Mrs. Houston's Monday Memo

## Trophy Season

"Opportunities don't happen. You create them." - Chris Grosser


Our SeaPerch students were awarded top honors in their recent competition. Check out the trophies they brought back to rep at our school! Under the leadership of Ms. Cummings and some amazing volunteer mentors, these students are literally learning skills to navigate life! One of our teams competed at the high school level because they are that awesome! The robotics club meets outside of our school day showing just how dedicated they are. They are learning how to create and maintain robots... and not only that robots underwater with missions! This is the 5 C's at work---Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Character. \#UNLIMITEDYOU \#AUHSD









## Upcoming Student Activities \& Reminders

- IMPORTANT: Last Chance to purchase a YEARBOOK: sales end MARCH 20th!!! \$55 in Main Office cash only. We sold out last year-so get yours now!
- The science department is having a paper drive next week. All science students can turn in a ream of paper to their science teacher.
- 3/10: Choir at District Choir Festival
- 3/11: OC Bridges Walk in Your Shoes AND Lexington Idol
- 3/12: ASB Spring Dance AND LCAP at District Office
- 3/13: OC Bridges Retreat
- 3/14: Saturday Academy AND Drumline competition @ Marina HS
- 3/15: CADTD Dance Competition for Dance Crew
- 3/16: Civic Week!
- 3/17: School Site Council Meeting AND Friends of Education Dinner
- 3/18-3/19: Tolerance Summit
- 3/23-3/27: Spring Break
- 3/30: Lion Awards AND Cypress HS Cheer Clinic
- 3/31: Cypress HS Cheer Clinic AND DELAC meeting at District Office
- 4/1: Open House and Minimum Day
- 4/2: LCAP Meeting at District Office
- 4/3: LEXpectation Field Trip CSULB (7th Grade)
- 4/4: Saturday Academy AND SCVA Show Choir Competition AND Drumline Semifinals @King HS (Riverside).
- 4/7: Coffee Chat, Mikva Challenge Soap Box Competition AND Choir at Knott's Berry Farm
- 4/8: Peer Court AND Parent Night
- 4/8: ELA State Testing AND Track at Walker JHS
- 4/9: ELA State Testing
- 4/18: Drumline Championships @APU
- 5/13: Band Concert


Unlimited Possibilities at Lexington Junior High School

## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

## Science Fair Results

Congratulations to the following students that were finalists in the 2020 Lexington Science Fair;
Engineering: *Calvin Dao-Nguyen, Anthony Safo
Life Science: *Chloe Shin \& Angeline Pedroza, Hayden Tim \& Harry Kim, Reina Roumie, Zan Qureshi, Esther Kim

Physical Science: *Yash Gupta, Jason Pham \& Michael Le, Lius Lopez, Angelia Oh \& Gloria Kim, Nicole Frigillana, Alex Safro, Janya Jagan,

Product Testing: * Ella Kwong \& Abigale Mekonnen, Tayloe Clendenning, Spencer Kwon
Survey: * Isabella Cabico \& Scarlet Aispuro, Jia Panchal \& Mehaa Rajkumar, Samantha Lois Zacarias \& Savanna Mzuri
*1st place winners





## Speech and Debate II

Mrs. Heck led her students through a mock trial this week. It was very entertaining to watch these kids take on real life roles of judges, lawyers, defendants, jurors, etc. I love this speech class because it pushes kids in their critical thinking and communication skills---such valuable attributes for any profession in life!




## History

Mr. Perales' history class was challenged to create inventions during the time of the Industrial Revolution. Students became experts on real historical inventions and breakthroughs and had to present them to the "Shark Tank" of investors. Parents, administration and other teachers judged these pitches and decided to bank on them or pass. What a cool way for kids to learn material, communicate about them and think on spot with the judges touch questions!


## Community PE Cross Country Challenge

Our PE classes held their first annual Cross Country Community Challenge this week. We had parents on campus working out with their kids! Teachers and administration came out on their conference periods to show support too! Students who placed in the top 10 got prizes like gatorade and suckers. This is an example of wonderful teacher and community collaboration!




## Athletics

Our girls basketball teams brought home the gold in 7th/8th grade! Way to go girls! Our boys' soccer came up a tad short, but showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship!


## Healthy Curriculum 4th Quarter

We had a preview night for our 4th quarter health students where we invited parents to come see and speak with our district leaders and creators of the Healthy Youth Act lessons. We had around 50 parents attend. This is a pilot program that we will be utilizing for our 4th quarter health students.


## Community Outreach

For Read Across America Day, I was asked to read to 1st grade students at Luther Elementary School. I can tell you that little kids can make you feel like a total rock star! These little lions were so eager to listen, ask questions and tell me what the book meant to them! The book was called, I like me---and I challenge you to continue to listen to the theme of this book.


