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Compton-Drew ILC's Dolphin Express

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Letter from Elected Student Council President

Dear Students,

I want to say thank you for voting me, Shaila Jones, to be your student body president. You have helped me fulfill my dream of becoming a leader in my school, Compton-Drew ILC Middle School. I will work to better the Compton-



Drew community.

This year I wish to make the school year more fun and academically successful. I plan to make school year more fun by adding extra curricular activities and activities that requires the students to work together. To make this school year more academically successful, students with 3.0 GPA or higher will be rewarded for their aca-

demic success more frequently.

Thank you once again for your support students. Look forward to an awesome 2014-2015 school year.

Sincerely,

Your President

Shaila Jones (8th Gr.)



School Nurse Receives Life Saver Award

In 2011, the St. Louis Fire Department created a program to install automatic external defibrillators in public

schools, and teach the faculty how to use them.

That training came into effect on May 23, 2013. Faced with a life or death emergency, Compton-Drew Middle School nurse Julia Woods revived her colleague, Jewel Washington.

"She was unconscious when I got there. I didn't get a pulse or blood pressure, no breathing or anything.

Remembering the training she received from the St. Louis Fire Department, Woods started chest compressions and then used a defibrillator on Washington.

"She just made a loud noise and her body kind of went up like that, then she just started thrashing around a little bit," Woods said. "By that time, the fire department had gotten there and they came in and said 'wow you just saved this ladies life.'"

Woods received a life-saving award for her heroics. A reminder that proper training can make anyone a first responder.

"We have very little time once

someone's heart stops to be able to restart it and every individual can become a first responder by utilizing some of those AED's and basic CPR," EMS Medical Director, Brian Froelke said.

"The next day she called me from the hospital," Woods said. "I was shocked to hear from her. She said 'thank you so much for saving my life,' and I almost passed out."

Woods says she wishes more people would learn CPR and defibrillator training.



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The America Library of Poetry



More than a dozen students from Compton-Drew, ILC Middle School entered The America Library of Poetry Contest in May of

this year. Three students, Seventh Graders Saidi Muya and Samantha Taylor, and Eighth Grader Destiny Campbell, were selected to have their poems published in a new book entitled Accolades. Less than 20 percent of all submissions were accept-

ed. Furthermore, The America Library of Poetry will award prizes: a Laptop Computer, an iPod Touch, a Shopping Spree, Visa Gift Cards, and a cash prize of \$500.

“I was proud of myself because I worked really hard for this opportunity...”
 - Nuriya Rodney
 (7th Grd)

National Junior Honor Society



Being inducted into National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) was one of the best moments ever. I was so proud of myself because I worked really hard for this opportunity and I was so excited because all my hard work paid off. It makes me really happy to know that I get to be apart of such a prestig-

ious organization. Being inducted also taught me that when you try really hard, you can achieve so much.

As if self satisfaction isn't enough, my family is proud of me as well. My parents really pushed me because

they knew I could do it. Being a part of the NJHS has also helped me to keep my grades up. In addition, I am very excited to start serving my community. Altogether, when you try hard and have patience, you can achieve your biggest accomplishments, yet.



(Nuriya Rodney, 7th Gr.)

T.I.M.E.'s Donuts with Dad

I experienced a Transition Into Maleness Experience with my dad along with my peers and their dads on October 15, 2014. We had donuts, milk and coffee with our dads. We talked and really enjoyed our time together as we learned a good life lesson. A special speaker came who was a former student of Compton-



Drew named, Karon Bolden.

He taught us that if you believe in your dreams, follow it all the way. He taught us about the “Rock, Paper, Scissor.” The “Rock” part of

the method is to work hard like a rock. The scissor method is to cut off anything that get in your way of achieving your goals. Also the paper method is to write your goal down so you don't forget.

This experience showed me to do all I need to do to accomplish my goals and use my dad as help. I really like the donuts with dad event and I want to do it again.

(Toryon Williams, 8th Gr.)

