Highlights for February 12-18, 2013

Golf Swings & Flash Mobs

Chief Justice of California Cantil-Sakauye will be speaking with Balboa High Law Academy students and taking some questions, including how she defines justice. Cantil-Sakauye is the first Filipina-American and the second woman to serve as Chief Justice of California. Balboa’s Law Academy prepares 11th and 12th graders for college or a career with a focus on justice. Career academies, such as the Law Academy, expose students to different career fields, motivate them to think about their personal college and career path, and integrate the development of 21st century pre-professional skills. There are seven Academies in SFUSD’s high schools, including Finance, Engineering/Construction Trades, Law, Hospitality & Tourism, Health Services, Teaching, and Information Technology.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 13 / 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Where: Balboa HS / 1000 Cayuga Ave.

On Valentine’s Day a flash mob of students and staff will perform the dance “Break the Chain” during lunch time at Washington High. The flash mob style dance is part of an international event called “One Billion Rising,” where this year 182 countries are staging events to bring attention to the worldwide issue of violence against women. Later in the day students from several SFUSD schools will be joining thousands at City Hall in observance of “One Billion Rising”.

When: Thursday, Feb. 14
Washington High flash mob / 10:45-11:30 a.m.
City Hall event / 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Washington HS / 600 32nd Avenue
City Hall event / Polk St. Steps

Lawton Alternative School 5th graders are finishing up their golf lessons, and Superintendent Richard Carranza will be on hand to try a few swings, putts and drives as well as to congratulate students for completing the program. This in-school program has been teaching a group of approximately 60 students at Lawton, and the 8-week course culminates at Harding Park. First Tee exposes fourth and fifth grade students to the values of the game of golf, which requires many skills, including the practice of goal setting, self-management, self-refereeing, and patience. First Tee is now in 48 SFUSD schools.

When: Friday, February 15 / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Where: TPC Harding Park golf course/ 99 Harding Road /First Tee driving range
To usher in the Year of the Snake, Garfield Elementary is going all-out with a lion dance performed by a local group, a school-wide special new-year food tasting, and a preview of the dance students will perform in San Francisco’s Chinese New Year parade. Garfield is a school of about 250 students nestled in the hills of North Beach/Chinatown.

When:  Friday, Feb. 15 / 1:00-2:00
Where: Garfield ES / 420 Filbert St.

Schools are closed Monday, February 11 in observance of Lunar New Year.
District offices are open.

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