

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

February 2012

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From the Principal's Desk

C.M.S. Captures Second Straight Academic Excellence Award

For the second year in a row the Illinois State Board of Education has honored C.M.S. With its Academic Excellence Award. The award is presented to those schools whose Math And English scores are at, or over, the 90% mark; that meaning that over 90% of our students either met or exceeded the State Standards on our 2009, 2010 and 2011 ISAT assessment. We received the award last year for the '09, '09 and '10 exams.

The two straight awards speaks to the commitment of the students, their parents and the CMS staff. With all three groups working together, excellent results are occurring.

District 301 had four schools receive the award this year. Lily Lake Grade School, Country Trails Grade School and Prairie Knolls Middle School also received the award.

Lloyd Stover

February

7th—Market Day

8th—Explore Night at CHS for 8th Grade Parents –6:45 p.m.

9th—Student Recognition Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

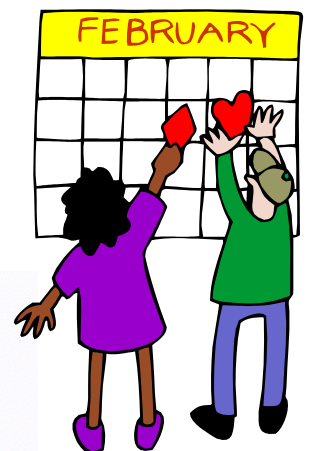
F.A.I.R. Presentation 7:00 p.m. at CHS Auditorium (See article)

21st—School Board Meeting -7:00 p.m.

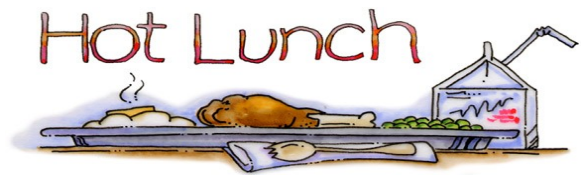
20th—Presidents' Day No School

24th—Student Council Dance (snow date)

28th—CMS Band/Orchestra Concert -7:00 p.m.



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chicken Wrap Up w/shredded lettuce & Cheese Potato Wedges, Diced Peaches, Jell-o & Milk	2 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Green Beans, Pears, Strawberry Grahams & Milk	3 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Tator tots, Carrot Crisps w/ranch dip, Mixed Fruit & Milk	4
5	6 Meatball Sub Topped with cheese Italian Blend vegeta- bles, Apple, Cookie & Milk	7 Crispy Chicken Ten- ders Sweet Peas Cheddar Goldfish Pineapple Tidbits & Milk	8 Double Stuffed Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Mixed Veg., Apple- sauce, Strawberry Grahams & Milk	9 General TSO Chicken w/ White Rice Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie & Milk	10 Cheese Quesadilla or Beef Burrito Golden Corn, Mixed Fruit, Chips with Salsa & Milk	11
12	13 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Country Veg., Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit & Milk	14 Egg, Ham & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Tator tots, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	15 Whole Grain French Bread Pizza Green Beans, Apple- sauce, Cookie & Milk	16 Walking Tacos w/meat Cheese & Salsa Golden Corn, Peaches Pretzel Rod and Milk	17 Hot Dog or Corn Dog Baked Beans, Manda- rin Oranges, Hot & Spicy Goldfish Milk	18
19	20 President's Day	21 Chicken Patty Sand- wich on Whole Grain Bun Peas & Carrots, Ba- nana, Chocolate Gra- hams & Milk	22 Pizza Dippers w/ marinara sauce Italian Salad Pineapple Tidbits Cheddar Goldfish & Milk	23 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sand- wich Carrot Stick & Dip, Applesauce, Cookie & Milk	24 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries, Cinnamon Pears and Milk	25
26	27 BBQ Rib Sandwich Carrot Coins w/ranch dip, Mixed Fruit, Brownie & Milk	28 French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patty Tator Tots, Cinnamon Applesauce & Milk	29 Creamy Macaroni & Cheese (w/ Soft Breadstick) Veggie Salad, Crisp Apple, Animal Crack- ers & Milk			

President's Day

On Monday February 20th we will be celebrating Presidents' Day, school will not be in session for students and staff.



