City Declares ‘Summer Learning Day’

WHAT
On a day declared by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as Summer Learning Day, the city’s youth programs and community leaders will celebrate the importance of combatting what is known as “summer learning loss.”

WHEN
Tuesday, June 21 / 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE
Civic Center Plaza

WHO
Supervisors Ross Mirkarimi, John Avalos and Eric Mar
Representatives from Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCA youth programs
& youth programs from the Western Addition, Mission and Bayview districts

WHY
Summer learning loss contributes to the achievement gap between low income and middle-income students. To combat it, the non-profit organization New Day for Learning is hosting this celebration.

“Our students need the community’s support to keep them growing and learning all summer, to build on what they learn during the school year,” says Superintendent Carlos Garcia, “so they come back to school ready to learn rather than farther behind.”

The Summer Learning Network, comprising more than 75 programs, is also calling on the community to rally around the “Summer Learning Countdown:” 5 days a week of active play; 4 new places to visit; 3 fresh fruits and veggies daily; 2 summer projects; 1 once a day with a good book; 0 soda.

AUDIO/VISUAL:
The event is coordinated by the Western Addition organization Mo’ Magic with activities and games designed to promote literacy, physical activity, science, math and nutrition including activities such as “mad science” experiments, a petting zoo, SFPL’s Bookmobile, and acrobatics.

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