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**Dances and Dedications: Highlights for May 15-21, 2011**

Students at **McKinley Elementary** will be participating in the school’s annual “**Junior Olympics**,” a school-wide event that wraps up McKinley’s United Nations’ Days when students learn about different countries’ cultures and geographies. Enjoy the spectacle of the students’ opening ceremony and watch them take part in various games including basketball free-throws, obstacle course, “potato run,” jumping rope and a long run.

When: Thursday, May 19 / 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (opening) 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (games)  
Where: McKinley ES / 1025 14th St. (at Divisadero)

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In April the Board of Education voted unanimously to rename the Burnett Child Development Center after the first SFUSD African American female school principal **Leola M. Havard** in recognition of her dedication to the students and families of the school district. **The child development center will host a community ceremony** to honor Havard’s 30 years of service to SFUSD, which included teaching at Patrick Henry, Geary, and McKinley Elementary Schools, serving as assistant principal at Marshall Annex and Starr King Elementary Schools, and principal at John Muir Elementary.

When: Thursday, May 19 / 3:30– 5:00 p.m.  
Where: 1520 Oakdale Ave.

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**Young at Art, an eight-day celebration of student creativity** hosted by the SFUSD and de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, marks its 25th anniversary this May. This year, star 49er football team member tight end Vernon Davis will join the celebration to announce the winner of the **Vernon Davis Scholarship**, which will provide tuition support to a San Francisco youth interested pursuing a career in the visual arts. Winners of the annual Dreamcatcher Awards, which honor educators and community partners who have contributed significantly to arts education in San Francisco, will also be announced. A community celebration with music performances from several middle and high schools will begin before the award ceremony.

When: Friday, May 20 / 6:00 p.m. (Community Celebration / 5:00-8:00 p.m.)  
Where: de Young Museum / 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive / Golden Gate Park

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**SpringFest-goers at Sunnyside Elementary** will be treated to more than the annual fundraiser’s traditional games, inflatable obstacle course, food, and fun this year with the premier performance of “**Wall Ball/throw yourself in,**” a site-specific collaboration between Flyaway Productions and the Sunnyside Elementary School community. Students helped inform the choreography, and **dancers will interact with the yard’s playground equipment** to reflect the surge of community action against cuts to school programs as well as ongoing gender and class issues in sports.

When: Saturday, May 21 / 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.  
Where: Sunnyside ES / 250 Foerster St.

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