Highlights for February 26-March 4, 2013

Original Songs and Hit Musicals

With 231 National Board Certified teachers now working in SFUSD, the district is growing the number of teachers with this distinction at a faster rate than the national average and has a greater percentage of Board Certified teachers than any other California district. Like board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve this certification have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review. They build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videos of their teaching, and a thorough analysis of their work. Teachers must demonstrate an ability to meet diverse student needs and show that they collaborate with a learning community outside of their classroom. The Board of Education will be commending the newly-certified teachers at its regular board meeting.

When: Tuesday, February 26 / 6:00 p.m.
Where: Irving G. Breyer Board Room / 555 Franklin St.

More than 200 young performers will take to the steps of City Hall to give a preview of the annual SFUSD Arts Festival. Performances at this event will include 100 students from Bessie Carmichael Elementary singing original songs, including one about the branches of the government, and dancers from Longfellow Elementary will perform a hip-hop and tango-inspired number called “On the Floor.” The SFUSD Arts Festival is a celebration of student creativity showcasing students as visual artists, writers, film makers, musicians, dancers, and actors. It includes a visual art exhibition featuring artwork by over a thousand students, live music, theatre and dance performances. This year’s festival is produced by SFUSD’s Visual and Performing Arts Department and hosted by the Asian Art Museum. The festival takes place from March 2 - March 10.

When: Wednesday, February 27 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Where: City Hall / Polk Street steps

Come and “meet those dancing feet” and hear the “Lullaby of Broadway,” live on stage at the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts. Superintendent Richard Carranza joins the all-student orchestra and plays during the overture on opening night for the hit musical 42nd Street. Superintendent Carranza is an experienced mariachi musician and a longtime supporter of arts education. The student musical runs February 28 to March 9.

When: Thursday, February 28 / 6:45-7:15 p.m.
Where: Ruth Asawa School of the Arts / Dan Kryston Memorial Theater / 555 Portola Dr.

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