Dance

The Student Council Dance has been reschedule due to snow. It will be on Friday, February 24th from 6-8pm. The dance is for any 6th—8th grade CMS student. The cost to enter will be \$5, with proceeds benefitting a charity to be announced prior to the dance. Please bring your student ID.

SAVE THE DATE

The 5th annual CMS coffee house will be Thursday, March 22th. 2012.





Mus N c tes



Important Dates

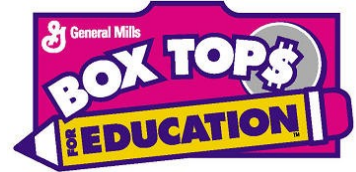
- Feb 16 D301 Solo and Ensemble Contest @ CMS
- Feb 28 CMS 6-8 Band/Orchestra/Jazz Concert @ CMS 7pm
- Mar 22 CMS Coffee House - 6th-8th Grade Ensembles @ CMS 6:30pm
- Apr 11 Jazz Band at CHS Jazz Night
- Apr 14 D301 Fine Arts Fair @ PKMS - 6-8th Grade Ensembles
- May 14 CMS 5th-8th Band/Orchestra Final Concert @ CMS 7pm

Keep up the playing this month! Play mini-concerts for family and friends!
 Positive Energy, Achievement, Fun, and Pride!
 Interested in joining? Come to Ms. Carter in the band room
 during your task class at ANYTIME!!

**Students in high quality school music education programs score
 higher on standardized tests, independent of the
 socioeconomic level of the school or school district.**

*- STUDY CONDUCTED BY DR. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS,
 PUBLISHED IN THE SPRING 2007 ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL FOR RESEARCH IN MUSIC EDUCATION*

The music program is in need of your help.
 Please turn in any box tops to Ms. Carter or
 Ms. Qualls!
Thank you for your support!



CMS 7th and 8th Grade Boys' and Girls' Track Information

Track practice will begin on Monday, March 12, 2012. A parent meeting will be held that same evening after practice until 4:45. All athletes who plan to participate must have their Physical and Athletic Agreement Form turned in to be eligible to participate. If a CMS athlete has already participated in a fall or winter CMS sport this year, he or she may already be eligible to participate in Track. Physicals turned in must be dated within one year, and Athletic Agreement forms can be found on the CMS website and in the CMS office.



Any questions, please contact:

- Michael Doyle, CMS Athletic Director @ mdoyle@burlington.k12.il.us
- Vince Govea, Boys Track Head Coach @ vgovea@burlington.k12.il.us
- Rachel Goeden, Girls Track Head Coach @ rgoeden@burlington.k12.il.us

High School Registration & Explore Test

Central High School will host two evenings to assist 8th grade students, and their parents, through the Registration process. These evenings will consist of two parts. The first portion of the evening will be an explanation of your student's EXPLORE test results, which you will receive that evening, and information of how this test identifies academic strengths and college readiness. The second portion of the evening will be an explanation from our Guidance Counselors detailing the registration process that 8th grade students will go through as they select classes to be taken at the high school next year.

Following are the dates and times for these meetings:

CMS students/parents: Wednesday, February 8th at 6:45 p.m. and

PKMS students/parents: Monday, February 13th at 6:45 p.m.

On both evenings, the meetings will take place in the CHS Auditorium.

We look forward to meeting with both you and your students as they begin their four-year journey through high school.

Washington D.C. Trip Update – Hopefully you have signed up for the trip and are excited about going. The final cutoff for registrations was January 30, so we will begin the process of room sign-ups on February 7. At that time anyone who has a full room (depending on whether you signed up for a double, triple, or quad) may stop in the library and fill in all the names of those who will be in your room. We will begin sorting out the other rooms and roommates on February 21. If you have any questions you may contact Mrs. Inkinen at pinkinen@burlington.k12.il.us or call her at school.

Notes from the School Nurse

6th Grade Dental Reminder

The state of Illinois requires that **all 6th grade students** have a dental examination/or waiver completed and on file in the health office by May 15, 2012. The examination must have been completed no more than 18 months prior to 5/15/12. (earliest acceptable date: 12/15/10). If you have not already done so, please send the completed examination form or waiver into the health office as soon as possible.

Please call the health office if you have any questions.

