



# May's Newsletter

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## Sexting! Have you heard of it?

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

RECAP OF YEAR  
& OPEN  
DISCUSSION  
MEETING  
11-1PM

HIGHLANDS  
CHURCH

JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

U.S AIRWAYS  
7PM GAME  
MERCURY  
BASKETBALL

TICKETS \$15.00  
GO TO

[WWW.SHOP.AZ](http://WWW.SHOP.AZ)  
[MASK.ORG](http://MASK.ORG)

TO PURCHASE



If you haven't you need to. It is spreading like the plague. The new norm for teenagers is before you date you send your potential other a naked image of yourself or vice versa. The implications are high for this and also can be deadly. A teenager last year in a Cincinnati-area high school took a nude photo of herself and sent it to a boy she had been dating. She then learned that the photo was being distributed at four area high schools. Other students began taunting her as a "whore", and she hung herself.

I know some might think that we are removed from these types of issues, but it has been brought to my attention that here in Scottsdale there are three to eight cases a week being reported. Children need to understand that creating these types of photographs of themselves, or receiving or sending these images, is considered Child Pornography. Bottom line it is a Class 2 Felony. They need to know that possessing just one image could land them in prison for the next ten years...**JUST ONE IMAGE.**

### **Here is the definition of Child Pornography A.R.S 13-3553.A.2 13-3553. Sexual exploitation of a minor; evidence classification**

- D. A person commits sexual exploitation of a minor knowingly:
  - 3. Recording, filming, photographing, developing or duplicating any visual depiction in which a minor is engaged in exploitive exhibition or other sexual conduct.
  - 4. Distributing, transporting, exhibiting, receiving, selling, purchasing, electronically transmitting, possessing or exchanging any visual depiction in which a minor is engaged in exploitive exhibition or other sexual conduct.
- E. If any visual depiction of sexual exploitation of a minor is admitted into evidence, the court shall seal that evidence at the conclusion of any grand jury proceeding, hearing or trial
- F. Sexual exploitation of a minor is a class 2 felony and if the
  - A. A person commits sexual exploitation of a minor knowingly:
    - 1. Recording, filming, photographing, developing or duplicating any visual depiction in which a minor is engaged in exploitive exhibition or other sexual conduct.



Simple measures can make the difference:

- Black sharpie the cell phone camera lens
- Talk to your kids about the consequences

For a list of Meetings visit our web-site at [www.azmask.org](http://www.azmask.org)

REQUEST a presentation at your school or organization

\*Current Drug & Alcohol For kids or Parents \*

Healthy Communication \*

Prevention & Home Safety \*

Internet Safety & Cyber-bullying For kids or parents \*

Teen Trends  
ANY QUESTIONS  
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2. Distributing, transporting, exhibiting, receiving, selling, purchasing, electronically transmitting, possessing or exchanging any visual description in which a minor is engaged in exploitive exhibition or other sexual conduct.
- B. If any visual depiction of sexual exploitation of a minor is admitted into evidence, the court shall seal that evidence at the conclusion of any grand jury proceeding, hearing or trial
- C. Sexual exploitation of a minor is a class 2 felony and if the minor is under fifteen years of age it is punishable pursuant to section 13-705.

This is causing havoc in our schools, we need to talk to our children, we need to be parents and protect our children. Here are some suggestions, disable your child's camera on their phone make it so they cannot receive or send pictures from their phone. (You can do this by calling your cell phone provider. Black sharpie there camera lens on their phone...buy them a cell phone with no camera on it. Why do kids need a camera 24/7 on their phone? This might seem harsh...but do you really want to risk the alternatives?

## *Next School-Year 2009-2010*

Next school-year we will be bringing awareness meetings and events to Paradise Valley schools, and making it available for the whole district.

Next year schools to participate are as follows:

Pinnacle Peak Elementary, Wildfire Elementary, Aire Libra Elementary, Copper Canyon Elementary & Mountain Trail Middle School. Also look for meeting to be held at The Boys & Girl Club Vestar Branch and Rose Branch, and kid workshops at Highlands Church. (No religious affiliation)

**HELP** Empower your **child** with a core building activity

**Awareness** *through the* **ARTS**



If your child is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or up, and would like to be apart Of this program, please check out our web-site to download application. We will be forming the group this summer. Rehearsals will start in August dates and times T.B.D.

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