Highlights for November 18-26, 2012

Free Haircuts at School

Children who attend schools in the Superintendent’s Mission Zone will be treated to a spiffing up with free haircuts just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Volunteers from Aveda Hair School and several other salons are donating their time and skills. With the help of Chavez Elementary’s Community School Coordinator, the school’s multi-purpose room will be transformed into a pop-up hair salon filled with children and families getting stylish hairdos.

When: Sunday, November 18 / 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Where: Cesar Chavez Elementary / 825 Shotwell St.

Students in John O’Connell High’s new Culinary Arts and Management class are preparing turkeys like master chefs, in two services – legs and wings are separated and braised in turkey stock and aromatics, and breasts are trussed for hot roasting. They’re also making butternut squash soup, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts and, of course, gravy. On Monday they will be serving a big school turkey supper to approximately 60 teachers and other O’Connell staff. The class is led by Chef Dan Scherotter, who recently sold the SF restaurant Palio D’Asti to head up the culinary program at O’Connell. Scherotter is working with the National Restaurant Association’s ProStart curriculum, and he is ensuring that his students not only know how to truss turkey breasts, but are also certified to work in restaurants even while still in high school. All students have already passed the State’s ServSafe Test, which is required to work in the industry.

When: Monday, November 19 / 11:50-12:30 p.m.
Where: John O’Connell HS / 2355 Folsom St.

The newcomer students at the Chinese Education Center (CEC) will be celebrating their very first Thanksgiving with songs and a play. They will sit down with members of the community to a traditional Thanksgiving feast donated by the Hilton San Francisco of the Financial District. The meal will include the usual staples – plus flavored sticky rice. President of the SF Board of Supervisors David Chiu, SFUSD Superintendent Carranza, SFUSD Board of Education Vice President Norton, along with members of the Chinatown Rotary Club, Chinatown Lions Club and Square and Circle, will join in the celebration.

When: Tuesday, November 20 / beginning at 11:30 -12:30 p.m.
Where: Chinese Education Center / 657 Merchant St.
Every Thanksgiving, football fans gather to watch the **Turkey Day Championship**, an **SFUSD high school football tradition** that began over 80 years ago as a match between Lowell and Polytechnic high schools. This year **Mission High will be defending its championship title against Lincoln High**. At halftime, the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) San Francisco Section will honor SFUSD’s former Polytechnic High School, which won 15 Turkey Day championships before its closure in 1972. Polytechnic alumni Fred Quinn (1951) – who is also a former CIF athletic commissioner - and Ray Monteroso (1956) will take part in the ceremony.

When:   Thursday, Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Day) 11:00 a.m. (gates open at 9:00 a.m.)  
Where:  Kezar Stadium / 755 Stanyan St. 

All schools will be closed for Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday, November 21 to Friday, November 23. District offices will be open on Wednesday and closed Thursday and Friday.

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