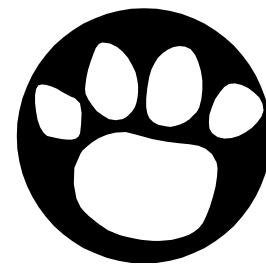


CUB NEWS



Compton Elementary School

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From The Desk of Liz Murphy, Principal

Dear Parents,

Our theme for this school year is Building Hopes and Dreams! We are building on this theme from last year and I can honestly say that we have the hardest working teachers who love and give of themselves unselfishly and do whatever it takes to ensure that our students are learning and working towards building their hopes and dreams! There is an excitement in the air at Compton! We have just started our Compton Scholars Inc., (CSI) which is our afternoon tutoring program. We will continue this program throughout the year.

I want all parents to attend our upcoming PTA! We will start our meeting at 6:30 on Tuesday, October 11. We will be sharing with our families important and exciting information for this school year! Please make every effort to attend this special night. Our second and third grade classes will be performing during our meeting. Immediately following our meeting, our fourth grade will be hosting a Math Night, our fifth grade will be holding a meeting about their fifth grade overnight fieldtrip, and our kindergarten/first will be presenting information about homework and phonics instruction. It will be a night filled with information, songs, and fun!

We will be holding our annual decorating of our Literary Pumpkins at the end of the month with a fall celebration for all students on October 31! Ask your students about this adventure in literature! During the morning of November 18, we will be hosting our annual Day of Hope reading event for our school. I have invited many "heroes" in our community to be guest readers in our classes on this morning! We want our students to aspire to be leaders, and so we are inviting community leaders and heroes to read a book, share their stories of success, and inspire our students! I am so very excited for our students! If you have any suggestions of community heroes who I could invite to join us for this special day or if you have suggestions/connections for a special guest for this day, please contact me the school at 770-222-3700.

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Thanks for your Support



I encourage you to visit our school website. Our exceptional Media Specialist, Terri Reece, keeps our website updated with stories and pictures of all the daily events going on at Compton! Please take the time to take a look and celebrate all the wonderful things going on at our school!

Partnering together, we are touching and educating the lives of all our students. Thank you for your continued support and care!



PTA *Many Children. One Voice...*

Wow, this year has gotten off to a quick start!

Parents have you joined PTA? With each paid \$5 membership, you will receive a FREE Chick-Fil-A coupon and a FREE \$5 Voucher to Stars and Strikes (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!!) Also don't forget to show your Compton spirit on Fridays by wearing your spirit wear T-Shirt (\$8).

Quick Note: Many of you are already asking how you can help with our Fall Festival.

This year, we have chosen to have a Spring Carnival instead (TBA). We would love to hear your ideas as this will be a first at Compton.

Lastly, we hope to see you at our first PTA Meeting of the school year on October 11th starting at 6:30. Come out and watch our 2nd and 3rd graders perform. See you there!



Counselors Corner

Cyberbullying -The use of technology is becoming very easy for our present day children. Sending messages through email, text and telephone conversation is something that a lot of students are familiar with.

Cyberbullying is common in our society today. Cyberbullying is bullying or harassment that happens online. It can happen through an email, text message, online game or comments on a social networking site. It could involve rumors or images posted on someone's profile or passed around for others to see. Parents should please talk to their children about cyberbullying and encourage them to report any form of bullying to you. As a parent, make sure that you contact the police whenever your child tells you that he/she has been bullied.



Media Center

The Compton Library Media Center has been BUSY this year! We've seen 154 classes and checked out over 6,000 books to students since school began! We LOVE seeing students get so excited about reading!

One of the things we really like is to hold special theme days in the library, like our recent celebration of "International Talk Like a Pirate Day." Students enjoyed reading the book How I Became a Pirate, practicing their pirate talk, and "walking the plank" before they left the library. AARGH!

We are also in the process of completing our first book order of the year, so if you have suggestions for books you'd like for us to purchase, please forward them to me at terri.reece@cobbk12.org.





Student Council

Report Student Council is “Paw”sitively excited for another wonderful year! We had an amazing campaign and elections! We now have a full student council! Congratulations to Elizabeth Rodriguez, President, Maggie Speigel , Vice President, Jose Miranda, Treasurer, and Imani Lyons, Secretary. Our first project was writing and sending letters to our troops for the holiday season.

Next, we will be collecting cans for Calvary Children’s Home. So, please support us and send in your cans during the month of October!



