

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We need your help in the fight to keep our children on Grand Island safe against the pressures to use *alcohol, tobacco, and the illegal use of prescription drugs*. The Grand Island School District is proudly sponsoring **SafeHomes** for our parents and students beginning for **2012-2013 school year**. SafeHomes is a network of parents who sign a **pledge that states that under no circumstances will they allow unsupervised parties in their homes or on their property; nor will they serve alcohol to minors or allow other drug use in their homes**. Your pledge would also ensure a secure storage area for all forms of alcohol, firearms, and other potentially hazardous items. In addition, agreeing to maintain communication with other SafeHomes families would be guaranteed through your pledge.

SafeHomes advocates a safe and drug free environment where the rules are crystal clear– **substance abuse is not acceptable**. At the beginning of each school year parents/guardians are asked to sign a pledge to provide a safe home (renewed on annual basis). As part of this program, you will receive a free copy of the “Parent Network Newsletter” several times during the school year via e-mail. *Please be sure to only send in one form per family.*

SafeHomes, however, is defined by more than just about drugs and alcohol... It’s about knowing all ways to help us keep our children safe. Information and articles continue to be shared with parents relating to bullying, texting, sexting, computer safety, prescription drugs, parenting tips, etc. Currently each district building has a representative that attends four meetings throughout the year with Sally Yageric, Parent Program Coordinator of the **ECCPASA (Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse)**. We interact with other SafeHomes school districts to learn about new drug and alcohol “items” on the market, upcoming state & federal legislation, and trends we are seeing throughout our own school district communities.

We THANK YOU for participating in the **Grand Island SafeHomes Directory**. It is complete with the names, addresses and telephone numbers for all families who completed the SafeHomes Pledge Card for the 2012-2013 academic year. **The directory allows you to communicate with parents of your child’s friends and/or for use whenever your child is hosting or attending a party or gathering**. Share the directory with your child so that he/she can see that you are not the only parent/guardian who does not allow teenage drinking, unsupervised parties and all the other things “that everybody else” does.

The success and effectiveness of this program depends on communication...Let’s all partner together!

---Compliments of the Grand Island SafeHomes Committee---**Lisa Dollendorf, Chairperson**

Sharon Petz , High School Rep,

Mary Jane Fonte, Middle School Rep.

Anno Nowak, Huth Road Rep.

Rep needed - Kaegebein Elementary

Return your pledge today and your name will be automatically included in our” SafeHomes Kick-Off Raffle”. Prizes include; \$100 gas card for a nice family drive, four tickets to the movies, \$35.00 Amazon.com gift card. Drawing will be the conducted at the October Meeting of One Island, One Team to Keep our Children Drug Free. -----

*I WILL PROVIDE ADULT SUPERVISION FOR ALL CHILDREN VISITING MY HOME.
I WILL PROVIDE A SECURE STORAGE PLACE FOR ALL FORMS OF ALCOHOL, FIREARMS, AND OTHER POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ITEMS.
I WILL NOT ALLOW PARTIES OR GATHERINGS IN MY HOME WHEN I AM NOT THERE.
I WILL NOT SERVE NOR WILL I ALLOW YOUTH UNDER THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE (21) TO CONSUME ALCOHOL IN MY HOME OR ON MY PROPERTY.
I WISH FOR COMMUNICATION WITH ANY PARENT WHO PERSONALLY OBSERVES MY CHILD USING ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS.
I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH ANY SAFEHOMES PARENT OF A CHILD I PERSONALLY OBSERVE USING ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS.*

NAME: (Please Print) _____ SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION: _____

*Email address is needed for free news letters _____

Yes / No I give permission to have my name, address and phone number included in the SafeHomes Directory (Applicable in communities that produce a SafeHomes Directory)

THIS IS A ONE YEAR COMMITMENT AND MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY

*Return to: Erie County Council for the Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (ECCPASA)
1625 Hertal Ave , Buffalo, NY 14216*