Highlights for April 23-29, 2013
Bike Routes & Opera Sets

The fifth annual Bike to School Week will be celebrated around the city, including at Grattan Elementary, where Supervisor London Breed, SFMTA Director Ed Reiskin, Board of Education President Rachel Norton, and Board of Education Commissioner Matt Haney will be commending students for biking to school. San Francisco Safe Routes to School has provided Grattan students and families with bicycle safety classes and support for their weekly walk/bike to school days. Bike to School Week is a part of the San Francisco Safe Routes to School Program and organized by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. Supervisor London Breed will be joining a Grattan Elementary bike train starting at the McKinley Statue in the Panhandle of Golden Gate Park and riding to Grattan Elementary.

When: Tuesday, April 23 / 7:30 – 8:10 a.m.
Where: Starting at McKinley Statue at Golden Gate Park and going to Grattan ES / 165 Grattan St.

Hey kids, let’s put on an opera! Children at Yick Wo Elementary have been working all year with artists to create, write and perform an opera of their own. This week they will be building the sets for the production of “The Mouse and the Motorcycle,” “The Sneetch” and “The Cow that Went Oink.” San Francisco Opera production staff will be coming to the school, and students will be setting up a workshop in the cafeteria. Opera staff is providing paint and refrigerator boxes (to build? the stage) to combine with odds and ends that students bring. The program is part of the ARIA Network in the SF Opera Education Department, which provides training, arts education, and audience development for opera. SFUSD teachers and SF Opera artists collaborate to teach the year-long curriculum.

When: Tuesday, April 23 / 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Yick Wo ES / 2245 Jones Street

Tule Elk Park Early Education is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its famous schoolyard that attracts hummingbirds, goldfinches, and bushtits foraging and nesting as well as a diverse array of native butterflies and bees. Visitors from around the world come to see this model green schoolyard. During the past 20 years, the school’s environmental education program has provided thousands of children from diverse communities with a place to explore and play in the natural world, learn good nutrition, become ecologically literate, and understand sustainability in a real-world setting. Motivated by the increasing disconnection of children from the natural world, the school community transformed the asphalt yard into a park with 20,000 square feet of space with trees, flowers, a vegetable garden, sand and water activities, an art terrace, a bike path, and a grassy amphitheater. A public reception is being held at the school to celebrate.

When: Friday, April 26 / call for details
Where: Tule Elk Park Early Education School / 2110 Greenwich St.

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