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SCHOOL PERSONNEL RESTRICTED TO WHEELCHAIRS

Event promotes a better understanding of the daily lives of disabled youth

WHAT: Administrators, teachers, and support personnel at Greg Rogers Elementary School will spend the day performing all their regular duties while restricted to a wheelchair.

Physical and occupational therapists will provide instruction in community adaptations to assist with completion of daily tasks, teach staff about routine wheelchair maintenance, and provide fun wheelchair activities for the children and adults to participate in together.

Older wheelchair-bound people from local school districts (South Bay, National City, Sweetwater and Coronado districts) will also be on hand throughout the day to serve as mentors.

WHO: Greg Rogers Elementary School Principals Tim Glover and Tony Perez, teachers, staff and students from regular and special education classes
Dan Cashen, wheelchair athlete from the San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation
County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency's California Children Services (CCS), Chula Vista Medical Therapy Unit Staff
CCS elementary through high school students served at the Chula Vista Medical Therapy Unit

WHEN: **TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 FROM 8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.**
9:30 a.m.—cooking class with occupational therapists
12:15 p.m.—wheelchair relays and races with physical therapists

WHERE: Greg Rogers Elementary School
510 East Naples St.
Chula Vista, CA 91911

WHY: The California Children Services Medical Therapy Unit is a special program of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency that provides occupational and physical therapy for children with eligible conditions such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and spinal cord injuries. This event will raise awareness of the struggles disabled children and adults face and provide insight on how members of a community can assist and support them.

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