Anne Jones RN 847-464-6000

NEW State Of Illinois Immunization Requirement for School Year 2012-2013

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, continues to be widespread across the United States. To help stop its spread, beginning school year **2012-2013** all Illinois students entering **grades 6 through 12** are required to provide proof of a whooping cough booster immunization, specifically **Tdap**, in order to attend classes. Although your student may have already received a Td or DT booster within the past four years, these do not fulfill the new state requirement, as they do not include protection from pertussis.

If you are notified by the D301 Health Services Department that your student does not have the required documentation on file at school:

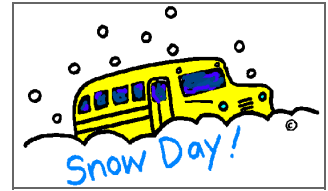
Please send proof as soon as possible that your student has received the **Tdap** vaccination

If your student has not already received a **Tdap**, please make an appointment with a healthcare provider or a clinic, and when complete send the proof to the school.

If your child is a current 5th or 8th grader, be certain to ask about this when you schedule their appointment for their complete physical.

As always, feel free to call the health office with any questions.

DR. TODD STIRN, SUPERINTENDENT
P.O. BOX 396, 275 South Street, Burlington, Illinois 60109
(847)464-6005 (847)-464-6021 Fax
www.burlington.k12.il.us



Dear Parents:

With the onset of winter, preparations need to be made for future severe weather conditions. While our policy will be to operate school whenever possible, there may be occasions when northern Illinois winters make that impossible.

In the event of school closing, all District families will be contacted via phone with the District's School Reach calling system. Closing information will also be posted on the District #301 website at www.burlington.k12.il.us. As in the past, the following radio and television stations will list any school delays or closings:

STATIONS TO LISTEN TO:

<u>AM</u>	<u>TV</u>	<u>FM</u>
WGN - 720	CBS - Channel 2	WDEK - 92.5
WBBM - 780	NBC - Channel 5	WJKL - 94.3
WLBK - 1360	ABC - Channel 7	WDKB - 95
WRMN - 1410	WGN - Channel 9	
	FOX - Channel 32	

Only school closings or delayed starts will be announced. Every effort will be made to communicate such a decision by 6:00 a.m. if possible. If no announcement is made, you may assume that school is in session. Because of the size of the District and its many communities, conditions at any one time may vary. Our inclination will be to operate whenever possible.

Please also prepare for the possibility of early dismissal should weather deteriorate during the day. Younger children should know what to do should they arrive home and find their parents gone.

Sincerely,
Dr. Todd Stirn
Superintendent of Schools

Market Day

The order form for the February Market Day was distributed to students. If you do not receive a form, please inquire with your son or daughter. The deadline for submitting order forms to the school office is Tuesday, January 31st, or mail to Jill Dieckhoff, 9N285 Tamara Dr., Elgin, IL 60124. The pick-up date for this Market Day is Tuesday, February 7th from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the Central Middle School cafeteria. (Cars will not be allowed in the rear parking lot until 2:55 p.m.) Consider placing your Market Day order on-line, thus getting around the necessity of having a “hard copy” of the Market Day order form. Make sure to indicate Central Middle School as the beneficiary of your order. Access Market Day on-line at: www.marketday.com. The last day to submit an internet order is Friday February 3rd at 11pm. Market Day, a provider of high quality and convenient food products for busy families, is a key fund-raising project of the Central Middle School Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). All profits of Market Day are committed by the PTO to purchases that enhance educational opportunities for Central Middle School students.



From PTO:

Congratulations CMS students, your hard work paid off and our Marathon Fundraiser was once again a huge success. This year we raised \$20,500!! We have already approved the purchase of Chimes for our Music Program, three new treadmills for the Fitness Room, and additional funds toward Field Trips. We are very proud of all of you who worked so hard getting pledges, and running the Marathon. We had our assembly on Friday, January 27, 2012 and the winning teams and top individuals were announced. The top team in each grade level will enjoy a Limo Lunch to Chuck E Cheese. Congratulations again to all of you. All other prizes will be distributed the week of January 30, 2012.

