oral quarrel

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: Why aren't purents showing support for their teens' work in establishing SADD chapters and attempts to reduce alcohol-related actionis? What would you suggest to get respect a lowely add?

I am the parent of two preschoolers, and as a parent, I am embarrassed and angered that the older parents of these teen-age students did not show up to support them at this SADD meeting.

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Parents are not showing support for their teens because they have accepted the warder that work of them are directly a doing their moralistic them driving. Parents are under their teens because they have accepted when driving accidents, not just the teen-agers. A lot of these parents should listen to their own children and learn from them. I hope that when my children are in high school that I am feturate enough to have auch fine teen-agers. have such fine teen-agers.

I see that over 1,400 flyers were sent home with the students. I have a stu-dent in Parmington High School, and I never received one. I think that most parents did not receive those flyers about the meeting. The article in the Farmington Observer is a big plus. I

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plan to be at the next meeting.

I believe that the parents just don't realize what is happening to their kids. They can't believe that it's happening to their children, and the problem is just being subconsclously ignored and pushed aside or they have not taken the time to really think about what is happening.

without distortion.

I (cel parents didn't show up for the meeting because they are afraid of the children. In other words, they are in denial. They feel if they don't talk about alcohol and drugs, their teens won't get involved with it. This is the very core of the problem we have with alcohol. To get parents involved, you should probably mail letters to them with all the facts and not rely on students to bring flyers home.

As a officer of SADD, I have devoted a large portion of my time to establishing a SADD chapter at Farmington High School. Mony hours have been spent organizing our parents' meeting for Wednesday, May 29, 41.730 pm. In the auditorium. We hope and pray for a better turnout than North Farmington had. We have put together a very informative meeting for parents and students alike. Please attend. It could happen to your child just as easy as the next. We care, please care too.

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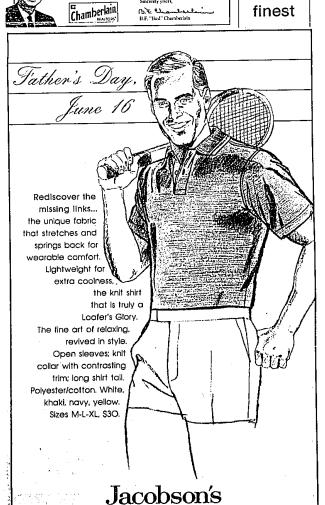
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