Highlights for Oct. 9-15, 2012
Honoring Volunteers & Preparing for College

Since 1998 SFUSD has reduced students’ exposure to pesticides by implementing its own Integrated Pest Management policy. The system focuses on prevention and uses far more environmentally-friendly materials than traditional pest control programs. A new report says pesticides – with over one billion pounds applied on farms and in homes each year – are critical contributors to childhood health problems. The group Pesticide Action Network, which is publishing the report, will be talking about the study and highlighting the important work SFUSD has been doing for over a decade to limit use of harmful pesticides and promote healthier school environments.

When: Tuesday, October 9 / 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Where: Sunset ES / 1920 41st Ave.

Dan Andrist has been volunteering for art teacher Linda Camarena’s classes at John Muir, Rosa Parks, and other elementary schools, for six years. He scours the city for creative art supplies and mentors students who are finding their voice in the arts at an early age. Known as “Mr. Dan” to the students, Andrist will be honored as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year. Four hundred Bay Area corporate, philanthropic and education leaders will be gathering to celebrate Andrist’s work as well as learn about San Francisco Education Fund’s efforts to increase the number of students graduating high school and college.

When: Friday, Oct. 12 / 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where: The Four Seasons Hotel / 757 Market St.

Getting into college is on the minds of over 3,000 SFUSD high school seniors who are headed to the fourth annual SF Promise College and Career EXPO to get detailed information on financial aid, the California Dream Act, and Deferred Action and meet representatives from more than 60 colleges and universities. Mission High students and the group E4fc (Educators for Fair Consideration) will be leading a workshop for their peers to discuss the Dream Act and AB540. The day-long event is coordinated by the SF Promise program, a partnership between the city of San Francisco, SFUSD and SF State University. SF Promise guarantees that each student who graduates from SFUSD and meets minimum entrance requirements will be able to enroll at SF State University.

When: Friday, October 12 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Where: St. Mary’s Cathedral event center / 1111 Gough St.

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