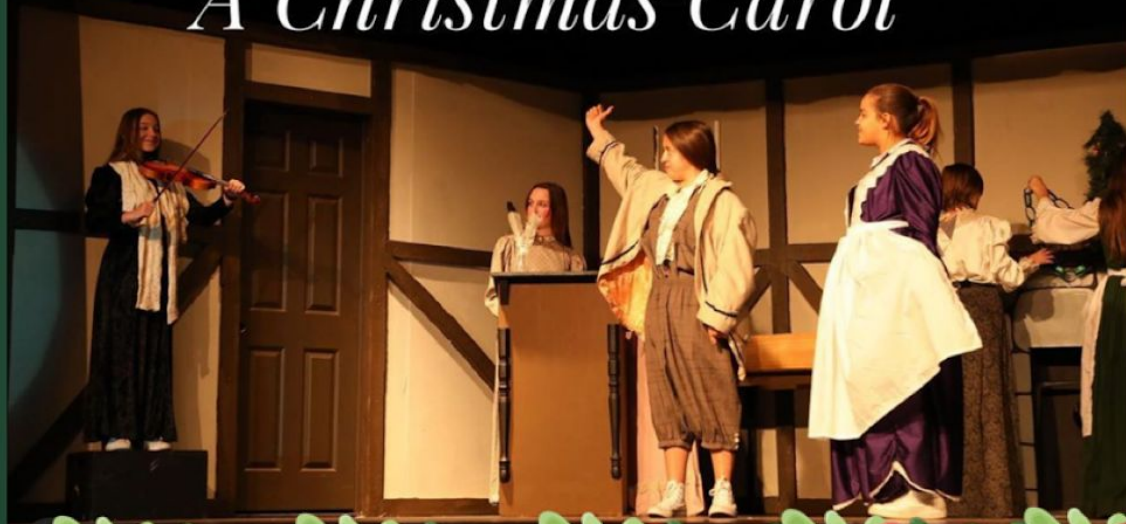
Drama

What an amazing show of the classic: A Christmas Carol. Under the direction of Mr. David Wardle, this show got everyone into the Christmas Season! I see this show every year, and it is truly a classic that never gets old! Such a great lesson for all to remember! Bravo students!



Drama 2 presents...

“A Christmas Carol”



JOY • LOVE • PEACE



Lion Paw Awards

Congratulations to all our Lion Paw Award Winners for the month of December. These students were nominated by one of their teachers for displaying Communication, Ownership, Relevancy and UNLIMITED YOU!









Mr. Graves Showcases His Talents

Mr. Graves, our band director, represented not only our school, but also AUHSD with his presenting at the nationwide Band Conference in Chicago this last week! Check him out below in these pictures where he is rocking the house! We are so proud of you Mr. Graves!







Announcements and Information for School and District



Lunch With A Lion

Parents...

On Thursday, Jan. 16th, 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.

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 January 14th. 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.

*Make sure
you turn in
your
RSVP to
the Main
Office*



FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America

First Meeting this Thursday
(10/10) in Room 409 *TOON!!*
At 2:30

FBLA is for both 7th and 8th graders and our club teaches students about things like running their own companies, getting involved with technology, learning how to raise money, and a variety of other business skills.

LEXINGTON HOMEWORK CLUB



Need help with homework, we are here for you!
Monday-Thursday
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Lexington Library

Monday- Ms. Salazar
Tuesday- Ms. Mai
Wednesday- Mr. McIver
Thursday- Ms. Estanislao

New teachers every quarter.
Location subject to change, teachers may use their classroom.

we believe that ALL people should live free of violence and discrimination.



OC Human Relations

YOUTH SPEAK SPEECH & ESSAY CONTEST

**Theme:
Achieving
Justice**

Prompt: What does justice mean to you? How can you achieve justice in your community/ Orange County? How can you navigate/ overcome barriers to justice?

CASH PRIZE:
1ST PLACE - \$500
2ND PLACE - \$300
3RD PLACE - \$200

CONTEST DEADLINE:
Thursday,
February 13th,
2020
at 5:00PM

**ENTRY FORM & CONTEST GUIDELINES
CAN BE FOUND AT:**

www.tinyurl.com/2020YouthSpeak

For questions, contact Maria Ortega
Maria.ortega@ocrcu.com

Contest sponsored by:

Cassandra Weiner

&

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Treat yourself!

HAPPY HAMBURGER THURSDAYS!



