Highlights for January 22-28, 2013

Winning Apps & Old-Time Rivals

Lowell High juniors Sophia Li and Ofri Harlev received second and third prize, respectively, from Samsung Mobile in a national contest for teens. They took part in the company’s 2012 Samsung Mobile Application Boot Camps and turned their new skills into award-winning mobile application concepts for mobile phones, beating out nearly a hundred submissions. Li’s SoundUp concept allows users to “piggyback” on multiple phone speakers and delivers a synchronized, extended speaker system. Harlev created the Karma Trader application to bring communities together by identifying and promoting citizens who can trade skilled services. Both students were awarded scholarship funds for college.

Call for details.

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It’ll be old-school skills versus youthful brawn at the 43rd annual Alumni vs. Varsity Basketball game at Balboa High. Each year, former members of the Balboa boys’ varsity team from as far back as the 1970’s play against current varsity team players for a good-natured matchup to raise funds for Balboa’s sports programs. The event is sponsored by the Balboa Alumni Association, which has approximately 8,000 members and works to maintain old traditions and create new ones that enrich the lives of everyone connected with Balboa High.

When: Saturday, January 26 / doors open at 5:15 p.m.
Where: Balboa HS / Orron Qualls Gym / 1000 Cayuga Ave.

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Getting into college these days requires a lot of planning, and the staff at Daniel Webster Elementary encourages students and their families to start planning early. Each month, the school and Mission Graduates, a local community organization, convene special parent chats to get families up to speed on what it takes to go to college. This month they will be discussing how students can successfully navigate the public education system, and will discuss the typical challenges students face as key transitions at 5th, 9th and 12th grade, and then on to college.

When: Monday, January 28 / 8:50-10:00 a.m.
Where: Daniel Webster ES / 465 Missouri St.

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