



COMPTON-DREW ILC
Continuing the Tradition of Excellence

Compton-Drew ILC's Dolphin Express

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Compton-Drew ILC Middle School is Fully Accredited.
- Welcome all new 6th Graders
- Join the School's PTO Today!
- Flu Clinic

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The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released the Annual Performance Reports (APR) for districts and individual schools through the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) cycle five. Based on the data released by DESE, seven Saint Louis Public School District schools earned enough points to qualify for Accreditation with Distinction, the highest recognition available.

All public school districts and individual schools received an APR score based on Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests re-

sults, End Of Course (EOC) exams scores, attendance data, graduation rates and college and career readiness preparation.

The 2012-2013 school year is the first year DESE has calculated APR scores for districts and schools based on the MSIP cycle five standards. MSIP cycle five uses a 140 point scale to calculate a district's APR, requiring a district to earn at least 70 points (50%) to qualify for Provisional Accreditation, at least 98 points (70%) to qualify for Full Accreditation and at least 126 points (90%) to qualify for Accreditation with Distinction. Under

the MSIP cycle four scoring system, districts were evaluated based on a 14 point scale.

For more detailed information about the District or an individual school's APR results, please visit mcds.dese.mo.gov.



RED RIBBON TRAINING

I had a very good time at Red Ribbon Training at the Church Temple Love. They had fun activities for us to do involving how drugs and alcohol would effect your life. Red Ribbon Training is an organization trying to get the message out to say no to drugs and alcohol. Drugs are very bad and of course unhealthy. It effects lung which cause you to breath hard. We did one activity where we had to guess what kind of drug by looking at bad conditions all over someone's

body.

People can hurt themselves and others when using drugs. For an example, second-hand smoke. Of course we know what first-hand smoke is but third-hand smoke is when residual nicotine and other chemicals left on a variety of indoor surfaces by tobacco smoke.

Alcohol is very bad for people health as well. Alcohol stays in your system for a long period of time. It digest slowly, it

makes you weaker every time you drink the liquid. Like drugs it makes people age faster than what they really are.

I saw a power point about a woman were she aged a lot faster because she abused alcohol and drugs. When people smoke and drink it makes them like a different person. Overall, I had a wonderful time at Red Ribbon Training and can't wait to advise my peers on what I learned.

By Dasha Travis (8th Grd.)

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- S. Jones (8th Grd)

My 8th Grade Year

This year, I have so much to look forward to. Basketball games, promotion events, the constitution test and promotion are all coming my way and approaching me at top speed. There is so much to do in so little time. 8th grade is crunch time. This is the time I should be most serious about my grades and behavior.

Also this year I am going to

run for president of student council. I want to make sure I leave my legacy here, at Compton-Drew Investigative Learning Center Middle School. This is a role of leadership and can only be taken on by a person who is focused, determined and considerate of others opinions.

This position will go on my permanent record and from

that, high schools will see what I have achieved and would accept me into their school.

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By Shaila Jones (8th Grd.)

School is a Great Place!

The students at Compton-Drew learned about routines and procedures. We learned that there is no chewing gun at Compton-Drew. We also have to stand behind our chairs before sitting down during advisory and wait until the teacher, Mrs. Presley tells the students to take a seat.

We stand on the third tile from the wall when we are in line and to be quite and to look forward

while in line. My last detail for routines and procedures is that is that there is no talking back at teachers.

One of my favorite parts of school is related arts because its fun and we can run, exercise, play sports, and much more. Also at music we can sing and play instruments. We can also learn different languages like Spanish. Last but

not least art where we can do projects, paintings, drawings, and much more.

My favorite part of school is my friends. My friends and I like to joke around and mess with each other. We love to do things together like our homework . The main reason why I love school is because it's a place where I can learn and meet new people.

By Jana Aboubaker (6th Grd.)



New Teacher Spotlight “Mr. J. Depczynski”



What is your name?

Joseph Zygmunt Depczynski

What grade and subject do you teach?

7th Grade, English Language Arts

Where are you from?

St. Charles, MO



What made you want to become a teacher?

I really enjoy helping students achieve

their goals. It’s a very rewarding profession.

Who inspired you to become a teacher?

Not any specific person a group of people. The most inspirational was Dr. Bill Bratburg. My professor in school.

Did you really want to become a teacher?

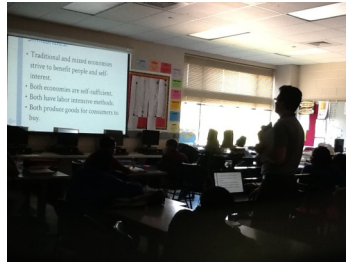
At first I didn't think I was going to be one but I decided that teaching is what I wanted to do. I enjoy it the most.

Do you want to keep teaching later in life?

Absolutely! I don’t and I will never stop.

Did you ever think of having a different profession?

I thought I was going to become a clinic lab scientists.



What made you change your decision?

I didn’t enjoyed it as much as I thought I was going to; I really enjoyed the cadet teaching experience I had in high school. The thought of being in a lab all day is not as appealing as being surrounded by several students in a classroom.

Is it frustrating having to deal with so many students?

No because everyday presents new challenges and that is what makes it enjoyable because there are so many personalities in one classroom.

Is it easy to get along and talking to other teachers?

Yes because we are all part of the same profession and we share a common goal, which is helping students achieve their goals.

Interview by: Johansy Avila (7th Grd.)

From the School Social Worker

Hello Compton-Drew Family,

As your School **Social Worker, Gayle Abram**, it is my job to serve as a link between the home, school and community. Through direct and indirect services to students, families and school staff, my goal is to help promote and support students’ academic and social success.

One of the ways that support is offered is through monitoring student attendance. Listed are some reminders about your child’s daily attendance at Compton-Drew:

- Send a note or telephone the school as soon as possible if your child will be arriving late.
- Remind your child that he/she is to report to the office when arriving late to school.
- Call the school each day your child is absent.
- Send a note upon your child’s return from an absence.
- If your child has a chronic medical condition that may interfere with regular school attendance, have your health

care provider fax that information to the school nurse.

- When there is a family emergency (illness, hospitalization, or death) affecting your child’s attendance, telephone the school as soon as possible so that we are made aware of the emergency.
 - Parents may request homework or school assignments for students if they are going to be absent for an extended period of time.

I am looking forward to a great school year! Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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Do you have great ideas?

Can you volunteer?

Well the PTO needs you!

**Join us at the next PTO Meeting
Thursday, October 30, 2014
7am -8am**

By "working together" ...



we can make things happen!



- Office Help
- Classroom Volunteers
 - Trivia Night
 - Tutors
- After School Activities
- Make-A- Difference Day

Please call Mrs. Polk if interested.

(314) 652- 9282

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:

Flu Clinic

Wed. 10/22/2014 (8am-1pm)

Hearing & Vision Exams

Fri. 10/31/2014 (8am - 1pm)

Compton-Drew ILC Middle School

5130 Oakland Ave STL, MO 63110

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Principal, Susan J. Reid

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