



NEWSLETTER August 2008 VOLUME 1 ISSUE 2

Save the date for 2008/2009 Meetings (all meetings are held at Highlands Church, 9050 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd.)

**Thursday, August 28 11am**  
Terrifying Trends in Drugs & Alcohol presented by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) for parents

**Thursday, September 18 11am**  
Healthy Communications, Depression, Eating Disorders and Self Injury presented by Jan Hamilton formerly from Remuda Ranch for parents

**Tuesday, October 21 1:30pm**  
(Half-day PV District) Drugs & Internet Safety Talk Geared for Kids, Presented by Scottsdale Police Department for kids

**Thursday, November 13 11am**  
What "Kid" Crimes Are Going on in Your Neighborhood? Presented by Probation Department for parents

**Thursday, December 11 11am**  
Open Discussion/Prevention Tactics

**Thursday, January 15 11am**  
How to Tell If Your Child is Under the Influence presented by Drug Recognition Officer for parents

**Tuesday, February 10 1:30pm**  
(Half-day PV District) Keeping Kids Safe from Bullying and Abuse presented by CASA for Kids

**Thursday, March 5 11am**  
Community Bridges/Current Trends Facing Our Youth

**Tuesday, April 28 1:30pm**  
(Half-day PV District) "Dangers of Smoking" Talk Geared for kids presented by Scottsdale Health Care

### A letter from the Founder/President

Dear Members:

Backpacks, binders school clothes, the list goes on. It is already time to get our kids and ourselves ready to get back into school and to busy schedules. I'm sure on that list is getting our kids the new immunizations, dentist appointments and yearly check-ups.

As parents, we make sure we set time aside for all of these things. When the school year starts we make sure to get them to sports, music lessons and school activities. But let me ask you this, how much time do we invest in ensuring their personal safety and well-being? Shouldn't that be as important, if not one of the primary responsibilities of parents? Should we wait until we are a statistic, before we do something?

The key is to educate ourselves and our children ...before they're exposed to all of the dangers out there.

We are very excited about the presentations that are coming this year. Our goal is to

continue to navigate a broadside of awareness to our parents and children, to ultimately make a shift. Join us ...for *your children*.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cabral  
Founder/President

*"To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it" Mother Teresa*

MASK is currently looking for volunteers if interested please contact: [kimberly@azmask.org](mailto:kimberly@azmask.org)

**Did you know?** 1 in 33 kids received aggressive sexual solicitation while on chat sites.