Please consider joining us at our next PTO meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012. Next year we are hoping to have a joint PTO with PKMS. We would like to have representation from each of our four Elementary Schools on the Executive Board. If you are a Lily Lake or HBT parent, and would be interested in being part of the PTO, please join us at our next meeting, or contact one of the current board members. Contact information can be found on the PTO website.

Attention 8th Grade Parents

There will be a planning meeting for the 8th Grade Promotion Party on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the CMS LMC. Anyone interested in helping with the party is encouraged to attend. If you are not able to attend, but would like to help out, please contact Janet Holmgren at 847-464-5070 or jmholmgren@sbcglobal.net

CMS College and Career Day on April 20th Volunteers Needed

This year, CMS is extremely excited to be hosting our first annual **College and Career Day** on **Friday, April 20th**. This day aligns with our 2011-2012 CMS School Improvement Goals in which we are placing a heavy emphasis on exposing our students to their future possibilities in both college and career choices.

The CMS College and Career Day will consist of numerous outside speakers from various colleges and occupations. We are in need of volunteers who would be willing and excited to participate in this day with us. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in presenting the positive aspects of your career to our CMS students, it would be very much appreciated by the CMS Staff and students. We are looking for a wide variety of career presentations, and we are not limited to just CMS community members, although we are hoping to have a strong community showing. Our CMS students will be eager and excited to learn about the responsibilities, highlights and educational requirements of the various careers that will be presented.

Volunteer presenters may participate in three different ways; Half-day morning, Half-day afternoon, or Full-day presenter. Morning presenters would present four sessions between 7:45 and 11:00. Afternoon presenters would present four sessions between 11:00 and 2:30. Full day presenters would present five to six sessions spread throughout our school day between 7:45 and 2:30. Each presentation would last approximately 40 minutes and would consist of anywhere between 20 to 60 energized CMS students. Lunch and all-day refreshments will be provided to all of our presenters in our faculty hospitality room.

If you are interested in participating in any manner, please contact Jeff Herman, CMS Student Services Director, at Jherman@burlington.k12.il.us (or) 847-464-6000. We would like all volunteers to be in place by **Friday March 23rd** so that all final planning may take place at that time. We are hopeful that we will be able to accommodate all requests to volunteer. Thank you so much for your assistance and support, and we hope to hear from many of you soon to make this a great day for our CMS Students.



WINTER IS HERE!

The Midwest winter has been unbelievably mild until Thursday, January 12, 2012. As the wintry weather blows through please review the following safety suggestions.

Dress appropriately

Be prepared to board your bus 5 minutes prior to the pickup time.

Be aware of potential dangers while walking outdoors.

Be careful when approaching the place where the bus stops. Move toward the bus only after the bus has completely stopped and the doors have been opened.

Last but not least, it is important to be alert and pay extra attention to oncoming vehicles during this season. Please do not use cell phone (talking or texting) while crossing the street. If listening with headphone to music, it is also important to turn down the volume and be alert especially while crossing the street. These devices can distract you from making safe choices. Remember it takes vehicles extra stopping time/distance when roads are snowy, icy or wet.



CELL PHONE BAN IN SCHOOL ZONES

As you may be aware, cell phone usage has been banned as of January 2010; public act 096-0131.

It is illegal to compose, read or send text message anytime while driving in Illinois

It is illegal for anyone to use a wireless phone while driving in a construction, maintenance and school zone (including while on school property) unless it is in voice activated mode.

It is illegal for drivers under age of 19 to use a cell phone at any time while driving, unless in case of emergency. This is part of the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing provisions.

Many Illinois communities have ordinances banning cell phone usage. Violation of either of the above laws may result in a fine and a moving violation on your driving record.

DISTRICT 301 CALENDAR

There are only 4 half/early release dates remaining; January 25th (ER), March 14th (ER), April 13th (HD and, May 11th (HD). Check your child's school to confirm the release times. If alternate busing arrangements are needed, please contact Transportation and allow 48 hours to process any requests. Any changes to your child's transportation should be submitted on a Childcare-Transportation Request form.

STUDENT CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

Any parent notes regarding permission for another parent to meet student at bus stop or out of school for vacation etc. requiring any transportation changes need to not only be received by the school but also the Transportation Department. Please make yourself familiar with our website. There are several ways to contact our office.

