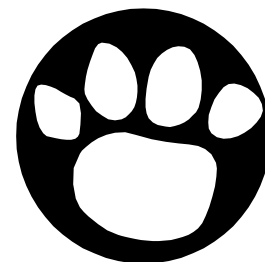


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Thanks for your
Support

Dear Parents,

We have much to be thankful for in the months of October and November! We had a packed house at our first PTA meeting of the year! Our talented second and third grade students performed and we got to share very important information about Compton for the upcoming year! Our fifth grade teachers shared with our fifth grade students and their parents important information concerning their end of the year fieldtrip and our fourth grade had a fun and informational Math Night! What fun and excitement!

I thank you all for coming out and supporting our PTA and our students and helping make this a special celebration for our Compton students!

We had a very special celebration with our students as each class completed their literary pumpkins. Each class chose a "hero" in a favorite book and created a class pumpkin and story. We are thrilled with each and every one of our projects. I hope you all got a good look at these class projects during Conference Week.

Conference week was packed with all our parents coming and meeting with our teachers! It is so important that we partner together—thank you for taking the time to come and meet with your child's teacher(s).

We are looking forward to upcoming **Day of Hope** for our students and community on Friday, November 18. Each guest reader will read a book to our classes and then share their inspiring stories of success and hope! Keep watching our website and you will be thrilled with all our community heroes who are reading and sharing with our students! We can hardly wait till this exciting day!

I invite you to visit our school website where you can glimpse all the learning and fun that we have each day at Compton and you can get detailed grade information as well as news updates on events. We will be spotlighting many students, grades, and activities on our website and we want you to visit it often. We will also post important dates and events for our Compton families! Also, mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Dinner for our Compton families on **December 15**. We invite all our parents to come to a dinner in your honor—a special gift from our Compton staff to you and your families! I am looking forward to seeing you at Compton!

Accomplishing Much Together,
Ms. Murphy





PTA

Many Children. One Vice..

Have you purchased your PTA Membership (\$5)? Have you purchased your Spirit Wear (\$8)? If not, there is still some time left. Fall Fundraiser orders will be arriving some time during the first week of November. Yearbook information will also be coming soon! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact PTA at www.comptonptapres@yahoo.com



Counselors Corner

October 24 – 28 was **Red Ribbon Week**. It was a fun filled week. Students were asked to wear different outfits each day to inform them about the danger of illegal drugs. Classroom guidance lessons were also taught by the counselors to inform our students about the importance of staying Drug Free. Early education is important in helping our youngsters to know about the danger of illegal drugs.



Media Matters The Compton Library Media Center is now open for business... **at night!** On Thursday, November 10th, we are opening our school Library Media Center from 4:00 to 7:00 PM for parents to visit us. Come to use a computer, look at a magazine, or just find a good book to read. We'll even show you how to use **Cobb Virtual Library**, an online

tool that students can access from home with links to great resources, including encyclopedias, magazines, websites, newspapers, research databases, and our school Destiny program.

Clear your calendar and make plans to visit our Compton Library Media Center on November 10th! We hope to see you then!



Congratulations to Brittany McDowell and Travis Booker for being winners in the National Bus Safety Poster Contest! Brittany won 2nd place in the county and Travis won 1st place in the county. Travis also won 2nd place for the State of Georgia! Travis also received a check for \$75.00. We are very proud of them. Elizabeth Rodriguez received Honorable Mention.

Pictured: (L-R) Liz Murphy, Principal, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Travis Booker, Brittany McDowell and Rick Grisham from CCSD Transportation Department.



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



Student Council

Compton Helping Compton Food Drive

The Student Council is sponsoring a can food drive to support our families for the holiday season. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Please refer to your grade level and send in the item(s). Thank you for your support! Which grade will have the most donations? We will collect items until December 9.

Kindergarten: yams/instant mashed potatoes

First Grade: Corn/cornbread mix

Second Grade: Stove Top stuffing/can gravy

Third Grade: green beans/Bisquick/cranberry sauce

Fourth Grade: Pudding/cake mixes and frostings/any sweet item

Fifth Grade: kool aid packs, 2 liters, cans of drinks



ASP Fall has arrived and with it a happy group of ASP students. Last week the students had a great time during conference week, having special treats and movies for the long afternoons of playing after doing their homework assignments. With the holidays coming very soon, please keep in mind that we are available to you and your students every day from dismissal until 6 pm. So, if you need to do some shopping, cooking, or just need an afternoon for you, your children will be happy and well taken care of in ASP. There is a one-time \$10.00 registration fee after which attendance will only cost you \$7.00 per day. It is also a good thing to remember in case you should have an emergency during the day – you won't have to worry about your child until 6 o'clock. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Partners In Education Compton Elementary is very fortunate to have many wonderful partners that we work with on a continuous basis. We would like to extend a very big thank you to West Cobb Chiropractic on their donation of a basketball goal for our students. Also, thank you to the Strand Theater in Marietta for their donation of movie tickets to our October Teacher of the Month. Lastly, thank you to our friends at Powder Springs First Baptist for their generous donation to our clothes closet!

