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Promoting literacy & going to college Highlights for May 10 - 16, 2017

Olympic champion and author Kristi Yamaguchi will be reading her newest book, "Cara's Kindness," to Sanchez Elementary students and giving copies to each participant. The book follows Cara the Cat as she struggles to pick the perfect song for her new ice-skating routine. When a friend in need turns up at the rink, Cara drops everything to lend a helping hand. The reading is co-sponsored by Raising A Reader and Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation and is part of a year-round partnership at the school that promotes early childhood literacy skills for students in kindergarten and first grade. Earlier this year Raising A Reader donated 15 iPads to the school to integrate e-reader tablets and digital books into the classroom.

When: Thursday, May 11 / 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Sanchez ES / 325 Sanchez St.

More than 500 SFUSD students and their families will march through the Mission District proclaiming "I'm going to college one day!" Culminating with a college fair at John O'Connell High School, the march not only reinforces college expectations, but also celebrates students who are now officially fluent in English, which means they no longer need additional English classes and have more room in their class schedules to take more college-prep courses. Student participants are from Marshall, Bryant and Flynn ES; Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8; James Lick and Everett MS; John O'Connell and SF International HS. The following community organizations contributed to hosting the march: Mission Graduates, Jamestown Community Center, Boys and Girls Club, Mission YMCA, JCYC, Refugee Transitions, 100% College Prep, and Mission Promise Neighborhood.

When: Thursday, May 11 / 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.: March begins at Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8

4:15 p.m.: College Fair begins at John O'Connell High School

Where: March begins at BVHM / 3351 23rd St. and proceeds down Mission St. to John O'Connell HS / 2355 Folsom St.

Students in **AccessSFUSD:The Arc** are ready for their fourth annual Spring Art Spectacular. AccessSFUSD:The Arc serves youth ages 18-22 with developmental disabilities. This event celebrates creativity in all forms as the school year comes to a close. This year the show will



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include a gallery walk, **student films and animation, and live performances by the ACT drama class and Bollywood dance troupe.**

When: Monday, May 15 / 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (live performances start at 10:30 a.m.)

Where: The Arc / 180 11th St.

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