

CISD School Nurse provides Epidemic Background to Jr. High Students



Mrs. Nicole Hick's English students are at it again. Never at a loss for creative projects to introduce to her classroom students - Mrs. Hicks enlisted the help of the CISD school nurse, Shannon Milton, for this one. The subject is a chilling one – Epidemics and Pandemic outbreaks. The 7th graders were assigned the project of writing research papers about epidemics and pandemics from the past. They each drew a topic from the following choices: Black Plague of 1347-1351, Cholera 1854, Yellow Fever of 1793, Purple Death of 1918, Speckled Monster of Smallpox 1619, and Typhoid Fever (Typhoid Mary) of 1838. Mrs. Hicks asked the nurse, Shannon Milton, to come and do a presentation about each disease to inform the students of the causes of the disease, history, symptoms, vaccines, and information on if the disease still exists today. Ms. Milton did not disappoint -she did a power point that was **GREAT!** She shared pictures and lots and lots of information. Many of the students went home declaring to be more aware of cleanliness and much more conscience of how germs can harm them. "I went straight home and changed out the towels in our bathroom! I have never done that before, but I couldn't believe how some of these diseases were spread and I just want everything I touch to be clean," said 7th grader Morgan Lewis. The school nurse serves as a liaison between school personnel, students, family, community and health care providers. CISD is fortunate to have a nurse who works closely with the teachers on classroom health awareness as well.