Highlights for September 24-30, 2013

History Makers

John Muir Elementary will host its annual Dia de La Raza Read In, an event where parents, community members and local organizations come read aloud books with Latino characters, written by Latino authors. Along with local police officers, parents and community members, Superintendent Richard Carranza will join the read aloud throughout the school. Some titles students will hear include “Esperanza Rising,” “Martina the Beautiful Cockroach,” “Too Many Tamales,” and “Azucar!”

When: Friday, Sept. 27 / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Where: John Muir ES / 380 Webster St

Local celebrity and history-making journalist Belva Davis will be spending the morning with Mission High students. She’ll share how she faced many obstacles to become the first female black TV journalist in the west, show clips of her work and encourage students to commit to their dreams. Davis’ visit is part of a nationwide back-to-school day created by History Makers. On this same day, researcher and activist Carolyn (Tasmiya) King-Miller will be talking with students at Carver Elementary, and biochemistry professor John A. Watson will be visiting with Wallenberg High students. The History Makers records, preserves and shares the life stories of thousands of African Americans to help educate millions worldwide through a more inclusive record of American history.

When: Friday, Sept 27 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Mission HS / 3750 - 18th St

Families will be gathering for the first-ever SFUSD Family Engagement Institute, where they will meet other families, talk to principals and community organizations to share their ideas, and also learn new and time-honored ways to improve student success. The day will include workshops to explain how current district-wide initiatives affect students in the classroom, how schools build bridges between cultures, and how some teachers and staff are making schools more engaging for families. Childcare for the day promises to be engaging as well with a visit from the SF Fire Department among other activities.

When: Saturday, Sept. 28 / 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Martin Luther King MS / 350 Girard St.

It’s a new kind of field day at Cleveland Elementary as it hosts the grand opening of its very own soccer field – right on the schoolyard – plus a new nature play area and wood-burning oven that are part of the school’s green schoolyard. Students will play an exhibition soccer game and perform songs to celebrate Latino Heritage month, and parents will cook
food for the crowd in the new outdoor pizza oven. Superintendent Carranza and Supervisor John Avalos will join Principal Mark Sanchez in thanking everyone who made the new yard possible, including America SCORES, which partners with urban schools to provide a high-quality, team-based soccer program. America SCORES installed the new soccer field, which will also be available to the community on weekends through the Open Schoolyards program.

When: Saturday, Sept. 28 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Cleveland ES / 455 Athens St.

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