SCHOOL BULLYING INTERVENTION PLAN

Central School District 301 has a School Bullying Intervention Plan in place which complies with the State mandated law. The school bus is an extension of the classroom; therefore the students are expected to behave on the bus just as they are expected to behave in school. Details of the School Bully Intervention Plan are located in the Parent/Student Handbook. It is important that victims of bullying report incidents of repeated bullying behaviors, even if they are minor. Victims and/or victim's parents are encouraged to keep track of dates, times and types of incidents, to help facilitate investigations. Our school bus drivers will report any instances they witness and students are asked to also relay any form of bullying to the driver as well.

SPRING BUS EVACUATIONS

Spring Bus Evacuations have been tentatively planned. All 301 schools have been scheduled for the week of April 9th with the exception of Prairie Knolls Middle School. Prairie Knolls will hold their Spring Bus Evacuation on the half-day of May 11, 2012

Central Music Boosters - an organization to enhance, enrich and support Illinois CCUSD 301's Vocal and Instrumental Music programs.

Volunteers and Donations needed for Dessert First.

Volunteers (night of event):

- Ticket takers
- Silent Auction/Sponsored item monitors
- Silent Auction/Sponsored item fund collection
- Raffle ticket sellers
- Game host/hostess (tbd)
- Other, I'll be there, grab me to fill in a gap

Donations:

- Event / sports / other tickets (event must occur after March 10—season tickets you won't use on a certain date?)
- Gift cards (did you get ones you won't use but others might?)
- Services you could donate (massage, yard work, simple tax prep, manicure, etc.)
- Other items?

To volunteer or donate, contact us at Central.Music.Boosters@gmail.com or call Janice @ 630-747-8218 (leave a message if you get voice mail).

Buy your own tickets for the event and join us!!!



Dessert First – March 3, 2012
7pm – 11pm

Porter's Pub
1250 Bowes Creek Boulevard
Elgin IL 60124
847-214-5877

Delicious Desserts, Silent Auction, Raffles, and Much More

Music by: The "Beach Bums"

(Jimmy Buffet Cover Band)

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Adult only (over 21)

Get your tickets from CHS, CMS, or PKMS band/choir directors
or any Central Music Boosters Officer (Janice, Janice, Gary, Kristen)
use this form

Name: _____

Student school (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone No: _____

Email address: _____

Checks can be made out to: **Central Music Boosters**

Join us for our next Central Music Boosters' meeting on Feb. 7 @ 7:00pm - PKMS Band Room
and on Mar. 6 @ 7:00pm - CMS Band Room

<http://www.centralmusicboosters.blogspot.com/>

Contact us here: Central.Music.Boosters@gmail.com

SPRING 2012 CMS Spirit-wear

View order form on CMS website.

**** ORDERS DUE by Mon. FEB 13. ****

Fill out completely. PRINT.										Email:				
NAME:										Phone:		Task Teacher:		
Qty	Fabric Color	Item #	Item Description	Logo Art #	Logo Size?		LOGO Color	Upgrade Embroider ADD \$5	Upgrade BLING ADD \$7	Sizes?			Item Cost	Total AMT.
					Full Chest?	Left Chest?				Youth	Lady Lady size only	Adult UNISEX		
ORDERS DUE by FEB 13 at CMS OFFICE				Order sizes carefully. Items NOT returnable. Check payable to <u>CMS PTO.</u>				TOTAL						
Q? Call Ronnie Schramme 630-587-9313				Items subject to availability.				NO CASH Orders.						

LOGO #1:
White logo.

PROPERTY OF
CENTRAL
ATHLETICS

LOGO #1: Imprint
WHITE ink, full chest only.
No royal ink, No leftchest.
Logo #1 Not available on zip jacket

LOGO #2 upgrade: Add \$5
Embroider
Leftchest only

CENTRAL

LOGO #2: Embroidery
Left chest size ONLY
Choose ROYAL or WHITE logo
Add \$5 for Logo #2

LOGO #3:
1-ink solid logo
Choose color & logo size

CENTRAL

LOGO #3: Imprint
ROYAL or WHITE logo
Choose color & logo size.
Full chest OR Left chest

LOGO #4 upgrade: Add \$7
BLING crystals

Central

LOGO #4 is word Central in
choose ROYAL or CLEAR crystals
approx. 5" wide across chest only.
No leftchest. Add \$7 for Logo #4.



