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Events This Week:

JULY 23, 2002:

May Roerts will be speaking in Parker High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

JULY 24, 2002:

Fast Forward Presentation in Parker High School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

JULY 25, 2002:

Monthly Meeting held in Room 12 at Parker High School at 7:00 p.m.

JULY 27, 2002:

Mary Ann Aulsic's 13th Birthday!! Come to her house and eat cake & ice cream at 5:00 p.m.

JULY 28, 2002:

P.C.C. Pool Party at Parker County YMCA from 4:00 p.m. 'til 8:00 p.m.

May Gives Us Hope & Inspiration

May Roerts, 32, was diagnosed with CAPD when she was 10 years old. Initially, May and her family were relieved that she had finally received a diagnosis. May's mother hauled her from doctor to doctor for five years before she was diagnosed with CAPD. "It was a very difficult process. It's very exhausting and frustrating for the parents and the child," says May as she remembers what it was like to go through the diagnosis process. May continues to say, "At one time I was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. I took Ritalin for about six months and I hated every minute of it. I know that Ritalin is suppose to be very helpful for children with ADD, but it makes you feel awful. I really don't think that the benefits of the drug could help children with ADD that much, let

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along children with CAPD." "I believe that I was diagnosed with every disorder that there is at least once," May says jokingly. After finding out about her disorder, May began working with the SLP in her public school system. She continued to receive speech therapy until she graduated from high school. When asked about her therapy, May says, "Receiving speech therapy was the best thing that has ever happened to me. I know that there are multiple alternatives now, but I still think that therapy is the best way to go. My speech teacher helped me improve on many areas that were affected by CAPD and she taught me strategies to help me deal with my deficits that couldn't be fixed. She was incredible. She never gave up on me and I really owe most of my accomplishments to her. If it wasn't for her, I don't believe that I would have graduated from college." After graduation, May attended a Community College in her hometown. She dreamed of becoming a special education teacher so that she could make a difference to help the lives of children. May made that dream a reality when she graduated college and began teaching school in 1994. May also states, "The most important thing for children with CAPD is to have confidence in their abilities. If they receive good therapy and have confidence in themselves, I know they can do anything." Today, May has been teaching special education students for eight years, but she is much more than an educator, she is an advocate. May has been speaking on behalf of CAPD for five years. To hear more words of hope and encouragement from May, you can visit the Parker High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on July 23, 2002 where she will be speaking. May will be discussing how CAPD affected her academic and personal life, the therapy program that changed her life, and her striving desire for success. She will also discuss her views about the CAPD therapy options that are available today. May will not only provide us with a deeper understanding about the disorder, she will also give us hope and insight about our own children's futures.

Fast Forward Presentation

As you all know, Fast Forward is a computer software program that works to enhance the brain's ability to process information. The developmental program uses gradual levels of games and activities to quicken neurological responses to stimuli. Children with CAPD that use the program receive therapy without acknowledging it because the activities and games are enjoyable for them. Fast Forward is becoming an increasingly popular and successful program to help rehabilitate children with CAPD. Many of the members of P.C.C. have children involved in the program and are very happy with the results. To learn more about the program, you can attend a Fast Forward presentation that will be held in the Parker

High School Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. on July 24, 2002. The presentation is an informative meeting, hosted by a Fast Forward representative, for parents interested in learning more about the program. Parents of children who use the program are also expected to share their personal stories and experiences. There will be several computers set up in the Auditorium so that parents can get a first-hand look at some of the computer games and activities. Also, there will be a free, trial lesson available after the meeting for children of interested parents. A day care professional will be present in the Gymnasium to watch over children and allow them to play while the parents attend the meeting.

Monthly Meeting

Our Monthly P.C.C. meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 25, 2002 in Room 12 at Parker High School. In addition to regular business, we will be discussing new ideas for fund-raising activities, delegating chaperones for the amusement park field trip, and selecting a new chair for the CAPD Advocacy committee. As always, children are welcome to attend. They will be able to go to the park to play games with a responsible supervisor while parents attend the meeting. Everyone will be served pizza, cookies, and soda. We expect to have a productive meeting and a wonderful time.

Happy Birthday, Mary Ann!

Mary Ann Aulsic turns 13 this week on Saturday, July 27, 2002. Don't forget to call her to wish her a Happy Birthday. Mary Ann says that she is not doing anything big to celebrate her birthday this year but would like to invite everyone to come eat cake and ice cream with her. Kathy Aulsic, Mary Ann's mother, says that anyone is welcome to stop by her home. To celebrate Mary Ann's birthday, you can visit her house around 5:00 on Saturday evening. Mary Ann says that she will make sure that everyone has a good time. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY ANN!!

P.C.C. Pool Party

This Sunday there will be a P.C.C. pool party held at the Parker County YMCA from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. We are having the party to allow children and parents to get together and have a good time. There will be swimming, volleyball, watermelon eating contests and much, much more. Sunday is the type of day that everyone gets together and really appreciates what our organization is all about. We are about information, advocacy, options, support, and FUN! We will be working on the FUN part of our organization on Sunday. And...We will defiantly get our share! Parents, pack everyone into the mini-van and prepare to have a blast. We hope to see everyone there!!

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