EVERY THURSDAY JOIN US IN THE
QUAD FOR FRESH BBO BURGERS!



Fridays just got better— new menu item!

PIZZA + DOMINOES = LUNCH FRIDAYS

**\$10
per
member**



It's not too late to join PTSA!

Your tax-deductible PTSA membership directly supports our students and school programs such as Fit-A-Thon, Student Dances, Disaster Preparedness, Student Welfare, Student Honor Roll, Family Events, Reflections Art Program, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation and so much more!

- PTSA is open to EVERYONE - parents, teachers, students, family and community members
- Supporting PTSA **does not** commit you to volunteering
- Membership perks include exclusive discounts and savings at area merchants

3 Simple Ways to Become a Member:

Scan the QR Code:



On-line: <https://jointotem.com/ca/cypress/lexington-jr-high-ptsa>

***An additional processing fee applies for on-line memberships*

Fill Out & Return this Form to the Office:

PLEASE **PRINT** ALL INFORMATION:

1st Member: _____

You are a (circle one): Parent Student Family/Relative Staff Member Community Member

Student Name: _____ Student Grade: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

2nd Member: _____

You are a (circle one): Parent Student Family/Relative Staff Member Community Member

Student Name: _____ Student Grade: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Please show your support of PTSA by signing up in one of these 3 ways!
Dues are **only \$10.00 per person** (cash or checks payable to **Lexington PTSA**)

Questions? Please contact:

Olivia Oshiro - 1st VP Membership - olivia.lexingtonlions@gmail.com - 213.247.1806



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Library

- *August 13th - Welcome to Lexington
- September 3rd- Aeries 101
- October 1st- Being Successful in Jr. High
- November 5th- Mental Health
- February 4th- AUHSD Educational Pledge
- April 7th- State Testing
- May 5th- Cypress HS Admin Visit



* Meeting will be in MPR



LEXINGTON JR. HIGH SCHOOL

2019-2020

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

August 21

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

An opportunity to meet with the principal and learn about several topics related to your student.

August 13

September 3

October 1

November 5

February 4

April 7

May 5

All meetings in Library at 8:00 AM

ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parents of English Learners are encouraged to attend these joint meetings with Cypress High School and Lexington Jr. High to better understand and support the need of their students.

TBD

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Provide your input to a group of nominated teachers, parents, classified employees, and students that work with the principal to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets.

September 24

November 12

March 17

All meetings in Library at 3:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE

April 1

PARENT LEARNING WALK

Learn how you can help your student at home by visiting 5-8 classrooms to better understand the skills, tasks, and expectations students must meet and demonstrate. Space is limited and only parents who register are able to participate.

TBD

LUNCH WITH A LION

Bring your student lunch and enjoy a great meal with them on the athletic field. Our ASD will be playing music, selling snacks and hosting fun games for you to join!

September 10

January 16

May 14

PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Help your student prepare for academic success by learning more about the importance of family engagement, high school graduation requirements, financial aid and much more!

TBD

Dates and times of events are subject to change. For the most updated information, refer to the school website or the Monday Memo.

LEXINGTON JR. HIGH SCHOOL
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714-220-4201

The Power of Family Engagement

What is Family Engagement?

When families take an active interest in their child's learning, students display a more positive attitude toward school. Children learn best when their parents play a variety of roles in their learning.

- Helping at home
- Volunteering at school
- Planning their child's future
- Participating in key decision making

Middle and high school students whose families remain involved make a better transition and are more successful.



Many educational studies show that when parents & families are involved, students tend to:

- Achieve more regardless of ethnic and/or racial background, socioeconomic status, or parent education level.
- Achieve better grades, test scores, and attendance
- Consistently complete homework
- Have better self-esteem, are more self-disciplined, and show higher aspirations and motivation towards school
- More likely to graduate and go onto higher education

How Can YOU Become Involved?

1. Provide Support and leadership through active engagement in your child's education.
2. Work collaboratively with your school's administration, teachers and your Family & Community Engagement Specialist to learn about all aspects of the school's structure and share this information with other parents.
3. Remember that together everyone achieves more. Continue to support your child's learning at home by working with their teacher's to help them develop good homework and study habits.
4. Talk with your child's teachers and school principal to learn about opportunities to get involved in your school's advisory councils as a method to make your talents, skills, and availability to assist known.