## ELPAC EL/ELD UPDATES! Muy Importante!

If your student is an English Learner and is taking the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC), please encourage them to attend the Workshops hosted by Mr. Rae. Also if your student is in EL 1,2 or ELM, please read information below for the importance of our ELPAC testing and doing well on it to get redesignated!

TEST DATES: March 9-13, 2020
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PREPARE FOR THE ELPAC:

1. Attend the Saturday Academy on February 29.
2. After School Workshops (March 2-6 after school 2:30-3:30)
TIPS FOR SUCCESS:
3. Turn off all of your electronic devices and go to sleep at a reasonable time. Parents, you may choose to collect your child's devices before your child goes to bed.
4. Eat a well-balanced breakfast. Hot Cheetos and soda is not a breakfast for success.
5. Come to school early. When you are early, you will feel less rushed and this will increase your confidence.
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\section*{Band Announcements}

From Mr. Graves:
Competition on February 22, and another on March 14th.
Semifinals are on April 4th.
Championships are on April 18th.
Mr. Graves and the advanced band students received a superior rating in the AUHSD festival at Kennedy High School this last week. I am so proud of their talent, showmanship and dedication to this beautiful skill!


\section*{Choir, Dance, Guitar News}

Congratulations to the following students who will be performing in our annual Lexington Idol on: March 11th - Lexington Idol - MPR 6:30pm!

\section*{LEXINGTON IDOL FINALISTS 2020}


\section*{Important Choir Dates:}

March 10th- District Choir Festival - Advanced Choir
March 11th- Lexington Idol *NEW DATE
March 15th - CADTD STATE Dance Crew Competition
April 1st - Lexington Open House - Velocity Show Choir AND Dance Crew
April 4th - SCVA Show Choir Competition - Walnut High School
April 7th - Knott's Berry Farm Performance - Advanced Choir
April 17th - Burroughs (Burbank) Show Choir Competition
April TBA - Fountain Valley Guest performers - Dance Crew
May 12th - Lexington Choir/Guitar/Dance Crew Shows at Lexington - 6pm AND 7:30pm

\section*{Parent Survey NEEDED}

We would greatly appreciate your participation in our annual 2020 Healthy Kids Survey. I have been sending this out in it's own Aeries Email-and here it is again if you missed it! I thank you in advance for your support! This survey is so rich in providing AUHSD and Lexington data and information for us to make decisions involving our school and your student's success and well-being!

Your school needs you to complete this online survey to learn more about your opinions about it. This survey is an opportunity to communicate your perceptions about your child's school. This letter explains the survey and, at the bottom of the page, provides your login, password and access instructions. If you have any questions about this survey, contact Anita Dunham or David Dorosky.

You will have access to this online survey beginning 1/19/20-3/15/20.
The purpose of this survey is to obtain parent perceptions about the school.
Your participation is voluntary. It is also very important. The information you provide will help guide district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports, and improve student achievement.
- This is an anonymous survey. It is designed so that no one can be identified from the data. You do not have to respond to any questions that you feel could be used to identify you. Simply skip any such questions.
- All questions apply to this school only.
- The results are for the use of your district. The California Department of Education and WestEd will preserve data confidentiality and refer any data requests to the district.

\section*{INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING THE SURVEY}

If you have more than one child at this school, you will only need to complete one survey for this school. Please fill out just one survey about the school using your oldest child as a reference.

Access the survey using the following URL:
surveys.wested.org/csps/EM277CA

\section*{Troubleshooting}

If you are having trouble taking the survey, check the following:
I - Make sure you are entering the web site address correctly.
- Does the survey welcome page show the correct name of your school?
- Make sure you have entered the URL (in the URL bar, NOT THE SEARCH BAR) and School Code correctly.
- Make sure that your survey window is open. You should be able to find the start date on this form.
- Still having trouble? Contact your survey coordinator.

Thank you for taking this important survey!

\section*{PTSA NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION}

ALSO---please consider nominating a special teacher, staff member, parent or student for PTSA's annual HONORARY SERVICE AWARD (HSA)! Read below for all the information.

\section*{Honorary Service Award Nomination Form}


Each year, PTA recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the well-being of children by presenting them with an Honorary Service Award (HSA). Donations are made on behalf of the recipient, which provide scholarships for students attending schools and colleges in California.

If there is someone whom you feel unselfishly volunteers their energy, time and talents, whether at school or in the community, please nominate them to be considered for this special award. The categories are:

Very Special Person Award - Awarded to individuals or groups that provide outstanding service to our youth through support in various school/PTA events.

