Highlights for October 30-November 5, 2012

Goblins on Parade

Pint-sized ghosts, goblins and Gangnam-Stylers will be on parade this year as schools across the city celebrate Halloween. Noriega students will be joined by their parents, teachers and staff in the annual parade around the schoolyard, Grattan Elementary students will be treated to a haunted house built by 4th and 5th graders and, at Jefferson Elementary, they are turning Halloween festivities into a math problem with their annual Pumpkin Estimation contest.

When: Weds. Oct 31
Where: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. / Noriega Early Education / 1775 44th Ave.
11:00-12:00 p.m. / Grattan Elementary / 165 Grattan St.
1:45 – 2:45 p.m. / Jefferson ES / 1725 Irving St.

Last month, students at Aptos Middle School joined over 3,000 middle and high schoolers to view the movie “Bully” and were galvanized by what they saw. Back at school students promptly established a local chapter of Stand For the Silent, the anti-bullying organization founded by parents of a child who committed suicide after being bullied at school for years. Aptos students are putting on a day of activities, starting off with sharing powerful quotes over the public address system, prizes for being caught reaching out to shy students, and writing on the school wall a personal plan to prevent bullying.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 31 / Call for time.
Where: Aptos MS / 105 Aptos Ave.

More than 10,000 visitors are expected to attend the annual SFUSD Enrollment Fair where families can visit with principals, teachers and parents from every public school in San Francisco. In this one-stop-shopping event, district officials will also be hosting workshops to explain transitional kindergarten, discuss SFUSD’s afterschool programs, and explain the choice enrollment process step-by-step.

When: Saturday, Nov. 3 / 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Where: Concourse Exhibition Center / 620 7th St.
Over 50 SFUSD high schoolers gather on a weekly basis to hone their skills as effective debaters, and recently used the time to watch and analyze the presidential debates, as covered by NPR earlier this week. As part of their training with the Bay Area Urban Debate League, students also take part in weekend workshops to further develop their skills. This Saturday students gathering at Downtown HS will be ready to discuss their critique of Obama and Romney’s debate skills. The Bay Area Urban Debate League believes that debate increases academic performance, expands college and career opportunities, and trains students to become active and responsible leaders in their communities.

When: Saturday November 3 / Call for time.
Where: Downtown HS / 693 Vermont St.

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