SFUSD Green Schoolyards to Host Tours for International Green Schoolyard Conference

WHAT Green Schoolyard designers, planners, and educators from around the world are converging to learn about new green schoolyard innovations in San Francisco public schools. This is the first International Green Schoolyard conference to be held in the U.S.

WHEN Saturday, Sept. 17 / 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE 9:00 am – noon / War Memorial Green Room / 401 Van Ness Ave.

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / school garden tours:
Alice Fong Yu Alternative / 1541 12th Ave
Commodore Sloat Elementary / 50 Darien Way
Tule Elk Park Child Development Ctr. / 2110 Greenwich St

WHO Cam Collyer, Evergreen (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)
Dr. Ko Senda, Environment Design Institute (Tokyo, Japan)
Mary Jackson & Julie Mountain, Learning through Landscapes (Winchester, England)
Sharon Danks, Bay Tree Design, Inc
Arden Bucklin-Sporer, SF Green Schoolyard Alliance

WHY Around the globe schools are tearing up their cement yards and replacing them with green gardens. Schools in many countries have found ways to weave curricula into their landscapes, diversify student recreation, and reflect their location and culture.

The conference will cover trends and innovations, case studies, creative thinking for urban schoolyards, sustainable design and maintenance – as well as advocacy and funding.

Full conference details at www.greenschoolyards.org

AUDIO/ VISUAL: SFUSD Schoolyards that have undergone dramatic changes, transforming traditional paved yards into colorful outdoor learning and play spaces.

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