Honorary Service Award - Awarded to dedicated individuals who provide outstanding service to our youth through leadership roles in our school and community.
Continuing Service Award - Awarded to individuals making significant contributions to the welfare of our youth over a continuing period of time.
Outstanding Teacher Award - Awarded to dedicated teachers who have gone above and beyond making significant contributions to the welfare of their students.

Outstanding Administrator Award - Awarded to dedicated administrators who provide outstanding support to our teachers, students and staff.

The award winners will be chosen by the HSA Committee and recognized at Open House.
Nomination forms DUE Friday, March \(13^{\text {th }}\)
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VSP - Kame Gibo \\
HSA - Nina Miranda \\
CSA - Pamela Morris \\
OTA - Robyn Parratto \\
OAA - Amber Houston \\
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\hline Lexington JHS HSA Past Recipients \\
\hline\(\underline{2018}\) \\
VSP - Brent LaBonte \\
HSA - Assistant League of Anaheim \\
CSA - Angela Carswell \\
OTA - Larry Jones \\
OAA - David Dorosky \\
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\(\underline{2019}\) \\
HSA - Kristin Harpst \\
CSA - Stephen Dpvis \\
OTA - Douglas Coombs \\
OTA - Blanca Estelles \\
OAA - Stacey Giem \\
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Complete and return this form to the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office or e-mail with the following information to Olivia Oshiro at: Olivia.lexingtonlions@gmail.com.

The person I would like to nominate is: \(\qquad\)
Nominee's e-mail and/or phone number: \(\qquad\)
Your Name, e-mail \& Phone \#: \(\qquad\)
The reason(s) why are: (Feel free to use reverse or attach a detailed explanation)

\section*{Counseling Corner}

\section*{LEXpectations}

LEXpectation fieldtrip 7th grade---April 3rd to Long Beach State.
LEXpectation fieldtrip 8th grade---April 16th to USC.
Counseling will invite students to a meeting a couple of weeks before each trip to distribute permission slips, share information, etc.

\section*{Registration is complete---if you have not looked at your student's registration card and signed it----you are behind! Turn in to Counseling ASAP!}


MY 4-YEAR PLAN-Class of 2024


\section*{Announcements and Information for School and District}

ANAHEIMUNONHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
1stannual


APRIL 7, 2020
6:00 PM
- LOARA HIGH SCHOOL.

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> I765 W. CERRITOS AVENUE

ANAHEIM, CA 92804

\section*{क् \\ Constitutional Rights Foundation \\ orange county \\ Orange County Peer Court}

April 08, 2020
Peer Court involves an innovative jury process through which teenage students - ages 11 to 17 recommend sanctions for first-time juvenile offenders. About 240 minors appear before Peer Court juries each year. Members of the jury pool (participate as a juror) may earn up to two hours of community service.

Operating under the authority of the County of Orange Probation Department, Orange County judges preside over the sessions and select student juries from the audience. The jurors ask questions of the juvenile offender and parent(s), deliberate with the assistance of an attorney advisor and recommend sanctions to the Court to help get the minor back on the right track. The Judge issues the final decision on sanctions with the Probation Department supervising completion of the court-ordered sentence.

When: Wednesday April o8, 2020 2:30-4:30 PM.
Where:
Lexington Junior High School MPR
Just show up and plan to stay the entire time.
HOW: You may not leave early. Some history classes give extra credit. See your teacher for requirements.
Questions? Contact Susan Larsen 714-220-4201 x 44001 or larsen s@auhsd.us.




\section*{It's not too late to join PTSA!}

Your tax-deductible PTSA membership directly supports our students and school programs such as Fit-AThon, 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

\section*{3 Simple Ways to Become a Member:}

\section*{Scan the QR Code:}


\section*{On-line: https://iointotem.com/ca/cypress/lexington-ir-high-ptsa \\ **An additional processing fee applies for on-line memberships}

Fill Out \& Return this Form to the Office:
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION:
\(1^{\text {st }}\) Member: \(\qquad\) You are a (circle one): Parent Student Family/Relative Staff Member Community Member Student Name: \(\qquad\) Student Grade: \(\qquad\)
E-mail: \(\qquad\) Phone \#: \(\qquad\)
\(2^{\text {nd }}\) Member: \(\qquad\)
You are a (circle one): Parent Student Family/Relative Staff Member Community Member
Student Name: \(\qquad\) Student Grade: \(\qquad\)
E-mail: \(\qquad\) Phone \#: \(\qquad\)

Please show your support of PTSA by signing up in one of these 3 ways! Dues are only \(\$ \mathbf{1 0 . 0 0}\) per person (cash or checks payable to Lexington PTSA)

\section*{Questions? Please contact:}

Olivia Oshiro - \(1^{\text {st }}\) VP Membership - olivia.lexingtonlions@qmail.com - 213.247.1806


\section*{Announcements and Information for Community and City}







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\section*{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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