Highlights for January 29-February 4, 2013
Job Shadows & Sutro Artifacts

Continuing the work of fellow junior archeologists at Ida B Wells, students have spent hours reviewing historical information about Adolph Sutro and his times, studying archeological methods, and even working with sample artifacts to understand the tools of observation and inference in the archeological trade. **Now it’s time to head out to Sutro Heights and start digging into history.** At the site where Adolph Sutro’s house once stood, students will screen soil and look for artifacts from the 1890s through to the 1930s, when the house was torn down. The project is part of the National Park Foundation’s Park Stewards program, which works with high schools to encourage a deeper connection and sense of stewardship for their national parks through service learning projects that align with state academic standards.

When: Thursday, January 31 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Where: Sutro Heights (parking on 48th Ave. & Geary St.)

A few hundred high school students will be stepping into the real world of working in San Francisco’s restaurants, hotels, banks and even a world-class conference center as they explore their career options beyond high school. Known as **“Groundhog Job Shadow Day,”** students who participate are enrolled in one of SFUSD’s industry-focused Academies. These first-hand experiences help students define their interests and decide on a pathway to a career. The day is made possible by members of the Golden Gate Restaurant Association, Hotel Council of San Francisco, the San Francisco Travel Association, Junior Achievement as well as the building and construction trades, health sciences organizations, banking and finance institutions, and IT companies that partner with SFUSD to support students and teachers with everyday work experiences. There are seven Academies in SFUSD’s high schools, including Finance, Engineering/Construction Trades, Law, Hospitality & Tourism, Health Services, Teaching, and Information Technology.

When: Friday, February 1
Where: call for details

To celebrate black contributions to literature and promote a love for reading, San Francisco Supervisor Malia Cohen will be reading to students at Bret Harte Elementary. The 24th National African American Read-In is taking place across the district with hundreds of volunteers, including new Board of Education Commissioner Matt Haney, Supervisor Scott Weiner, and volunteers from several companies around the city. They will read aloud a book by a black author and/or illustrator in elementary school classrooms across San Francisco.

When: Monday, February 4 / 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Where: Bret Harte ES / 1035 Gilman Avenue (call for other readers’ schools)

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