



BEACON

BLAST



EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS!

Many worthwhile conferences are coming up this year (Barbados pictured below!) where you can join other progressive parents in learning useful information to help your child. And Dr. Mary Joann Lang is presenting at many of them! We highlight events in this edition of the *Beacon Blast*.

IMFAR

Dr. Lang is on her way to San Sebastian, Spain, this month, where her research on sexuality issues in ASD will be shared at the IMFAR conference that takes place in the beginning of May!

www.autism-insar.org.



AUTISMONE

Both Dr. Lang and Kristen Franchak-Jones are flying to Chicago to present at AutismOne toward the end of May! And how nice for Beacon students that Beacon student artwork, under the guidance of Juli Inagi, will be featured on an art panel in the lobby of the lovely Intercontinental Hotel! An art reception will take place on Wednesday, 5/22. Keynote speakers include Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., & Congressman Bill Posey.

www.autismone.org.



SPECTRUM POSSIBILITIES

Just when you needed a compelling reason for an autumn/ winter respite Dr. Lang is among those from Beacon invited to speak in Barbados at the Spectrum Possibilities/ AutismOne conference in November. So, come learn about ways that you can help your child, and get some positive reinforcement for yourself! Details will follow.



REMINDER: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 IS A MINIMUM DAY



AUTISM SOCIETY

July 10-13 are the dates for this conference in Pittsburgh that addresses a range of issues of people with autism across the lifespan. Dr. Lang will deliver two lectures. Visit www.autism-society.org.



AUTISM CONFERENCES OF AMERICA

The weekend of Saturday, August 10, Dr. Lang will be speaking in Pasadena. This is part of the most comprehensive autism conference series in Southern California, which is within driving distance of Beacon and is geared especially to help parents. Visit www.autismconferencesofamerica.com for more details.



VSA ARTS EXHIBITION

This event at the Westfield Main Place Shopping Center celebrates artistic accomplishments of individuals with disabilities. It will be here soon! Beacon student artwork will be displayed April 20-21.

BEACON DAY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

Thursday, April 25 * 10 am-1 pm * La Palma Central Park

All Beacon Day School students, staff, and families are invited! Each class will be in charge of a game booth. There will be a jumper and BBQ lunch. Each student gets 15 game tickets; extra tickets will be 15 for \$5. Send lunch, or buy a hot dog and chips at \$3. jnagi@beacondayschool.com.



TECHNOLOGY TIPS FROM MISS KRISTEN: APP OF THE MONTH!

April is Autism Awareness Month! In honor of this month, Kindergarden.com is offering ALL of their great learning apps for iPhone, iPod, and iPad for FREE! The iTunes App Store offers downloads of many ABA apps by Kindergarden.com. These apps use applied behavior analysis to teach academic, language, and communication skills to children as well as those with special needs or developmental delays, such as speech or language delays, dyslexia, hearing loss, ADD/ADHD, auditory processing disorder, autism, dyspraxia, or PDD. Deal ends April 30.

We're listing the apps below, but please visit the Beacon Day School Facebook page to hyperlink to the apps.

ABA Flash Cards: Alphabet; ABA Flash Cards: Emotions; ABA Receptive Identification: FFC Combined; ABA Flash Cards: Things You Eat; ABA Flash Cards: Earth Science; ABA Problem Solving Game: Which Does Not Belong? ABA Problem Solving Game: What Rhymes? ABA Problem Solving Game: Which Go Together? ABA Flash Cards: Vehicles; ABA Receptive Identification; ABA Flash Cards: Zoo Animals; ABA Problem Solving Game: Healthy Habits? ABA Receptive Identification: By Class; ABA Flash Cards: Things You Wear; ABA Receptive Identification: By Feature; ABA Receptive Identification: By Function; ABA Flash Cards: Actions; ABA Flash Cards: Vegetables; ABA Flash Cards: Sports; ABA Flash Cards: Famous Places; ABA Flash Cards: Fruits & Nuts; ABA Flash Cards: Shapes; ABA Flash Cards: Musical Instruments; ABA Flash Cards: Things You Play With.

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