6th Grade Science Center Lock-In

I was so excited for the lock-in on Friday, October 10, 2014. It was the day I had been waiting for. School had started, and I was just hoping time would just fly by, but it did not. It was going by super slow. I was like, "hurry up 8th period". When 8th period came rolling around, I was so happy that I could not wait to see my best friend Kennedy. I was so excited for it to start. Before we left for the St. Louis Science Center, we ate snacks which included pizza, chips and juice.

Finally, we walked over to the St. Louis Science Center. First we en-

joyed an amazing movie called "Mysteries of the Unseen World" at the Omnimax Theatre. Afterwards, we went to showing of night sky at the Planetarium. On our way back to the Science Center, we stopped and played on the bridge over the highway. We looked through the binoculars down at the highway.



Soon, we started heading back to Compton-Drew for dinner. I was so surprised when I say my nana there. Dinner was YUMMY, we had barbecue hotdogs/hamburgers,

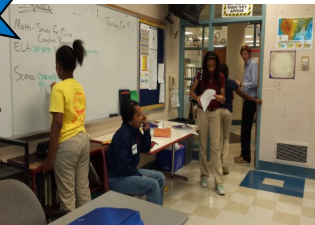
chips, and juice.

The last event of the evening was going to center stage, where we made ice cream. The ice cream tasted like water, sugar and milk, but it was still tasted good. It did not take long to make the ice cream.

When we got back to the school, I was tired and ready to fall asleep, and that is exactly what I did; I fell asleep in the car.



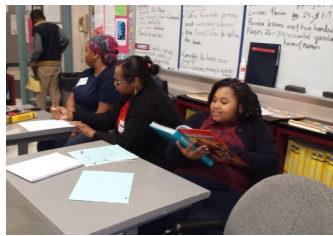
By Serinity Merritt (6th Gr.)



Parents enjoyed the day as a Compton-Drew dolphin. Parents engaged in meaningful lessons during class.



Shadow Day



6th Grade Serinity Merritt & Parents



Parents even enjoyed the school's lunch with their student.



How We Prevent School Bullying

We have monthly RAP sessions that address bullying, and we promoted "Stomp Out Bullying Day." We have the S.O.S. program that address bullying issues for the girls and the T.I.M.E. program that address bullying issues for the boys. Early October, six students went to Tan-Tara for the Missouri Safe Schools Conference to be a part of a forum that addressed bullying in the Middle Schools. In the month of Septem-

ber, we celebrated Peace Month and where the guidance counselor went into the classrooms and did lessons on the "Golden Rule," (treating others the way you want to be treated). Last week, each classroom and the students completed a bullying survey and completed an on-line bully survey for the Board of Education. The St. Louis Board of Education Security Supervisor will do a bullying training for the students, date TBA. On December the 5th, the Develop-

mental Disability Resources Agency will conduct an empathy workshop for our students. Lastly, In February and March, we have the Girl Scouts of American coming to Compton-Drew ILC to present on anti-bullying, cyber-bullying.



“September was peace month, guidance counselors did lessons on the Golden Rule.”

JOIN THE PTO



Do you have great ideas?

Can you volunteer?

Well the PTO needs you!

**Join us at the next PTO Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2014
7am – 8am**

**Please call Mrs. Polk if interested.
(314) 652- 9282**

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By "working together"...



we can make things happen!

From the Nurse's Desk

Greetings Parents,

Reminder, please be sure the school's nurse is up-to-date with your student's medical records.

Thank you,

Nurse Woods



Important Dates:

Gateway to Oral Health

Wed. 11/12/2014

(8:30am-1:30pm)

Per parental written consent only , they will provide dental care hygiene instructions, dental exams, cleanings, fluoride , sealants and fillings .

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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

BJK People's Health Center

5701 Delmar

St. Louis, MO 63112

(314) 367-7848 (ask for Pediatrics)

Hours: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Closed for lunch until 1:00 pm

ALL children must be accompanied by a parent or adult 18 years or older.

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Insurance card/information
- Current Immunization Record
- Letter from the school nurse indicating immunizations required