Highlights for May 20-26, 2014

Scholars, Authors and ‘Speed Daters’

Now in its fifth year as a school for newcomers, SF International has some impressive college-bound students, including Manoj Adhikari, who was just awarded a competitive Gates Millennium Scholarship. Adhikari, who emigrated two and a half years ago from Nepal, did not originally expect to be going to college, and now his good-through-graduation scholarship means he will be able to pursue a degree in computer science. Adhikari was accepted to eight universities and is planning to attend Santa Clara University. More than 65 percent of students at SF International High, a school for recent immigrant youth, have been accepted to four-year colleges.

Call for details.

Students worked over the course of eight weeks with volunteer tutors from 826 Valencia to develop, write and edit personal essays about the topic of place. Now they’re throwing a party to launch the new book, Uncharted Places: An Atlas of Being Here, written by students at Thurgood Marshall High School. The collection of essays, noted to be “straight from the heart,” shares favorite spots, including at home with family, a place in China, the school library, and a secret garden. Students will be reading selections from the book.

When: Wednesday, May 21 / 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Where: EcoCenter at Heron’s Head Park/ 32 Jennings St (SF)

‘Speed dating’ for English learners? Students new to the country at Everett Middle School will be dressing up, presenting their resumes and getting ready to interview for summer jobs in speed dating style as volunteers help them practice English. The morning is part of a lesson called “Careers and Character Traits,” where students will be practice interviewing for a first-ever job they hope to get this summer. As part of the lesson, they will also be talking about their future dream jobs and what it will take to get them.

When: Friday, May 23 / 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Where: Everett MS / 450 Church St.

Schools and Central Offices will be closed for Memorial Day Monday, May 26

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