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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 for the **2012-2013 school year**. SafeHomes is a subcommittee of One Island, One Team . We thank Superintendent, Mr. Christmann, the Board of Education, the PTA District Council, and our administration, faculty and staff for their continued commitment to provide a safe environment for our students.

SafeHomes advocates a safe and drug free environment where the rules are crystal clear – **substance abuse is not acceptable**. Parents/guardians are asked to sign a pledge (one per family) at the beginning of each school year. As part of the program, you will receive several copies of the “Parent Network Newsletter” via your email and will also be provided a directory for communication with other Safe Home families. Parents who sign a pledge agree that, (1) under no circumstance will they allow unsupervised parties in their home or on their property; (2) they will not serve alcohol to minors; (3) drug use will be prohibited; (4) a secure storage area will be provided for all forms of alcohol, firearms and other potentially hazardous items.

SafeHomes is focused on keeping you informed on how to keep your children safe. Information and articles will be shared with parents relating to bullying, texting, sexting, computer safety, prescription drugs, parenting tips, etc. Our building representatives attend four meeting throughout the school 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. (over)

- ***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 newsletter _____

- ***YES - I give permission to have my name, address and phone number included in the SafeHomes Directory (Applicable in communities that produce a SafeHomes Directory)***
- ***NO - I do not give permission to have my name, address and phone number included in the SafeHomes Directory***

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

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.**
Anne 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 a \$100 gas card for a nice family drive, four tickets to a movie, \$35.00 Amazon Gift Drawing will be held at the October Meeting of One Island, One Team to Keep our Children Drug Free.