

'Blackout Wednesday' Sets The Table For Underage Drinking

When asked the most popular day for underage drinking, most would guess graduation, spring break, homecoming or prom. However, studies show the day of the year underage drinking is most common is the night before Thanksgiving.

The popularity of underage drinking on this day is influenced by many factors including:

Access: Older siblings and collegeage friends are home for the holidays.



Availability: Refrigerators are stocked with alcohol for family parties, making alcohol available when adults are preoccupied.

Time: School is out and teens have plenty of down time to hang out and engage in risky behavior.

This Thanksgiving, you can offer to host non-alcohol and drug-free gatherings for kids, monitor or lock up alcohol in the home, or call ahead when your teen is going to a party and ask who will be supervising and if alcohol will be served. To stay in communication with other Fountain Hills parent residents, your child might be visiting, you can go to <u>fhcoalition.org</u> to learn more about our Safe Homes Network and take the pledge or if you are already a member and want to search the database you can enter the password <u>prevention</u>. If you know of an underage drinking party in Fountain Hills, please use P3 to report it.

Don't forget to talk about these important subjects. <u>Click here</u> for tips to talk with your teen about vaping, alcohol, prescription drugs or marijuana.

Red Ribbon Day Takes Place At Middle School!

Red Ribbon Week was another successful event with over 500 students and community members in attendance! Many activities included students sharing their voices on how to maintain healthy lifestyles, participating in Vaping information, and more! Thank you to everyone who attended, and to the Fountain Hills School District for such commitment to giving our kids a healthy and safe environment!



Rx Drug Take Back Day Success!



On Saturday, October 26th residents had the opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The day brought a total of 33 lbs.! Thank you to the National Guard, Sheriffs Office, and Sanitary District for their help and support!

FH Community Member Wins Last Football Raffle Drawing!

FHHS Principal Cain Jagodzinski congratulates Falcons fan, Kathryn Nelson, winner of the \$500 drawing on October 18th. The drawing is sponsored by the Fountain Hills Coalition and the Verne C. Johnson Family Foundation.

Be on the lookout when we visit selected Basketball and Soccer games! Remember Safe Homes Network members get two chances to win.



