

The Daisy Scoop

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SPRING INTO ACTION

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With the spring season comes a time for dedicating your time to perfecting who you are. There is spring cleaning to be done, so we dust off our old items. We let go of some of the items that we hold onto in the last year, for today is the opportunity to spring into action and do what is necessary to make a difference in the world.

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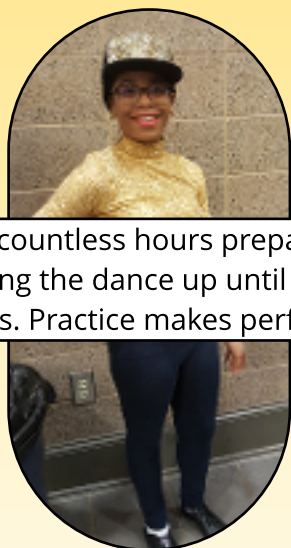
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ANNABELLE ZEKERI AT THE JHS TALENT SHOW

The Daisy House girls spent the spring supporting their Junior Council President Annabelle Zekeri. Of the numerous events in which she has participated, one includes the Jefferson High School Talent Show where Annabelle performed a spectacular hip-hop dance.



"I spent countless hours preparing and perfecting the dance up until the final days. Practice makes perfect"

The Daisy House is officially in operation starting in the spring of 2018, and the events planned for those in the community has just begun.

In addition to the Daisy House's opening for the young girls in the community, the CEO of the organization Dr. B.J. McCreary has established a group of young girls to form the Junior Council in hopes of giving the girls who make up the Daisy House a voice. These young women help determine the activities that take place in the after-school program that has recently started since the end of February. The Junior Council includes Annabelle Zekeri, President, and Jamyiah Teasley, Secretary, who both have helped to get the council started.



The Junior Council's first meeting at the Daisy House.

To me, the saying "Springing into Action" means to take initiative and reach out to help without having to be asked. When someone is struggling to carry their groceries, you spring into action by asking if you can assist them. It represents cleaning up your room without your mom demanding you do so, or it is donating and investing your time and money to the advancement of young ladies here at the Daisy House.

Leadership Development Camp for Youth

Sunday, June 10 - Thursday, June 14, 2018

In LakeWales, FL at Lake Aurora Christian Camp

See the flyer at the end of newsletter for more information

BULLYING

BY: ZOEY OWENSBY, EDITED BY ANNABELLE ZEKERI

Thirty-two percent of teenagers commit suicide due to bullying. Bullying is when a child or even an adult is mentally or physically hurt by another person repeatedly. People experience this abuse at a variety of ages, and it has led to a lot of negative outcomes in the world today. Commonly, children hurt themselves, and it can progress to death known as suicide.

A bully can develop in different ways, all of which are unacceptable. A common way is when children who have been bullied in the past eventually become bullies themselves. Others may just think it is funny or cool to see someone else hurt. The abusers harm others because they want to copy their friends, fit in with other children, or feel superior to their peers. Therefore, the person bullies another by teasing someone, physically abusing, spreading rumors, and leaving others out. In addition to the reasons mentioned previously, a person may be bullied for being different or appearing weak. Mentally, it can be very difficult for a child to handle; as a result, the victim becomes the bully in order to feel accepted, and the cycle continues.

What are some signs that your son or daughter may be a victim of this abuse? Losing interest in school and friends can be an indication, or appearing moody or even depressed can also indicate this. It is important that you look for signs of self-harm and exhibition of low self-esteem. Your observations can mean the difference between life and death.

