

Parents learn bullying, "fake weed" dangers

Changing times could mean trouble for today's youth, but parents can help their kids stay safe by getting more involved in their lives.

A group of parents learned some advice about bullying-prevention and a dangerous - and legal - drug during Thursday morning's meeting of Brownfield Independent School District's Parental Engagement Committee.

Guest speaker Sarah DeLaCruz, an educator from the Prevention Resource Center of Managed Care Center in Lubbock, explained that

bullying is an epidemic at schools nationwide, and can be divided into three main categories - physical, verbal and emotional and a new, rapidly growing form known as cyberbullying. She encouraged parents to closely monitor their kids' behavior for signs they were being bullied, and pay a visit to their school if necessary to confirm their suspicions.

"Become an advocate for your child - try to get involved," she said. "See what's going on. Try to go in and witness it for yourself."

DeLaCruz advised informing school faculty of any bullying incidents they witnessed, and if they were unsatisfied with that staff's reactions taking those complaints further up the chain of command from teacher to administration to school board.

"If you're getting what you need from the teacher or the principal, go up and go up until you get it solved," she said.

DeLaCruz warned her audience about another growing concern, that of "fake weed," a new drug sold as a legal alternative to marijuana under brand names such as "K2," "Spice" and "Zohai." Despite its legal accessibility in many cities that have not been banned the substance, it actually has some serious side effects and is more comparable to methamphetamine than marijuana.

"It looks like marijuana, but it's a lot worse," she said. "...A lot of kids are using this because they think because it's legal, it's safe."



Substance-abuse prevention specialist Sarah DeLaCruz answers questions from parents. DeLaCruz was this month's featured speaker of Brownfield Independent School District's Parental Engagement Committee.



Brownfield native London Allen was awarded the President's Honor Roll from South Plains College for the fall 2012 semester. Students have to attain a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester to receive that award. London is a 2011 graduate of Brownfield High School and is double majoring in Biology and Chemistry. She is the daughter of Gaylene Allen of Brownfield and Mike Anglum of Melbourne, Ark.

These substances for sale in the City Limits by the Brownfield City Council last year.

Directed by BISD community liaison Mercie Martin, the Parental Engagement Committee meets the third Thursday morning of each month to discuss education-related topics. While DeLaCruz was the featured speaker for Thursday's meeting, other presenters speak on a variety

of issues. Past topics have included healthy eating and how to prepare high school students for college.

Attendance varies at each of the Parental Engagement Program meetings, but all parents with children in any of BISD's six campuses are welcome to stop by. For more information, call Martin at 637-2591 or simply attend the next meeting, set for 10 a.m. Feb. 21.

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School board - Brownfield Independent School District's board of trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 in the administration building's board room.

iPhone training - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct an iPhone and iPad workshop for agricultural producers from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 in the board room of the Brownfield ISD administration building, 601 Tahoka Rd. Cost is \$12. To register or for more information call 637-4060.

Half-Court Shot - The Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield's Half-Court Shot fund-raiser will be held during halftime of the boys Lamesa game, Jan. 29 in Cub Stadium. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling 893-2842.

Chamber banquet - The Brownfield Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet is set for Feb. 21. Call 637-2564 to make nominations for Citizen of the Year.

Ag conference - The annual South Plains Ag Conference will be held from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the First Baptist Church Activity Center, 219 W. Main St. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch and CEUs.

Varmint Hunt - The Terry County 4-H Varmint Hunt will be held Feb. 9-10. Register at 10 a.m. Feb. 9 at the county showbarn or call 637-4060.

Health screening - A Life Line Screening to assess stroke and bone-fracture risks will be held Feb. 22 at the Brownfield Church of Christ Family Life Center, 506 N. Atkins St. To schedule an appointment call 1-877-237-1287.

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After retiring from farming, Ed entered the automobile business with three dealerships representing each of the big three automakers. He spent 16 years serving customers, developing fair and honest sales techniques and forming relationships that have been built on trust and integrity.

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