Clinic Clips There may be times when it will be necessary for you to bring over-the-counter medicine for your child here at school. Those medications should be age appropriate. For instance, if your child is 10 years old, they should take Children's Ibuprofen only, not adult strength. Therefore, I can only accept children's strength over-the-counter medicines.

I have to call parents many times during the school day. Please keep in mind, my clinic phone is authorized to make local calls ONLY. It is difficult to make that call if it is a long distance area code especially if your child wants to speak with you.

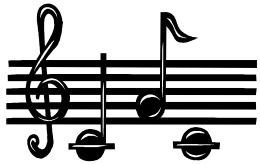
Hearing and vision screening for 1st and 4th grade will begin soon. Please be sure your child brings their glasses to school every day. Should your child fail, you will receive a letter from the school. **IMPORTANT:** Once your child attends the appointment, please return the bottom portion of the failure letter and return that to your child's teacher.





Art Happenings

This month you will receive your child's fund raiser packet! It will be personalized with their name and artwork on the front. I am asking each child to sell at least one item. The Art room will receive part of the proceeds. We are in need of many items for the year. With your participation, we will be able to collect enough to purchase the items we are short of. The art projects we have been working on are very colorful. We are using fall colors and rainbow colors. These look great in the hallway.



Music Notes

This month in Music, the students have blown me away with their beautiful singing voices. I can't wait to start a Compton Chorus in the coming years! During conference week, we played a musical board game that requires students to count, sing, play instruments, dance, practice coordination, and just be silly. They loved the competition between teams and I've seen tons of National Standards met while playing. It has been a great month!



P.E. Pulse

As the weather begins to get colder, please remind your child to dress in layers as well to bring their safe shoes on PE days. Also, if your child is unable to participate in PE, please be sure to send in a note so that I am aware. If it for an extended absence (longer than 5 days) a doctor's note will be required.



Reader Alert:

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 give it to your child's homeroom teacher on **Friday, November 11, 2011**. They will become eligible for a special drawing to have lunch with the Principal later this month.

My parents and I read the Compton Newsletter:

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Remember to sign your child's agenda nightly. Throughout the year during the morning announcements, we randomly select students and award prizes to those whose agendas are signed.





Cafeteria November is “I am so thankful” Month. What are you thankful for? Write it down on a piece of paper and give it to your cashier and we will pick the top 10 most grateful ideas and those people will win a prize. Today’s fact: A banana plant can grow 20 feet tall. Try a banana in the cafeteria today. This nutritional moment was brought to you by your dedicated cafeteria staff.

Parent Involvement Wow! What a wonderful show of support for our students at our first PTA meeting. It was standing room only. Our students and teachers did an excellent job! Parents, we would like to thank you for a wonderful conference week. Many classrooms had 100% participation.

We are very excited to host our annual Christmas Dinner for Compton families again on December 15th at 6:00. We hope to see all our families there, as we enjoy sharing this special time of year with you!

Coaches’ Corner—Math

As the holidays approach, many parents are looking for things to help their children keep their math skills sharp! There are many ways you can do this at home, so that they do not lose these skills when they are not in school.

Discuss money when shopping for holiday treasures

Have your child help you cook and discuss the different measurements that can be used

Have the children make change or fair trades using coins and bills

Practice facts using flashcards or dominoes

Play card games (like War) to practice math facts

Visit online websites –go to the coaches’ blog to find many links!

<http://comptoncoach.wordpress.com/math/tutoring/>



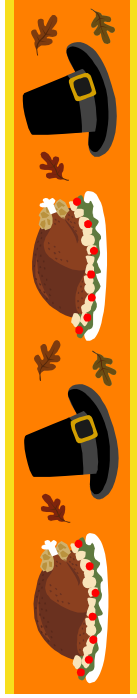
Coaches’ Corner—Reading

What a fun fall we’ve had so far! Hopefully you got to see our amazing pumpkins outside everyone’s classroom. Each classroom designed a pumpkin based on a hero or an inspirational figure and then wrote about that figure. Grade level prizes were awarded on Oct. 31st at our awards ceremonies. We have a school full of creative students and teachers!

As a school, we read *Bat Loves the Night* in September and we’re currently reading *Scarecrow* by Cynthia Rylant. Talk to your child about all the interesting bat facts they learned and take the opportunity to point out any scarecrows you might see as you ride around! This will give them additional background knowledge to make connections with...Also as a school, we all participate in “Framework Fridays” in math. This is a fun application of the math standards that students are taught Monday through Friday. The teachers enjoy observing students problem solving and working cooperatively together in groups!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 NO School Professional Learning Day	9	10	11	12
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Thanksgiving Break ~ November 21-25						
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