

Compton Cubs

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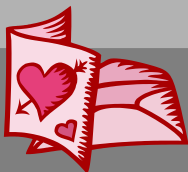
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Thanks for your
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From the desk of Liz Murphy, Principal:

Dear Parents!

What an exciting year! I appreciate all your support and help over the last several months and I hope you have a very special Valentine's Day this month! It is so important that we partner together in your child's education. I thank those of you who participated in our School Improvement Survey. If you did not get the opportunity to take this short but important survey, please request a survey from your child's teacher or visit our media center where you can take this survey on-line. We value and need your input as we obtain very important information about Compton.

Together we work for
the success of our
children.

We celebrated an absolutely wonderful Grandparent's Breakfast on January 18. We packed our media center with all our delightful Grandparents who came to share breakfast with their grandchildren! Thank you all for supporting Compton and making it a special event for all of us! Mark your calendars for our other upcoming special

breakfasts: *Dad's Breakfast* – **March 14** (A-L) & **March 15** (M-Z) and *Mom's Breakfast* – **April 11** (A-L) & **April 12** (M-Z). We love having our families in our school and working with us!

Thank you for taking the time to come to our last PTA meeting! Our fantastic fourth and fifth graders performed and it was delightful to see them shine! We are blessed with talented students at Compton. This leads me to have you mark your calendar for a very special event for our school! Our annual musical/drama production of *Aladdin* will be presented on **March 23** and **March 24**. We have reserved the auditorium at Tapp Middle School for two nights and are excited for our fourth and fifth grade students to present this musical. Make plans to attend now—we sold out the auditorium last year and our talented students were magnificent! This year will be just as wonderful! Our PTA is sponsoring our Spring Carnival in April and you will be receiving information about this event and how you can help in the very near future.

Please remember to check our website regularly as it is updated weekly with all our events and celebrations! Also, keep reading our monthly school newsletter—there are so many exciting events each and every month! We appreciate your support as we continue learning and growing in the upcoming weeks.



PTA *Many Children. One Voice...*

Yearbooks are on sale now. Order early for the of cost is \$18 until February 17. Then, the price goes up to \$21.

PTA will be hosting a **Valentine's Sweetheart Family Dance** on Friday, February 10th from 6-8pm. The cost is \$1 per person. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. There will be food and drinks for sale.



Mark your calendars for the **Spring Carnival** on Saturday, April 14th. We will have interest meetings coming soon for all those parents who would like to volunteer to make it a success.

Parent Involvement Three factors boost motivation to read: You want your child to spend free time reading, but you're not sure how to motivate her. Research shows certain factors make a difference:

1. **Confidence.** It's important for kids to feel good about themselves and reading. Talk with your child about her reading successes. Mention why reading is important.
2. **Choice.** Kids are more motivated when they pick what to read. Take regular trips to the library, and visit several sections (such as fiction, nonfiction and magazines).
3. **Interaction.** Model good reading skills by reading aloud to your child. Also encourage discussion about books in your family.



Parents, collect your **Box Tops for Education** again this year. Each month the class with the most box tops will earn a popcorn party!

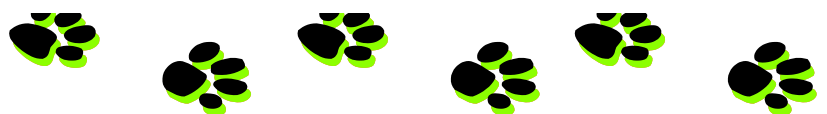
Reader Alert: Win Lunch with the Principal

Once again, for those of you who are quick to read your newsletter, here's a treat. Fill out the form below, clip it off, then turn it into the Media Center. Students will become eligible for a special drawing to have lunch with the Principal later this month.

Child's Name _____

Parent(s) signature _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____





Art Happenings

Students have been working on projects that correspond to classroom studies. Fifth grade has made WWII posters. Fourth grade has learned how to make a circle shape look more 3-D instead of flat. We used the solar system as our subject matter. Third grade has just finished making dinosaur egg sculptures from clay. They included dinosaur head peeping up from the egg. Second grade just finished a design using only circles and squares. They will be starting clay soon. First grade has learned the parts of plant by drawing and labeling one. They will be creating an animal using only heart shapes next. Kindergarten created a bubble gum machine drawing. They mounted and wrote their numbers on the gumballs.



