Highlights for December 5-11, 2010

Superintendent Garcia will be making remarks about SFUSD’s 20 years of leading the nation in creating school environments where students are supported and diversity is celebrated preceding KFOG’s Concert for Kids, which is raising funds for the Make It Better Project, an organization working to educate, motivate and unite students and adults to effectively take action to stop bullying and harassment in schools based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. More information about SFUSD’s anti-bullying education can be found here.

When: Tuesday, December 7 / 6:00 p.m. reception / Members of the media only
Where: Nob Hill Masonic Auditorium (California & Taylor Sts.)

Fifth grade student Daniel Diana spends each school day in a general education classroom in his wheelchair, takes part in virtually every activity, and is thriving at Claire Lilienthal School. SFUSD is in the process of increasing inclusion practices throughout the district and December 6-10 is national Inclusive Schools Week, which highlights the progress schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to students of diverse backgrounds and abilities. During this week, the Mayor’s office will be making a proclamation of San Francisco Inclusive Schools Week, and Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Services Cecelia Dodge will take part in a panel discussion with parents about the importance of including students with differing abilities in the regular classroom.

- Meet Daniel Diana / Tuesday, Dec. 7 / 12:15-1:15 p.m. / Claire Lilienthal / 3630 Divisadero St.
- Inclusion Panel Discussion / Tuesday, Dec. 7 / 6:00 p.m. / 1663 Mission Street
- Mayoral Proclamation / Thursday, Dec. 9 / 12:00 p.m. / City Hall east steps

Senator Mark Leno will be congratulating SFUSD high school students who attend the Out of Site Youth Arts Center. Student artwork and performances on exhibit at SOMArts include a series of black and white photographs, silkscreens, wood fabrications, a large scale 3-D map, a life-size interactive tree, small sculptures from a Haiti project, plus percussion ensemble performances and short scenes from Out of Site’s acting class.

When: Friday, December 10 / 6:00 p.m.
Where: SOMArts / 934 Brannan St.

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