

Mantua PTA Alert News, continued



March 21, 2006

National Poison Prevention Week

This week: March 19th - 25th, 2006.

It's time to be sure your home and workplace are safe and that you know what to do when a possible poisoning occurs. Remember: Poisons Act Fast ... So Do Children! Act fast! Don't wait to see what happens!

The Nationwide Poison Control Center Hotline is: 1-800-222-1222

If A Poisoning Occurs

1. First of all, remain calm!
2. Call the Poison Control Center. Have the following information ready:

- * Child's/Adult's condition
- * Name of the product and ingredients
- * How much of the product was taken
- * Time poisoning happened
- * Your name and phone number
- * Age of the poisoned child/Adult
- * Weight of the poisoned child/Adult

3. The Poison Control Center will tell you what to do next.
4. Be sure you know how to give first aid if a poisoning occurs.

Did you know that...?

Every 30 seconds a child is poisoned in the United States. Sixty percent of all poisonings occur to children under the age of six.

Many poisonings occur when the daily household routine has been disrupted. An example of this would be having a babysitter. The most common products involved in poisonings are drugs (prescription and over-the-counter), household and chemical products, plants and cosmetics. Be aware that childproof caps are not really CHILD PROOF. They are only child resistant and if a child is given enough time they will open the container.

Keep in mind that products may have incorrect or out-of-date first aid instructions. It is very important to call the Poison Control Center and to follow the instructions.

(from <http://www.aapcc.org/preventi.htm>)

SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE SUBURBS

Please join the Woodson Community Coalition and the PTSA for an evening of dialogue at their third annual Saturday Night in the Suburbs program. A panel of 8-10 seniors will facilitate a discussion regarding drugs, alcohol abuse, parties and communication with parents. It will be Tuesday, March 21 from 7pm to 8:30pm in cafeteria A. They guarantee this will be an informative evening and will give parents insight from the perspective of a teenager. This event is funded by Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. Contact: Contact Cheryl King, Happy2behome@aol.com ; Jennifer Cooper, Jalcooper@aol.com .

Congratulations Saylor Gilbert!

Saylor Gilbert, a fifth grader and Junior Girl Scout in Troop 5462 was awarded her Bronze Award! The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. It recognizes a girl's commitment to excellence as she develops skills and values to meet present and future challenges in her life. Congratulations Saylor! We're all proud of you!

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