Highlights for April 16-22, 2013
Preparation for College & Reciting Poems

Every SFUSD high school senior will participate in FRISCO Day, a citywide event where local colleges and universities help prepare students for what to expect when they arrive at college. The event is the biggest of its kind in the nation, and it gives students the chance to visit a campus in person, ask questions of college staff, meet current college students, and participate in workshops about financial aid and other support services. It is organized in partnership with SFUSD and the City’s Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, along with host institutions City College of San Francisco, University of California San Francisco, and San Francisco State University. Mayor Ed Lee, Superintendent Richard Carranza, college officials, and Mission High Principal Eric Guthertz will be talking about the importance of helping seniors in their transition to college at a kickoff event leading up to FRISCO Day this Wednesday.

Kick-off Event
When: Wednesday, April 17 / 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Where: Mission HS / 3750 18th St 18th St.

FRISCO Day: Friday, April 19 (call for details)

April is National Poetry month, and this week schools around the district are finding fun ways to bring more poetry into the school day. At Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, fifth graders have been working for weeks with senior citizen volunteers to craft poems of their own, and are gathering to perform them in a café-style atmosphere. At Leonard R. Flynn Elementary, students are gathering in the library before taking their CST exams to recite poems. At McCoppin and Francis Scott Key elementary schools, students are making ‘pockets’ out of old-fashioned catalog card and book checkout pockets for holding their favorite poems and sharing them all day long with friends and staff. Argonne Elementary goes all out - this year, along with studying onomatopoeia, alliteration, rhyming patterns, and similes, students have made their ‘poem pockets’ to hold favorite poems and will recite their poems to distinguished visitors including District 1 Supervisor Eric Mar, Chinatown Community Development Center Executive Director Rev. Norman Fong, General Manager of S.F. Rec and Park Phil Ginsburg, and School Board President Rachel Norton. Last but not least, special guest poet Yvonne Cannon will be reading from her work.

Call for details.

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