

**Dixie District Schools and Sheriff's Office Team Up
for a Parent/Community Lesson on
"The Prescription and Over-the-Counter Situation"**

April 14, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.
Dixie County School Board Meeting Room
328 SE 349 Highway, Old Town, Florida

A message from Sheriff Dewey Hatcher and Superintendent Mark Rains:

While Prescription and over the counter medicines provide millions with relief from illnesses, pain associated with health issues and cough and cold symptoms, the potential for abuse among youth demands the immediate attention and involvement of parents.

Nationwide illegal drug use is down 23% which translates into 840,000 less children used drugs this year. This means the use of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana and most controlled substance are down throughout the country, but an alarming trend is now surfacing throughout the United States and that is the abuse of prescription and over the counter drugs.

This is why the School System and Sheriff's Office have teamed up to bring you an informative 58 minute presentation on the problem, why we need parent participation and what parents can do. This presentation will be held on April 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room located in Old Town.

Prescription use is on the increase, we need parents, because you are the key to controlling the use, misuse and abuse of prescription and over the counter drugs.

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