SFUSD is hitting the road this month with its brand new Mobile Enrollment Center to bring enrollment counselors and paperwork to neighborhoods with large numbers of children and families. This week enrollment counselors traveled to the Instituto Familiar de la Raza in the Mission District and City College’s Mission Campus, and will continue to appear around the city for the next three weeks. The district hopes to reach more low income families who may not have an easy way to visit the central office to file their application. SFUSD now has a new placement system and a child’s home address plays a larger role in where a child is assigned. Applications are due February 18 for the 2011-12 school year.

SFUSD Mobile Enrollment Centers (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.):
Tuesday, Jan. 11 / Shih Yu-Lang YMCA / 220 Golden Gate Ave.
Friday, Jan. 14 / Ella Hill Hutch Community Center/ 1050 McAllister
Tuesday, Jan. 25 & Thursday, Feb 17 / City College S.E. Campus / 1800 Oakdale Ave.
Thursday, Jan. 27 / Visitacion Valley Boys & Girls Club / 1099 Sunnydale Ave.
Tuesday, Feb. 1 / Treasure Island Boys & Girls Club / 401 13th Ave (Treasure Island)

Local public school parents have forged a new non-profit enterprise called edMatch (www.edmatchsf.org). Corporations and private philanthropists are asked to "match" funds raised in San Francisco's public schools, then edMatch will distribute the matching funds to all the city's schools on a per-student basis. As the organization’s first city-wide fundraiser, Patxi’s Chicago Pizza will be donating a percentage of their proceeds from all pizzas purchased on January 12, 2011.

When: January 12
Where: All Patxi’s Chicago Pizza locations

Chef Adam Timney (from the Castro District restaurant Starbelly) will be making raviolis filled with organic veggies harvested from Sanchez Elementary’s schoolyard garden and students will share how they’ve developed the garden over the years. Members of Slow Food San Francisco and the Sanchez community will join students for dinner. The school has been partnering with Slow Food SF to grow an instructional school garden program since 2007. The dinner is a fundraiser for Sanchez’ new pollinator garden, which will include flowering herbs.

When: Tuesday, January 11 / 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Where: Sanchez ES / 325 Sanchez St.

Third graders at Marshall Elementary will be using ‘old school’ technology with new hardback dictionaries they can take home. Volunteers from the Rotary District 5150 Dictionary Project, which donates the reference books to hundreds of San Francisco third graders each year, will take time to explore with students how to navigate the new books to learn what words mean and other features of unknown words – a task that will also appear on their STAR standardized tests in the spring.

When: Thursday, January 13 / 9:30 a.m.

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