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## **Paralympic Academy celebrates Disability Awareness Month**

**LAS VEGAS** – The Clark County School District’s U.S. Paralympic Academy will celebrate Disability Awareness Month during its next activity night on Wednesday, October 15, at 5 p.m. at Garside Middle School. The school is located at 300 S. Torrey Pines Dr.

Featured activities will include wheelchair rugby, goal ball and archery. A special parent education component will be offered that includes activities designed to simulate the different disabilities faced by children. At the culmination of the evening’s activities, attendees will be able to join Coronado High School student and Paralympic athlete Cortney Jordan as she celebrates her recent triumph at the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China. Jordan, who won a gold medal, two silver medals and a bronze medal in Paralympic swimming, is a peer volunteer at Paralympic Academy events and will bring her medals for all to see.

The Paralympic Academy is designed to introduce youth with physical and visual disabilities to Paralympic sports. The Academy is a cooperative effort by the Clark County School District, Adapted Physical Education Department; U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee; and the City of Las Vegas, Adaptive Recreation BlazeSports Program. The monthly Academy events are held at several different sites throughout Clark County to facilitate the different activities, as well as provide students with exposure to their communities.

The Paralympic Academy is offered without cost to youth with physical disabilities or visual disabilities. Family and friends are welcome to attend all events. For more information about the Paralympic Games, please visit [www.usparalympics.org](http://www.usparalympics.org).

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