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

Parent Involvement



Wow! The school year is going by so fast. We have so many exciting upcoming events. Our first PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 11th. K and 1st will be offering a homework workshop, 2nd and 3rd will be performing with Ms. H., and 4th and 5th will be sponsoring a math night. Please join us on this night and see what wonderful things our teachers have prepared for you. Conference Week is October 24th-28th. Please make an effort to attend your child’s conference as you will receive feedback on your child’s progress.

Please remember to use our Parent Resource Center, which is located in our media center. We have many resources such as books and DVDs, as well as a computer for parents to use. We hope to see you soon!

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, October 7, 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.





Art Happenings

All classes have been working on their art for our Art Fundraiser. I am using Square 1 Art this year. The student's artwork will be imprinted on your choice of items. There are key chains, all the way up to a desk clock.

The students are trying their best and the art looks great. They will receive a free sheet of stickers that will have their artwork printed on them. They are very excited about this. The packets will go home in November and the items you purchase will be back the first part of December. These items make great Christmas gifts.

The money raised will be used for art supplies your child will use in the Art room. We all know how everything cost more these days, and Art supplies have to be replenished. I thank you in advance for your support.



Music Notes

Hello Compton Cubs! In music this month, Kindergarten and 1st grade are getting comfortable playing Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels) and using our singing voices. We are also working very hard in 2nd and 3rd grade on our PTA program for October 11th. I hope you're all planning to come! In 4th and 5th grade, we are learning about and performing syncopated (or off-beat) rhythms. I am very much looking forward to Percussion Ensemble's first rehearsal on Thursday, October 6th. We will announce our performance dates very soon! I am thrilled with all of our musical students.



P.E. Pulse

The year has gotten off to a great start! We will begin the FitnessGram Assessment which is mandated by the state. The FitnessGram assesses your child's Cardiovascular Endurance (Pacer), Muscular Strength (90 degree pushups), Muscular Endurance (Curl-ups), Flexibility (Sit and Reach) and BMI (height and weight). Visit the website www.fitnessgram.net for more information.

As always, please remind your children to wear their safe shoes and appropriate attire on their PE days.



Compton Environmental Agency

The CEA is about to start it's 2011-2012 year! This exciting environmental science school club is open to all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. We will meet twice a month after school. Applications have gone home and we will meet after school on every 2nd and 4th

Monday of the month.

Becoming a GREEN SCHOOL will be our goal this year. Conservation measures implemented today means a better quality life in the years to come. Our campus offers a variety of habitats for students to learn from. Our partner in ed, Lowes, got our fantastic garden started and each year new plants and artifacts are added.

Our dedicated leaders are Mrs. Royeton, Mrs. Graff and Mrs. Wise. We welcome I interested teachers and parents to join us as we guide the enthusiastic environmental scientists.





Cafeteria

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Many of you have heard that saying and there is some truth to that phrase. Apples provide people with lots of nutrients such as Vitamin C, fiber, and potassium. So, be sure to pick up an apple with your lunch today.



Clinic

I want to thank those parents who have contacted me regarding your child's medical concerns. Please continue to let me and/or your child's teacher know of any medical changes that might arise during the school year. Cobb County Schools do not give out medicine. It is given only if a parent supplies the medicine. An Authorization To Give Medication form has to be completed for that particular medication.

We need allergy action care plans to be signed by a doctor. If this is not done the cafeteria manager can not flag your child's meal screen with that allergy.

Parents are our primary line of defense for illness at school. The best way to help prevent the spread of school illness is to keep children at home if they exhibit symptoms of illness that include:

- Fever of 99.5 or higher with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, not feeling well, sore throat, etc.
- Diarrhea, vomiting, sore throat, continuous coughing
- Head lice
- Colored discharge
- Red eye accompanied with discharge
- Unusual rash

Children can come back to school once they have been free of fever, vomiting, diarrhea for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Thank you so much for partnering together to help our children have a healthy school year.



The **Dental Van** is coming to Compton on October 31. Your child will be seen only if all the information is completed. You must have either private dental insurance, Medicaid or Peachcare. This is not a free service. Compton has nothing to do with processing the information. All the information is gathered and confirmed with Help a Child Smile dental van services.





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				CoGAT Testing ~ 1st & 3rd grade ~ Oct. 5-7			
9	10 Extended Day	11 PTA Meeting 2nd & 3rd Performance 6:30pm	12 Kinder—Fire Department	13	14 End of 1st 9 weeks		15
				ITBS Testing ~ 3rd & 5th grade ~ Oct. 10-14			
16	17 Extended Day	18	19	20	21		22
23	24	25	26	27	28		29
		P-T Conference		~ 12:15 Dismissal ~ Oct 24-28			
30	31 Literacy Pumpkins Academic Celebrations						