



NEWSLETTER JUNE 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:

Raising children in today's society is far from easy. With technology, influence from media, music and factors of drugs and alcohol, we really have our work cut out for us as parents. That is parents that choose to address these possibilities. This year we have started to uncover some of these issues, we have had many experienced presenters enlighten us. As we look to next year we are going to continue to peel away the layers to strengthen our understanding, and continue to find prevention tactics to help make a shift in what is happening.

As our inaugural year comes to an end, we have exciting plans for MASK. We are currently in the process of becoming a 5013C organization. A 5013C status will allow our organization to qualify for grants, have fundraisers, and collect donations. We are also partnering up with the Attorney General's office to be the vehicle to bring awareness to parents on Internet Safety.

Additionally, we are building our Board of Directors,

and Parent & Teacher Representatives for individual schools, as well as creating fundraising committee. Get involved a little or a lot, and help navigate MASK throughout the valley.

With over 150 parents involved this year, we are excited to see how many dedicated parents we can reach to join us in our mission. I want to thank all of those who have been dedicated, spreading the word, and helping out. This is only the beginning of our vision for MASK. Like I've been saying all year BE AWARE...GET INVOLVED... it's not just for the group, it's for our children...aren't they worth it?

Sincerely,

Kimberly Cabral
Founder/President

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