

# Compton Cubs

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## From the desk of Liz Murphy, Principal:

Dear Parents,

We had a beautiful Christmas celebration and dinner together! I enjoyed seeing all our families come and celebrate the season as well as each other! Thank you all for coming and supporting Compton and we were blessed to have such a large attendance again this year! We had a delicious dinner, shopping time at the Santa Shoppe and delightful family pictures with Santa! What a way to start the holiday—with our Compton families! Be sure and check our school website to view pictures of our celebration! I thank you all for your lovely wishes and contributions to make this a truly inspiring time for our Compton Family!

I trust you and your families had a safe and restful holiday break! It was very quiet around here without our students, staff, and parents during the holiday break! We are very excited about all the wonderful opportunities and learning planned in the months to come in the New Year! We want you to partner with us and participate in all the inspiring and fun activities in 2012 as we celebrate the success of our students!

We have several important and exciting events coming in January. We are looking forward to celebrating and honoring all our Grandparents at our annual **Grandparents Breakfast!** On Wednesday, **January 18** from 7:15 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., we are inviting all our Grandparents to come and eat breakfast with your grandchildren on this special day. You will leave with a smile on your face and bursting with pride!



We have a very **important PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.** Our fourth and fifth grade students will be performing on this special evening and we will be discussing several important topics that will affect our school in the upcoming New Year. Please make plans now to share the night with us!

At the beginning of our new year, we need all parents to participate in our very important School Improvement Survey. We value you and your input in everything we do at Compton and our future plans depend on getting your feedback. You will be receiving important information about this survey in your child's Thursday folder in the next few weeks. Please make this a priority to return this survey.



Please continue to read our newsletters, check our school website, and read your class newsletters so that you can keep up-to-date on all the exciting opportunities to come and celebrate with us at Compton! If we can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to contact our school office!

*Together, we are making a difference in the lives  
our students and in our community!*



**PTA** *Many Children. One Vice....*

Happy New Year to Everyone! The yearbook is underway. The cost of the yearbook is \$18. The cost goes up to \$21 if purchased **after** February 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have pictures of recent events that you'd like to see in the yearbook, please upload them for free at [www.community.lifetouch.com](http://www.community.lifetouch.com). The access code is IYCWYE. Last date to submit photos is January, 23<sup>rd</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> grade dedications for the yearbook are also being sold for \$10 per ad. Each ad can include a 4X6 photo and a typed message of 20 words or less. January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the DEADLINE! Feel free to contact the PTA at [comptonptapres@yahoo.com](mailto:comptonptapres@yahoo.com).



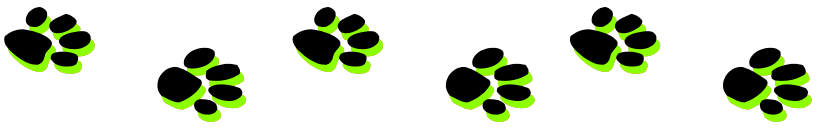
**Reader Alert: Win Lunch with the Principal**

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 by **Friday, January 13, 2012**. Students will become eligible for a special drawing to have lunch with the Principal later this month.

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_





## Art Happenings

Several students' art has been entered in a national contest, Celebrating Art. The winners are published in a book. Compton had twelve chosen to have their work published in this book which is entitled, Celebrating Art. The winners are: Janell Ratliff, Jeanette Conti, Keyonna Gross, Brittany McDowell, Keshawn McGhee, Kamyzia Milton, Gabriella Dias, Timothy Knotts, Kimberly Leon, Aowyn Martin, Jessica Palacios, and Leslie Guzman. It is an honor to be invited to have your art published.



## Music Notes

This month in music, our fourth and fifth graders have begun preparing for their PTA program! They came up with some interesting musical elements to include in our show, and I absolutely cannot wait to see how the program comes together. We've got some very talented students in 4th and 5th grade this year, so be sure to come for the **PTA meeting Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30pm.**



## P.E. Pulse

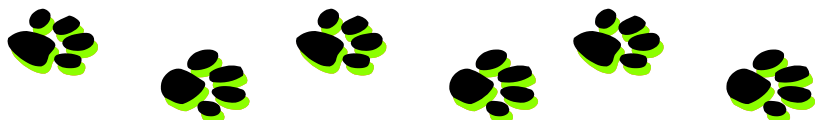
There will be a new addition in PE this year. Coach Schilling, a physical education major from KSU, will be doing his student teaching with Coach Spiegel. We are very excited to have him with us!

