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## Fountain Hills Coalition- Year in Review

At the beginning of each New Year, we often see organizations, media outlets and businesses reflect on the previous year. For our January E-newsletter, we thought you might like to see the many accomplishments of the Fountain Hills Coalition in 2017.

The Coalition is made up of about 28 individuals representing schools, businesses, faith and tribal communities, law enforcement, healthcare and substance abuse treatment organizations, parents and youth. No one person accomplished these items, we did it together.

### 2017 Highlights

515 Safe Homes Network Members

All students in grades 3 through 8 received a drug prevention lesson/activity

Collected 333 pounds of prescription medication at Town Hall Rx drug drop box

Support from 50 Businesses in 2017- Total of 270 Businesses support Text-A-Tip

Participated in 20 community events reaching 2,742 community members and families

Six events held at the middle & high school with speakers talking about healthy choices

The creation of an Above That 2 Club at FHHS- continuing the Above That Club at FHMS

We will continue to serve our community in 2018 and provide the very latest information on substance abuse prevention and education. We appreciate your support of our kids, our mission and our desire to provide every youth in Fountain Hills an opportunity to have a drug free future!



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## Annual High School Essay Contest is Underway!

Our 6th Annual High School Essay Contest officially kicked off on January 8th with all English teachers announcing the

**2018 6TH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST**  
Free Wendy's Frosty's to all entries!

**FIRST PLACE: \$1,000 CASH**

**SECOND PLACE: \$300 CASH**

**THIRD PLACE: \$100 CASH**

Open to all High School students!

Entry Form and Contest Rules are available in all FH High School English Classrooms and at the Fountain Hills Library.

Contest Deadline: February 2, 2018

Choose ONE of the following prompts. Please limit essay to 700 words or less.

- 1) Name a song that you really relate to and write about how it has affected your life or the way you think.
- 2) Write about what you like about the community of Fountain Hills or your school and tell us what you might change to improve it.
- 3) If you could be a superhero, or a real-life hero, write about the kind of powers you would have and how you could use them to help others. If you choose the superhero, what would you be called? Also remember it must be an original superhero (not from Marvel or DC Comics).

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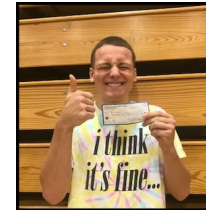
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contest in their classrooms. Students have the opportunity to win \$1,000 for their first place essay in addition to other 16 cash awards given to finalists. Parents will be notified and invited to attend the complimentary awards luncheon to be held on February 22, 2018. Please encourage your child to participate and feel free to ask your child's English teacher or the Coalition at [FHCoalition@cox.net](mailto:FHCoalition@cox.net) for more information about the contest.

[Click here to enlarge flyer](#)

## Congratulations to our latest Safe Homes Network Drawing Winners!

\$100 Safe Homes drawings were held during the Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball games on January 9th. Winners Teo Vargas (top) and FHHS freshman student, Emma Duke were excited to take home \$100 at the end of the evening.

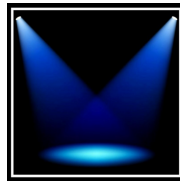


Be on the lookout for our last Safe Homes Network sports promotion of the year during the Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer games later this month. Everyone in attendance will receive a ticket to the drawing and all Safe Homes Network members receive two tickets to the drawing! So be sure to let us know you are part of Safe Homes upon entry to the game.



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