For Immediate Release

Highlights for October 24-30, 2010

Students at International Studies Academy (ISA) along with Superintendent Carlos Garcia and Supervisor Sophie Maxwell will be conducting the school’s first live video conference with recent ISA graduate Mikias Wondyfraw, a recipient of an SF Human Rights Commission Student Recognition Award who is now studying in Costa Rica. Funds for the new video conferencing room, a total of $30,000, were raised with the help of Supervisor Maxwell and 20 donors including Potrero Residents Education Fund, Recology SF, and Google. ISA is an alternative school spanning grades 6-12 that emphasizes the study of international relations, world languages and cultures, and preparing students for college.

When: Wednesday, October 27 / 5:00 p.m.
Where: ISA / 655 De Haro St.

Special Education students from 12 public elementary schools will be competing in the annual SFUSD School Partnership Program Special Olympics Soccer Team Tournament. The students have been learning soccer skills and working in teams as part of their school day to prepare for the games. This is the fourth year for the partnership between SFUSD and Special Olympics Northern California, which is providing equipment, training, and curriculum to 40 S.F. public schools this year. The training and tournaments are designed to help students with special needs to become physically fit and develop their self esteem, intellectual and emotional potential.

When: Thursday, October 28 / 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Where: Little Rec Field / Golden Gate Park

Children who are hospitalized for long terms require specialized education services during their treatment, and the Marie Wattis School is a fully-accredited SFUSD K-12 school located within the University of California San Francisco Benioff Children’s Hospital providing high-quality education to hospitalized children. UCSF will honor the District’s work to promote health equity in San Francisco.

When: Thursday, October 28 / 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Where: UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center / Fisher Banquet Room / 1675 Owens St.

The Presidio Child Development Center will celebrate Halloween with its 14th annual costume parade through the Presidio. The preschool is continuing its healthy tradition by feasting on fresh fruit, popcorn, and crackers during class parties, and asking Presidio firms on the parade route to hand out non-sugary items such as pencils, stickers, fruit snacks, string cheese, pretzels, and goldfish as the preschoolers trick-or-treat around the neighborhood.

When: Friday, October 29 / 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Where: Presidio Child Development Ctr. / Building 387 (in the Presidio)

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