Highlights for November 7 - 13, 2010

SFUSD will officially welcome Carla Bryant as its new Chief of Early Education. Bryant has over 25 years of national experience creating policies, programs and procedures for comprehensive child development, preschool, elementary and after school programs. As a strategic advisor for the city of Seattle, she co-created Seattle Early Education Collaborative, a community based early learning system that joined disparately funded programs (federal, state, local, and private) into one system that included joint assessment & accountability, professional development, and transitions processes. SFUSD’s Child Development Program serves approximately 4,500 children in infant/toddler, pre-kindergarten, and school-age programs, and is the largest provider of early child care and educational services for young children in San Francisco.

When: Monday, October 8 / 5:30 p.m.
Where: Presidio Child Development Center / Bldg 387, The Presidio

Bagpipes and a color guard from The St. Andrew’s Society will herald the annual celebration of poet Robert Louis Stevenson’s birthday at his namesake’s school, R.L. Stevenson Elementary. British Consul General Julian Stevens will be donating a rare photograph, on behalf of the St. Andrews Society, from the author’s archives. Select students will be reciting poems from “A Child’s Garden of Verses,” and Board of Education member Jill Wynns, SF Supervisor Carmen Chu, and SFUSD Assistant Superintendent Veronica Chavez will be reading selections from other books to the children.

When: Wednesday, November 10 / 11:00 a.m.

Representatives from every public school in San Francisco will be at the SFUSD Enrollment Fair. The event is one-stop-shopping for families to meet principals and talk about what each school can offer their child. This year, SFUSD is launching its new Student Placement policy. Parents will still be able to choose among schools from all over the city; when there is more demand than space, a child’s address will play a more prominent role than in the previous system. The annual fair is a chance for families to learn about the new placement system and explore all their options for public schools.

When: Saturday, Nov. 13 / 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: 635 8th St / Concourse Exhibition Center

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