Family & Community Engagement Specialist (FaCES)

In an effort to make sure that we engage all of our student's families and increase their success on their campus, our Family & Community Engagement Specialist (FaCES) is here to help!

Your FaCES at Cypress High School can assist you with:

- Referral to Community Resources
- Various Parent Trainings
- English/Spanish Interpretation Assistance
- Online Aeries Support
- Information and Engagement Opportunities within existing advisory committees like:
 - Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP)
 - English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)
 - District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC)
- Registration Assistance



Jonathan Barba
Family & Community Engagement Specialist (FaCES)

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Email: Barba_J@auhdsd.us

References:

1. <https://www.ptotoday.com/pto-today-articles/article/399-involvement-matters-what-to-tell-parents>
2. <http://www.auhdsd.org/district/index.php/parents/parent-involvement/parent-involvement-overview>



Announcements and Information for Community and City

THE ORANGE COUNTY HERITAGE COUNCIL'S 8TH ANNUAL
SEP 16 2019
 ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

YOUTH ART CONTEST 2020

APPROVED

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: JAN 26, 2020

THEME: THE BLACK LEGACY CULTIVATED BY EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS, ATHLETICS, ECONOMICS, EDUCATION, SERVICE, HEALTH & COMMUNITY.

Artwork will be on display at the
Orange County Black History Parade & Cultural Faire
 And prizes awarded on stage
Saturday, February 01, 2020
 Anaheim, California

- Open to all youth grades K-12
- Artwork must not exceed 36" x 36"
- (2d artwork only)
- Artwork must be ready to hang with name and grade level
- Artwork must be accompanied by a short written message

ARTWORK WILL BE JUDGED BY:
 GRADE LEVEL
 THEME REPRESENTATION
 QUALITY OF WORK

\$\$\$ Prizes Will Be Awarded

For further information please contact:
 Wanda Reynolds 714-310-1053 or wanda@reynolds@gmail.com
 Applications are also available online at oc-hc.org

Note: All submissions shall be treated as being free of restrictions and limitations on their use, reproduction, and publication.

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SEP 24 2019
Steph... Ed.D.

BLACK HISTORY

THE ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY
 BLACK HISTORY PARADE & CULTURAL FAIRE
 205 W Center Street Promenade Anaheim, CA 92805

www.ocblackhistoryparade.org
 @ocblackhistoryparade

Orange County Blackhistoryparade

SATURDAY
 FEBRUARY 1st, 2020
 PARADE: 9AM-12PM
 Cultural Faire: 12pm - 4pm
 VENDOR BOOTHS, FOOD BOOTHS
 PRODUCT BOOTHS, YOUTH VILLAGE
 HEALTH VILLAGE, COLLEGE FAIR
 YOUTH ART DISPLAY

ORANGE COUNTY HERITAGE COUNCIL
 www.oc-hc.org
 AN OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE
 Orange County Heritage Council
 P.O BOX 29037 SANTA ANA, CA 92799

JOIN OUR 2019-2020 TEEN PROGRAM

the **CLUB**
 BANDAI TEEN CENTER

\$50/month program fee
 \$50 registration fee

Transportation available from multiple
 Jr. High and High Schools for \$170/month
(Monthly program fee is waived if taking Club transportation)

- Career Development
- Leadership Opportunities
- Art & Dance Classes
- Homework Help
- Community Service
- College Exploration
- STAM Clubs & Classes
- Fun After-Hours Events
- Field Trips

LOCATED AT
 10161 MOODY STREET
 CYPRESS, CA 90630

HOURS: 2:00 - 6:30 pm
 For More Information
 CALL: 714-527-2697
 WEB: www.bgccypress.org

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DAILY SCHEDULE

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
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2:45 - 3:30	Check-in / Free and Paid Snack, Games Room Open
3:30 - 3:40	Announcements
3:40 - 4:25	Power Hour Homework Help / Enrichment Activity
4:25 - 5:10	Group Activities & Clubs - Art, Sports, Dance Leadership/Keystone Club, etc.
5:00 - 5:30	Social Hour - Video Games, Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Karaoke, etc.
5:45 - 6:30	Movie

Additional rates apply for
 holidays and school closure dates
 (Spring Break, Winter Break, etc.)

OPEN 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

SCHOOL YEAR DATES
 AUGUST 8, 2019 - MAY 22, 2020

CLOSURE DATES
 9/2, 11/23, 11/29
 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1/20
 5/25 - 5/29/20

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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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