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INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR COMING FRIDAY, APRIL 21st 6:30-7:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL GYM

Be sure to save the date! Philip Reynolds, Assistant Special Counsel to the Attorney General will be presenting a

Internet Education and Safety Seminar to the Parent of Waxhaw Elementary School.



This is part of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. In addition, we will be opening the seminar up to the residents of Waxhaw in hopes to educate our citizens with this important information. Child care will be provided, as much of the information, will be inappropriate for children. I hope you will set aside this time to learn about

If you know of a parent who wishes to join Parent Corps or a child that wishes to join Kid Corps, please contact me and I will send them a form to sign and send back in. You can also locate a form on my web log at www.parentcorps.org and click on Waxhaw and then on the form itself. Plus it is updated weekly with great information!

Spread the word!

Waxhaw Elementary School Parent Corps

"Parents Supporting Parents"

Tobacco Free Kids

Each of your children should have received a "1200" bracelet as part of National Kick Butts Day on Wednesday, April 5th. The "1200" bracelets represents the 1200 Americans that die each DAY from tobacco use and second hand smoke. Did you know our school is a tobacco free school? That means you may not use any form of tobacco, including smokeless forms **any where at any time** on school property. This includes the baseball fields that are located on the school property. Secondhand smoke contains at least 60 carcinogens (cancer-causing agents). If you need help quitting, contact **1-800-QUIT-NOW!**

TV Turn Off Week

TV Turn off week will be held April 24-30, 2006! Please join the thousands of families across the nation in celebrating the 12th year of TV turn off week! If I can do this anyone can. I have to admit, I'm a TV junkie! However, the research shows that television promotes aggression and causes obesity. In addition, it increases the risk of ADD (attention deficit disorder) in children. In girls, television warps our children's' body image. Take this time to check out there website at www.tvturnoff.org and take the challenge on the 24th to **Turn off TV and Turn On Life!**

Ms. Byrum will be letting everyone know about a poster contest.

Parent Child Adventure Day a Success!

We had 18 participants at our FIRST P/C Day. SMSgt Rick Hergenreter and SSgt Jorge Bedoya were present from the Drug Demand Reduction unit of the National Guard to provide hands on experiential learning. The competitive team skiing was great fun. Everyone had a great time keep the ball rolling without dropping it and staying out of the molten lava. We finished up the day with snacks and hand painted craft bags. In addition, each family took home information on how to say no to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Parents took home grade appropriate information on how to talk to their children about the no use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal

drugs. We hope to have a fun day for Fall! In addition, by popular demand we will focus on communication and more interactive talking exercises. Thank you so much to Debbie Andrews for her support and help with this event and to the wonderful students and parents/grandparents who attended.



Scavenger Hunt!

The hunt is on! All Kid Corps members and Parent Corps members should have received by email and by hard copy (in red folders) the scavenger hunt guidelines and list. It is very easy hunt out the people on the list then get them to sign your sheet and donate a minimum of a dollar. The hunt will end April 21st! There will be prizes for the top three collectors, such as gift certificates to Blockbuster, Target and much more! Do not go door to door, the "hunted" should be easy to find among those that you know! You can do it through spring break as well. Let me know if you have any questions!

CHECK IT OUT!



Some new websites have been forwarded to me and I feel are worth everyone's time to check out. They include:

www.notevenonce.com

(a website dedicated to ending meth use)

www.parentsagainstjunkfood.org

(a website dedicated to ending childhood obesity and providing better nutrition to our children)

www.tobaccofreekids.org

(a website geared to raising tobacco free kids and has a special section where youth can take action!)

www.bullyfree.org

(a website geared toward parents and raising bully free children, includes a parents guide)