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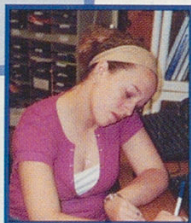
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I despise taking medicine, so when I was requested to take Advil for my ankle I did not go and take it often,”

-Ali Newton, 10



Only with a doctor's prescription. The local drugstores help supply people with medicine to cure illnesses.



Pills, pills, pills! Though seemingly harmless, over-the-counter drugs can become very dangerous.



Killing the party mood... Alcohol has unfortunately been attached to parties and is the root of serious diseases and health conditions.

★ Drug ★ Problems ★ ★ in ★ our ★ school... ★

Undeniably, the drug problems throughout the world have gotten increasingly worse in the past years. In a recent study done by *The Leaf*, the paper cited ecstasy as the drug of choice in this school. Repeated students have organized help groups, and other programs such as D.A.R.E. and Red Ribbon Week to help inform students of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, as well as to unite students in the fight against drug abuse. Red Ribbon Week is a popular week in which students sign a pledge to remain drug and alcohol free, and in return receive a red ribbon in recognition of their pledge.

"My friends and I don't do any of that 'stuff', so there's no pressure," said **Scott Morrison, 10.**

Besides the obvious unwanted drugs at school, there are the students who regularly have to make the trip back and forth to the nurse's office to get a dose of required.

"The use of drugs and alcohol have greatly increased as a social aspect over the years," said **Kevin Newman, 11.**

Drugs (and alcohol) are an increasing problem, but not to worry, an overwhelming majority of students remain clean and faithful to their pledge to remain drug and alcohol free.

By Meg Hauser