Music Notes

In Music this month, we are accomplishing a lot! Kindergarten and First Grade are having lots of fun working on echoing and call-and-response songs. Second and Third Grade are learning about and creating their own *ostinati* (which is fancy music language for repeated patterns). Fourth and Fifth grade are blowing me away by playing accompaniments to songs on Orff instruments (glockenspiels, xylophones and metallophones). Our Compton Cubs are amazingly musical!



P.E. Pulse

February is National Heart Awareness Month. Our annual Jump Rope for Heart to benefit the American Heart Association will be held on Feb. 16 & 17 during your child's specials time. More information, collection envelopes will be coming soon. Remember, a healthy heart is a happy heart!!!

Counselor's Corner

Ways to Develop Positive Self-Esteem

1. Set goals and make plans to reach them
2. Make a list of things you do well
3. Do your best at school
4. Choose friends who encourage you to do well
5. Volunteer to help another person
6. Keep a neat appearance





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Openings are available! Contact Floye Reed at Compton for more information.



Cafeteria

FEBRUARY: Healthy Heart month! People have been eating soup for at least 8,000 years. The main ingredient back then? Hippopotamus! Try some soup in the cafeteria today. It is warm, tasty and hippopotamus free.

Clinic Clips



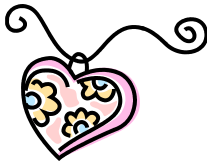
There have been many illnesses since returning from the holidays. As a reminder, do not send your child to school if they have fever, vomiting, diarrhea, red eye with drainage, unexplained rash, head lice, severe sore throat with fever.

Symptoms of a common cold include sneezing, runny nose, watery eyes and not feeling well. The cold virus is spread by direct contact with discharge from nose and throat or from used tissues.

Some recommendations are:

1. Child may attend school unless he/she is not feeling well enough to participate in their usual activities.
2. Use and encourage good hand washing especially after covering mouth for coughing and blowing nose.

Some illnesses/conditions should be reported to the school nurse such as unexplained rash, head lice, chicken pox, whooping cough, etc. Please follow your doctor's recommendations.



Literacy Coach

Congratulations to Jeanette Conti for winning this year's spelling bee and to Braden Frost for being 1st runner up! Jeanette represented Compton Elementary well at the county bee held at Kennesaw Mountain High School!

Let your child tell you everything they now know about blue whales! We just finished reading Big Blue Whale schoolwide and have now begun Goin' Someplace Special. It's exciting to see children so excited about books!



Student Council

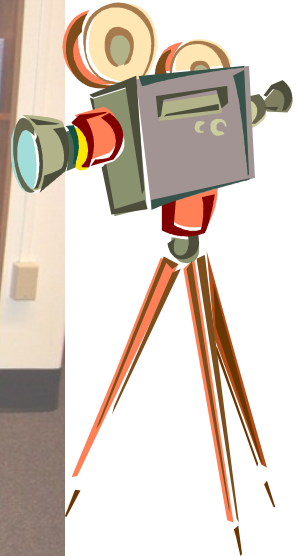
The student council is proud to announce that we have new items in the school store. We have added key chains, bendable pencils, and many more fun items. We are open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. Our items begin at 15 cents up to \$2.00. Come check out our great school supplies!



Media Matters

“Good morning, staff and students. It’s time for the morning news. This is CNN, the Compton News Network...”

We start each day at Compton with a live video broadcast, run by our crew of eight talented 5th graders. The team alternates between spots in the anchor chair, running the cameras, teleprompter and mixer board, and directing the entire show. CONGRATULATIONS to our CNN New Team for making our CNN morning broadcast such an important part of every school day.



Back row: Janet Almanza, Ashley Ruiz, Ivana Radjenovic, Haley Hall, Braden Frost Front row: DeAsia Temple, Elizabeth Rodriguez, KeShawn McGhee



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Family Movie Night 6pm	4
5	6	7 4th & 5th Writing Assesment	8	9	10 Progress Reports Sweetheart Dance 6-8pm	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Spring Picture Day	16	17 9:00am	18
19	20 NO School	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 School Council Meeting	29			