Beginning in January, ALL students will be participating in the FitnessGram Pre-Assessment, as mandated by the state. The Post-Assessment will be done after Spring Break. Grades K – 3 will be assessed on BMI (body mass index) only, while grades 4 – 5 will be assessed on BMI, Muscular Strength, Muscular Endurance and Flexibility. A report will be sent home at the end of the year.



## Student Council

The Student Council is getting ready for our February heart sales. They will be selling hearts for 50 cents at the school store to raise money for Relay for Life (cancer research) the week of February 8-14 from 7:15-7:50 a.m. Students purchasing these hearts are able to write personal messages on them to friends, family, and teachers. Parents are welcome to join in on the fun!! Get your quarters ready and help support Relay for Life!





## Parent Involvement

We hope everyone enjoyed their family time over the break. Welcome back to school! Here are some tips to starting 2012 with high expectations.

You *want* your child to succeed. You *expect* him to succeed. But does this really make a difference? Yes! Research shows that parents' expectations are linked to academic achievement. And when parents have warm, close relationships with their children, expectations are even more powerful. Talk with your child about what he'd like to accomplish in 2012. When setting expectations, remember to:

- **Be reasonable.** Expect your child to work hard, but don't set the bar so high that he's likely to fail. He should feel challenged and motivated, not overwhelmed.
- **Be patient.** Big goals are wonderful, but plan small milestones along the way. If your child needs to finish a long book, for example, figure out how many pages he'll have to read per day.
- **Be flexible.** Sometimes goals have to change. Maybe your child did poorly on a test, and he can't get an A in science. That shouldn't stop him from striving for something new, such as a B+.
- **Be optimistic.** Celebrate your child's accomplishments, no matter what. How hard he tries is more important than the final result.



## Web Links

**PBS Reading Rockets:** Here are ten things you can do to help your child succeed at school! And other great links to help your child with reading and math homework.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/375>



## Cafeteria

January is "3-a-day" of Dairy month!

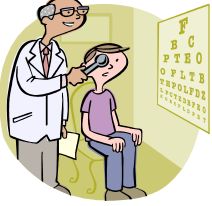
Milk is rich in protein and calcium which help build the muscles you need to throw a ball or climb a tree. Have you had your milk today? Today's fact: Playing soccer for 1 hour burns 260 calories. This nutritional moment was brought to you by your dedicated cafeteria staff.



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



## Clinic Clips



Hearing and vision letters are being mailed to students only if your child failed one or both screenings. It is imperative the bottom portion of that letter return to the school completed with required information. The information, including date, comes from the ear doctor and/or eye doctor. It is ESPECIALLY important to give us this

information if your child is referred for RTI or special education. If you have a problem getting glasses due to financial reasons, please let me or your child's teacher know. Thank you very much, Kathy Flowers, RN



## Media Matters

The Library has been a FLURRY of activity in December! We took a trip on The Polar Express, as classes came to the Library, had their tickets punched by the Conductor, took a seat on the train, and read the book, complete with a slide show of pictures and sound effects. At the end of the story, students were given a small bell to keep as a reminder of the experience.

Mrs. Reece also visited classrooms for "drop-in" stories during the last week of school. Dressed in her holiday best, the "Library Fairy" burst into classrooms, read a story, and gave a small treat to students. She reminded them to keep reading over the holiday break.

AND look for over 200 brand new books to hit the Library in January, as we receive our first big book order shipment! We will have LOTS of new titles, including some from our most popular series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid.



## Spelling Bee Update

Congratulations to the following students for winning their class spelling bee:

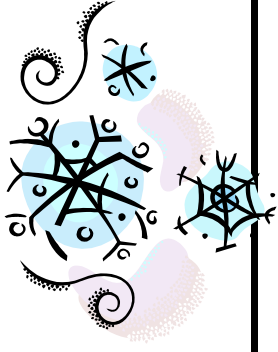
<u>4<sup>th</sup> grade</u>		<u>5<sup>th</sup> grade</u>	
Jordan Pyant	Alex Lira	Ashley Ruiz	Jeanette Conti
Justin Morris	Janai Warren	Braden Frost	Caitlin Dillinger
Janelle Ratliff	Ashanti Lyons	Lytzy Herrera	Tenniciay Young
Lillian Aldrich	Raja White	Elijah Watson	Brittany McDowell
		Anthony Brown	Robert Jackson



\*\*These students will be competing Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> in the annual school-wide spelling bee.

The winner will then compete in the county spelling bee at the end of January. Good luck super spellers!





# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 No School	10 Back to School	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Day No School	17	18 Grandparents Breakfast 7:15-8:00am	19	20	21
22	23	24 PTA 6:30pm 4-5th Grade Performance	25	26	27 Spelling Bee Contest	28
29	30	31				