Item #1: WindSHIRT Pullover. Unisex
Side seam hip zipper on adult for on/off ease.
Lined. Side pockets. Accent trim on V-Neck and gussets. Year-round use.
Price INCLUDES embroidery logo #2.
Fabric: ROYAL torso / White trim
NAVY torso / White trim
or BLACK torso / White trim
Youth S-L; Adult S-XL
(2X add \$3) (3X add \$5)
\$24 INCLUDES Embroider #2 logo.
NO imprint. NO bling.



Item #2: Pullover HOODIE
Pouch pocket. Unisex size.
Fabric:
Royal, Gray
Navy or Black
Hoodies may run small so
if in doubt, order up in size.
Youth S-L, Adult S-XL,
(2X add \$3); (3X add \$4)
\$19 includes imprint logo.



Item #3: Unisex FullZip Sweatjacket
FULL ZIPPER sweatjacket
2 pockets. Hood
Leftchest logo ONLY.
NO fullchest logo.
Fabric: Royal, Black or Gray
Youth S-L, Adult S-XL; 2X add \$4
\$23 includes Leftchest imprint.
NO fullchest logo over zipper.



Item #4: TYEDYE T-shirt short-sleeve. Unisex.
Tone-on-Tone 1-color tie-dye in burst pattern.
Awesome! 100% cotton
Due to tie-dye processing, shirts run small.
If in doubt, order up in size
Fabric:
Royal Navy, Pink, or Black
Youth S-L
Adult S-XL
(2X add \$2), (3X add \$3)
\$12 includes imprint



Item #5: "LADY" T-Shirt
Feminine tapered fit.
100% cotton. Short sleeve.
Ladies size is tailored so
if in doubt, order up in size.
Fabric:
Royal, Charcoal, Navy,
Light Pink, Light Blue,
or Black
Ladies size: S-XL,
(2X add \$2), (3X add \$3)
No youth sizes. LADY ONLY.
\$10 w/ imprint logo.
Great item for bling.



Item #6. JERSEY
3/4 sleeves. Unisex
Fabric:
White torso / royal sleeves
Gray torso / black sleeves
White torso / black sleeves
Youth S-L
Adult S-XL
(2X add \$2)
(3X add \$3)



Item #7: T-SHIRT Short-sleeve. Unisex
Fabric:
Royal Sportgray,
Black, Light Pink,
Dark Charcoal or Navy
Youth S-L
Adult S-XL
(2X add \$2); (3X add \$3)
\$9 w/ imprint logo.

**Orders DUE
Monday, FEB 13**



It is important for parents to know about the new trend of synthetic marijuana that is legal in Illinois. It is an herb-and-chemical based blend that produces marijuana high when smoked. Signs and symptoms of using this substance are similar to marijuana.

Some signs of adolescent substance use: change in appearance, mood swings, decreased motivation, lethargic, inability to focus, avoiding eye contact, more secretive, headaches, weight loss or gain, use of air fresheners, scented candles or Visine, Clear Eyes or breath mints.

Central School District 301 presents.....

Teens & Substance Use

Educational Support & Awareness for Parents



WHEN: Thursday Feb 9th, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Where: Central High School Auditorium

F.A.I.R.'S presentation will help parents:

- *Gain education and awareness to current substance abuse trends.*
- *Identify signs of substance use in adolescents.*
- *Provide an understanding of the effects of substance use.*
- *Suggest appropriate interventions or parenting strategies.*
- *Provide a discussion forum for questions to be answered.*

Even if you do not feel like your teen is having issues with substances it is always a plus to be proactive.



In 2010, 13.8% of 8th graders, 28.9% of 10th graders, and 41.2% of 12th graders had consumed at least one drink in the thirty days prior to being surveyed. 5% of 8th graders, 14.7% of 10th graders, and 26.8% of 12th graders had been drunk.

Source: Monitoring the Future,
University of Michigan.

In 2010, 21.4% of high school seniors used marijuana in the past thirty days, while 19.2% smoked cigarettes. After marijuana use, prescription and over-the-counter medications account for most of the top drugs abused by 12th graders in the past year. Source: www.oas.samhsa.gov