

ALEKO - ON LINE

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SCHOOL LIFE

DRUGS - WHY SHOULD YOU NEVER TRY?

Dear children, dear teenagers

Life presents us many choices that we need to make the right or wrong decisions. We know that sometimes you feel misunderstood and rejected, but we adults - parents and your teachers want you to be sure that we are constantly looking to reinvent the way towards you, our children. Our conviction that drugs destroy the body and psyche and the fear that you will try them one day, make us sometimes re-vent with prohibitions and limitations. We seem to have forgotten the time that we've been young, inexperienced and searching for "ourselves" Or maybe we simply need to be together and talk. In our school we talk about drugs, it's not a taboo. Children need to be informed. For the classes in primary stage we are helped by fellow psychologists from the Prevention information center at the Municipal Drug Council in Plovdiv. Activities for junior high students stage we are assisted by volunteers from the "Young people at the crossroad" This month our annual campaign "AntiDroga" started with classes for students from 7th grade. Colleagues from "Young people at the crossroad" told the children about the dangers of even a single use. They shared their experiences and those of their relatives and friends, who struggled with the problems and how they coped. Students were excited and a little startled by the film presenting selected pictures (age appropriate) of drug addicted persons treatment in the clinic in Suhodol. Velichko told them about the life of the young people in the communes and their dreams for normal life.

I hope our children will hear and understand the message and that they will never try!

Zdravka Petrova - pedagogical counselor

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Most of the classes of the "Etnografia" club are held outside the school. Very frequently they are in the Ethnographic Museum, where the atmosphere is very suitable to create project objects from the past related with the lifestyle of the people. Children were introduced to the typical elements of fabrics produced manually by the Bulgarian women and developed their projects for rugs and aprons. The assistance of the employees of the museum, Laura Hristozova and Lozka Borisova, was invaluable. This picture shows how some students- develop projects of aprons in one of the halls of the Ethnographic Museum.

Nina Tareva - Head of club "Ethnografia"

SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

Dear parents, one of the most magic holidays for children and adults - Christmas, is approaching. Expecting the holiday we dream for the comfort and serenity of home when we will decorate the festive tree, arrange the table and listen with our children, silent at the chimney, to the bells ringing there, the race of the deer or the quiet steps of the dwarves who put the presents unnoticed under the tree. Of course, gifts are the most exciting experience for the kids. They were obedient and diligent and studious during the whole year. And they wrote wonderful letters to Santa Claus – polite, colorful and without spelling errors. And now the most difficult task is left to us -the parents, to send the presents on time and to the right place. Everyone knows that Santa lives in Finland and especially in Korvantunturi, a mountain near the Russian border. But since the location is quite remote, the good old man receives visits in his second home in Rovaniemi, the administrative center of the province of Lapland. Although the adults no longer believe in him when visiting his "office" they are filled with awe. Doesn't he really exist? But he's there! Santa Claus, with a white beard, a shaped belly and the eternal sweet smile on his face. The first residence of Santa Claus, the Korvantunturi mountain, is shaped like a giant ear. Why? In order for the slightly deaf old man to hear better the wishes of all obedient children in the world. He receives 700 000 letters each year in his mailbox. Envelopes start to arrive at the post office in Lapland in the early December. Snow White, that is one of his most faithful helpers, assist him in the difficult correspondence. Official people, dressed as elves, open letters arriving from all over the world, and transmit personal wishes of Santa Claus. So rest assured, dear parents, the letters of your children will be received and read by the good old man and their wishes will be fulfilled. You just send them on time and keep believing in the magic of Christmas.

Wishing you a very festive mood

Santa's address is:

Santa Claus

Arctic Circle

96930 Rovaniemi

Finland

CHILDREN'S WORKS

Dear readers, this year a school club called "Creative Writing" started as a part of the project "Success." Participants in the club are fifth grade students. We present a few of their poetic works.

Let's wish them success in such a challenging process!

Rosa Zafirova - teacher of Bulgarian language and literature