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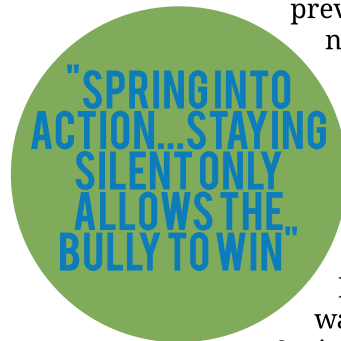
The physical or mental abuse of another person by one's peers can lead to several problems. Because of this nationwide issue, it can be hard for a child to make new friends or maintain old relationships. Children should get the opportunity to make new friends and be excited to go to school and learn about new things. Bullying can also start with less social

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interaction and progress to self-harm and even suicide. Everyone deserves the opportunity to be happy and love themselves for who they are, but this can make a person feel isolated, powerless, unpopular, and alone. It is not okay to see the numerous suicidal children on the news. Among young people, suicide is a leading cause of death (approximately one-million deaths per year worldwide).

There is a lot of news about the aftermath of bullying, but there is not enough being done to prevent it. In schools, students need to learn more about this sensitive subject for the benefit of everyone. It is necessary to bring awareness to the issue, so fewer children will become bullies or victims in the future. Help stop bullying. What are some ways to do this? Get involved.



Spring into action by treating everyone with respect, standing up for others, spreading positivity around you, and speaking up about bullying. To the person who may witness an incident, tell someone. Staying silent only allows the bully to win.

Bullying is abuse that is trending in today's society. No one wants to see others being harmed, so help before someone becomes another child who commits suicide or in other words, another statistic.



STAND UP. SPEAK OUT.

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PEER PRESSURE

BY: MYIAH TEASLEY, EDITED BY ANNABELLE ZEKERI

As teens, we go through a lot of different situations, and most of us do not know how to talk to anyone about them. You may either be scared that someone is going to judge you or that they will not understand nor attempt to listen to you. You may begin to feel depressed and pressured because you see others fitting in and becoming more popular. This is what causes teens to step into the cycle of peer pressure; however, they are often not aware of the consequences.

According to Statistics & Facts, "25% of teen girls are pressured to use drugs; 23% of teen girls are pressured into having sex, and 67% of teen girls are pressured to dress a certain way. Also according to American Lung Association, 3.1 million teens smoke some substance like cigarettes or marijuana. As a teen girl, peer pressure is extremely overwhelming. You feel like you have to act a certain way or do specific actions to get a boy or a girl's attention. Saying "no" to things that we know are wrong is the battle that teens often face. It is difficult to be the only one from a group to say "no", and this is what causes adolescents to give into peer pressure. You might begin to have this battle in your mind on whether should you do a certain harmful task or just walk away and say "no" to the negative situation.

Another cause of peer pressure is being in a relationship. For a teen girl being able to control yourself in a relationship and not giving in can be a struggle. You may feel like since you are with that person persuades you with "I love you", that it is okay to make rash decisions. However, once you think about the circumstances, you will realize that it is not okay because most times a boy desires to take advantage of you or spread rumors about you. If a person really loves you they will respect your choices. It is tempting in a relationship to not say "no" to sex, but just remember that you can do anything so long as you put your mind to it. Love is more than intercourse; love makes you smile and feel joyful unlike being pressured into sex.

So the next time you have a conflict in your mind regarding peer pressure, remember that you know right from wrong. If the situation does not feel right, then it probably is not. Therefore, you should say "no" and walk away. It is hard being different, but the end result will be something that you will not regret. Do not fall into peer pressure but rather let your peers follow you.



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PAST EVENTS

FEBRUARY 24TH

The first official meeting of the Junior Council at the Daisy House from 4 - 6pm

APRIL 13TH

The Daisy House's raffle for \$2 per ticket for a chance to win amazing prizes.

APRIL 17TH

Teen Poetry Night at the Jefferson Public Library from 5pm to 7pm. Activities included were poetry readings and the signing of published poems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 19TH

Car Wash and Bake Sale at Beef O' Brady's in Jefferson, GA and the first fund-raiser by the Junior Council

JUNE 10TH-14TH

Christian Youth Camp in Florida for a week of fun activities which include field sports, rock climbing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, etc.

JULY 17TH-21ST

Junior Council will travel to an African- American history museum in Montgomery, AL and Carowinds theme park in Charlotte, NC

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