



Don't be Tricked by Your Teen this Halloween



With Halloween just around the corner, parents and caregivers should know some "tricks" of the trade when it comes to teens. It is crucial that parents never underestimate their teenagers, ask questions about friends and after-school activities and talk openly with their children about the risks of substance abuse.

Tips so that you don't get tricked!

Sleep-Over Sneak Outs: Although you may be home when your teen has friends sleep-over, it's possible that while you're sound asleep your "guests" are sneaking out of your house to either walk somewhere else or be picked up in a car down the street to go to a party.

Incredible Vanishing Medicine Bottle: The most alarming trend with Maricopa County teens today is prescription medicine abuse. Middle and high school students are misusing prescription medication they take right out of your medicine cabinet. Please take action and safeguard your medicine cabinet.

Turning Water into Wine: An old trick - This is where your teen steals alcohol from your liquor cabinet and then, if necessary, makes up the difference in the bottle's volume by adding water.

When the Cat is Away...: Your teen insists on going to a friend's house for the night when you're going out for the evening. Once you've left, your teen returns home to your unsupervised house with a group of friends. (Watch out for: holidays, anniversaries and other special occasions.)

The Cameo Appearance: Your teen leaves the party at the house where you talked with the parents? Why is this a problem? Some teens will show up just briefly at the party

where you gave them permission to go and head to another party that you were unaware of. We encourage parents in the **Safe Homes Network** to communicate with one another to help them stay in the know!

PERMANENT Rx DROP BOX available at Town Hall



A drop box has been installed on the first floor of Town Hall. You may dispose of any unused or expired prescription pills and patches Monday- Thursday between 7am and 7pm. Liquids and sharps will not be accepted. For more information, please call 837-1925.

Fountain Hills MCSO received over 102 lbs. of prescription medications on Rx TAKE BACK DAY held September 27th. Thank you for disposing your medications safely!

\$500 Winner!

Congratulations to sophomore, Danica Kerr, winner of the \$500 FH Coalition drawing at the FHHS football game on September 12th.

Come cheer on the Falcons October 31st for the last home game of the season and your chance to win \$500.

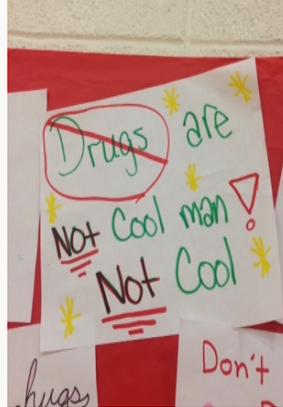
Everyone in attendance will receive a ticket to the drawing to be held at the conclusion of the game. Safe Homes Network members will receive an additional ticket so be sure to stop by our table to get your lucky ticket!



Coalition Director, Shelly Mowrey; Danica Kerr; Coalition Board Member, Dwight Johnson

FHMS and 4 Peaks celebrate RED RIBBON DAY 2014

It was a definite "red out" on October 9th as students enjoyed the school's 4th Annual Red Ribbon Day. Grades 4 through 8 enjoyed games and activities aimed to educate them on the importance of staying healthy and remaining drug free.



FREE TEEN EVENTS!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH from 5-8PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS TEEN PUMPKIN CARVING at Golden Eagle Park
Join FH Community Services and MCSO for a new event for grades 6-8. Bring your own pumpkin to carve and decorate! All other supplies will be provided. There will be food, fun and prizes and it's free. No RSVP required.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH from 5:30-11:30PM

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB-MCKEE BRANCH in FH will host Teen Night in their Teen Center for kids in grades 7 through 12. The game room will be open as well as the gym and lounge for movies and hanging out with friends. For more information contact Lauren at (480) 344-5404.