Press release

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Highlights for January 15-21, 2013
Mentoring Month & Digital Media Safety

Holly Delaney is a legal assistant at Hanson Bridgett LLP, but once a week she heads over to Everett Middle School for lunch with a student. It’s her longstanding weekly check-in with an eighth-grade girl she has been mentoring over a year. “We talk about what happened with her over the weekend, what’s coming up at school, and just about anything,” says Delaney. More importantly, Delaney says she has seen remarkable personal growth in her mentee’s life over the past year. Delaney volunteers for SFUSD’s Mentoring for Success, a program that provides students with highly-qualified and effective mentors who engage students in activities to build skills for school success, improved attendance, and higher self-esteem. Delaney’s work, along with the work of 650 mentors across the schools, is being highlighted during National Mentoring Month.

Call for details.

When a dead whale washed ashore near Pescadero, a group salvaged its skeleton for the sake of science. That skeleton has been studied by students at schools across the Bay Area ever since. The whale will be spending a few days this week at Washington High School, where over a thousand students will measure, sketch and study the 36-foot skeleton.

Call for details.

Red light, yellow light, green light? Students at Aptos Middle School and across the city will be discussing ‘rules of the road’ for connecting with others online. All SFUSD students will be taking time on January 18 to learn how to be safe and smart online, including strategies for recognizing and responding to risky online interactions. The Digital Media Safety Instruction day is a district-wide effort supported by District Attorney George Gascón and Common Sense Media’s Digital Literacy and Citizenship curriculum.

When: Friday, January 18 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Aptos MS / 105 Aptos Ave.

Students at Starr King Elementary are taking to the streets to sing songs and carry signs to promote peace in the world. It’s part of their observance of Martin Luther King Day. The entire school has been practicing songs for a month as they prepare to march around the streets of their Potrero Hill neighborhood school. The march is part of the school’s ongoing activities to help students navigate differences and find strength in diversity.

When: Friday, January 18 / 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
Where: Starr King ES / 1215 Carolina St.

SFUSD schools and central offices will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21.

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