Highlights for November 6 -12, 2012
Money Needed for Skulls & College

*Herbivore, omnivore, or carnivore?* One of the science standards taught in first grade is animal teeth structure and how they relate to the animal’s diet. But Tenderloin Community teacher Lency Olsen knows that pictures just don’t cut it and wants her students to study lifelike animal skulls instead. Problem is, there’s no room in the budget for these learning tools so, when she can, she takes a bus to UCSF to borrow skulls. Olsen has posted her wish list on Donors Choose and is asking for a total of $575 to purchase simulated sheep and mountain lion skulls for her class and hopes to have her wish fulfilled soon so students have access to a full set all year long.

When: Thursday, November 8 / afternoon (call for details)
Where: Tenderloin Community School / 627 Turk St.

SFUSD teens will join a panel of tech experts and Superintendent Richard Carranza at the annual Comcast Youth Summit to discuss the topics of cyber-bullying as well as the ‘digital divide.’ Carranza, along with former NFL Coach Tony Dungy, will also be talking to students about how technology is the cornerstone of a 21st century education and career.

When: Friday, November 9 / 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (speakers at 11:00 a.m.)
Where: UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center / 1675 Owens St.

Last year, only about 60 percent of SFUSD college-bound seniors completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form that provides access to federal financial aid, including Pell Grants and federal student loans. This year, thanks to a pilot program with the federal government, SFUSD college counselors will be able to track the progress seniors make as they work to complete their form. SFUSD is one of only 87 districts across the nation to be chosen for the program. Superintendent Richard Carranza and Board of Education Commissioner Hydra Mendoza will talk about this crucial support SFUSD can provide to college-bound seniors.

When: Friday, November 9 / 2:30 p.m.
Where: City College Multi-Use Building 340 / 50 Phelan Ave.

SFUSD schools and district offices will be closed Monday, Nov. 12, for Veterans Day