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Spring Fling

What a great day Saturday turned out to be! We recruited 10 more kid corps members and 6 more Parent Corps members. Parent Corps helped to sponsor the games portion of the Fling. I want to thank the generous Parent Corps members who volunteered their precious time. Thank you to Vikki Tesar, Kim Lynip, Nina Huffman, and Kara Wulff. I have documented your volunteer hours!



Parents, Remember

YOU are the **KEY** reason ~~why~~ your child(ren) choose not to use or drink! **DO NOT** wait until your children are in middle or high school to tell them that you disapprove of underage drinking, smoking, or illegal drug use! Your children look up to you and respect you! **IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PROTECT THEM!**

Waxhaw Elementary School Parent Corps®

"Parents Supporting Parents"

Top Twenty Games that should NOT be played by anyone under 17

- 1) Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas
- 2) True Crime: New York City
- 3) True Crime: Streets of LA
- 4) Leisure Suit Larry Series
- 5) Dead or Alive: Xtreme Beach Volleyball
- 6) The Punisher
- 7) F.E.A.R for the PC
- 8) Quake 4 for the PC
- 9) Manhunt
- 10) 50 Cent: BulletProof
- 11) Doom 3
- 12) Halo 2
- 13) 25 to Life
- 14) Prince of Persia: Warrior Within
- 15) Prince of Persia: Two Thrones
- 16) 187 Ride or Die
- 17) God of War
- 18) State of Emergency series
- 19) Suffering Series
- 20) Crime Life: Gang Wars

What you DON'T know will hurt your child!

I asked a good friend of mine, "why do you think so few people showed to the internet safety seminar?" She was candid and said, "Well it was on a Friday night and parents think they are doing a good job raising their children. They don't realize that there is a lot out there that they DON'T know!" I appreciated her honesty and began thinking, "what can I do?" When Phillip Reynolds came to speak at our seminar, he provided me with the necessary materials to hold an event on my own. Do you know what POS means? It means "parents over shoulder." Are you aware of the many acronyms that our children use every day on the internet, in chat

rooms, online diaries, and instant messaging their friends? Did you know that college admissions specialists are now looking for profiles on-line of our children, before allowing entrance into their schools? They are and many of our children do not understand the concept that once they write something online that it is published permanently. I will try to have another meeting in the future. I am interested in when you the parents, would like to meet. Would you be interested in having a session in the computer lab, so you would have access to the internet first hand? Please contact me by email or phone to let me know your thoughts.

KIDS CORPS NEWS

I would like to thank the members of the Kids Corps who participated in the scavenger hunt. We were able to raise \$137, which will be divided between NFIA operating budget and our very own Kids Corps budget. The winners were:

First Place- Kaylyn Guardado who received a cd/boom box.
Second Place- Killian Miller who received \$10 gift certificate to Target and Movie Gallery.

Third Place- Connor & Carson King who received a \$10 gift certificate to Blockbuster Video.

Thank you to Linda Paguaga for her donation of the money to purchase the boom box and to Debbie Andrews help in securing prizes.

Please join us for our first **"KICK BUTTS CLEAN UP DAY"** on Thursday, May 18th at 3:00 PM at the Waxhaw Athletic Association's ball fields behind the school. It has come to the attention of several concerned parents that the rules of Tobacco Free Schools is currently being violated. As we are concerned of the health of all our children, the after school children and any Kid Corps members that would like to participate in the clean up are encouraged to attend. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. We will be presenting the WAA a jar with the cigarette butts and a kind note requesting that ALL adults refrain from smoking, dipping and chewing while on our school grounds for our children's health and safety. If your child is in after school, please see Melissa for a release form.

Cough Syrup as a drinking alternative?

If you watch primetime TV then you may have seen in some of popular shows such as the O.C. and Big Love that teens are holding cough syrup bottles at "parties." This is a new growing underground trend in the underage community. When teens and tweens are unable to get their hands on an alcoholic beverage, they resort to buying what they can, cough syrup. Most syrup has 40% or more alcohol in just one bottle. The difference is that now kids can buy large quantities of the medicine over the internet. Make sure to tell your children the importance of following OTC medications directions. It may be obvious to you, but it isn't always as clear to your children.