



**Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District
Community Parent Center
1260 Meadowbrook Road
North Merrick, New York 11566**



BELLMORE-MERRICK DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

TO COMBAT ABUSE/MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

The Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, the Community Parent Center, Senator Michael Venditto, Legislator Steven Rhoads, Legislator Laura Curran, Nassau County Police Department and local firefighters are hosting a Drive Through Drug Take Back Day to combat abuse and misuse of prescription medications.

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2401 Camp Avenue

Bellmore, New York 11710

Saturday, May 30, 2015

10:00am to 1:00pm

Bellmore-Merrick's Drug Take Back Day is part of a larger ongoing nationwide effort to collect to collect unneeded prescription drugs, including controlled substances, for safe and legal disposal.

More than 2,000 teens (12-17) begin abusing prescription drugs **each day**, according to a recent SAMSHA teen survey. At the same time, drug addiction experts contend that abuse of narcotics such as painkillers are a gateway to illegal street drugs such as heroin.

We encourage all Bellmore-Merrick parents and community members to help fight prescription drug abuse by safely disposing of unwanted and expired medicines. The drug take back program provides a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs, while also educating the community about the potential for abuse of medications. Additionally, the event helps the environment by discouraging people from using the typical disposal method, flushing unused pills or dumping them in the solid waste stream. This keeps them out of the drinking water system and landfills.

We hope you will join us to fight Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse. Let's work together to combat this issue. Spread the word about the Drug Take-back Day with relatives, neighbors and friends. The more educated we become, the better we can protect our children.

If you have any questions, call Saul Lerner – 516-992-1048,
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Senator Michael Venditto – 516-882-0630
Legislator Steven Rhoads – 516-571-6219
Legislator Laura Curran – 516-571-6205