Highlights for January 23-29, 2011

A hundred years ago, when the Cleveland Elementary building was completed, school and city officials honored the occasion with a ceremony that included burying a time capsule in the building’s cornerstone. Since its discovery, students in their classes have been studying what time capsules are and what life was like in 1910. The copper box has now been carefully retrieved and will be sawed open to reveal its contents as the school community looks on. Cleveland volunteer John Weidinger, who graduated from Cleveland in 1953, learned of the time capsule’s existence, helped orchestrate its extraction, and will preside over the opening.

When: Wednesday, January 26 / 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Where: Cleveland ES / 455 Athens St.

It’s College Week at Everett Middle School. Activities all week will help students learn many aspects of college life, including how to pay for it, what to expect when they get there, and how to succeed. On Thursday, students will be playing games at lunch: Pin the Tail on the College will have them trying to identify, while blindfolded, UC and CSU campuses; during College Relay students will be handing off college gear as batons to team members and racing to the ‘graduation’ finish line. College Week is supported by SF Promise, which is a collaboration of the Mayor’s office, SFUSD and San Francisco State University working to guarantee all SFUSD students access to a college education.

When: Thursday, January 27, 11:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Where: Everett MS / 450 Church St.

For many San Franciscans of Asian descent, Lunar New Year is a festive and important family celebration. For teachers who want to help their students explore the holiday and enhance their understanding of the Asian American experience, the Lunar New Year Book and Poetry Read provides books, shares poetry, and hosts demonstrations of Lunar New Year curriculum. Poet Nellie Wong will do a live reading and workshop and participants can listen to recordings of poetry written by Asian immigrants detained on Angel Island. This is an annual event coordinated by the Association of Chinese Teachers (TACT).

When: Saturday, January 29 / 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: Sunset ES / 1920 41st Ave.

It’ll be old school tactics versus youthful brawn at the 41st annual Alumni vs. Varsity Basketball game at Balboa High. Each year, former members of the Balboa boys’ varsity team from as far back as the 1970’s go up against current varsity players for a good-natured matchup to raise funds for Balboa’s sports programs. Balboa Alumni Association, which has 8,400 members, works year-round to maintain old traditions and create new ones to enrich the lives of everyone connected with Balboa High.

When: Saturday, January 29 / 6:00 p.m.
Where: Balboa HS / Orron Quall Gym / 1000 Cayuga Ave.

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