Highlights for March 12-18, 2013

Pi Contests & Farmers’ Stands

Students at Dianne Feinstein Elementary will be meeting authors and illustrators to get a first-hand view of what it’s like to write and illustrate books. Oliver Chin, Jane Wattenberg, Elisa Kleven, Lisa Brown, Ying Chang Compestine, Ashley Wolff, Bob Barner, and other published authors will spend time in classrooms to share how they got into writing or illustrating and read from their work. This annual event for the school provides students with an up-close look at careers in writing and publishing.

When: March 12 / 10:20 - 11:45 a.m.

March 14 is National Pi Day (3.14, get it?), and two schools go all out each year to mark the event. At Mission High, math teacher Ann Lyon’s classes have a contest to see who can recite the most digits of pi, students will compose "piems" (poems where each word has the number of letters of the corresponding digit of pi), each student will act as 2 digits of pi and the entire class will put themselves in the correct order, and of course, they will eat pie. At Washington High, students take part in a Pi Reciting Contest (memorize as many digits in pi as possible), bring in pies to calculate the volume of each before digging in, and math faculty bedecks the staff lounge with pi decorations in celebration of Pi Day and the principal’s birthday, which happens to be March 14.

When: Thursday, March 14 / Mission: 12:15-12:45 p.m. / Washington: call for details
Where: Mission HS / 3750 - 18th St. / Washington HS / 600 32nd Ave.

It’s “farm-to-school” at Galileo High as the courtyard becomes a farmers market. To educate students about nutrition, the school’s Wellness program is pulling together local farmers stands and educational stations with interactive activities/games for students to learn about food seasonality, organic produce, the location of farmers markets in the city, how to make lemonade, and an explanation of the concept of farm-to-table. Students will even be able to dress up and take photos in life-size vegetable costumes. Supporting the event are Veritable Vegetable, Full Belly Farms, Whole Foods, Real Food Company, Earl's, SF Food Bank, Trader Joe's, Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA), Urban Sprouts, NTA Life, Galileo Peer Resources, and the Galileo Nutrition Outreach Worker Program.

When: Thursday, March 14 / 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Where: Galileo HS / 1150 Francisco St.