Highlights for October 3-9, 2010

Nobel Peace Prize laureates Betty Williams (Ireland, 1976) and Shirin Ebadi (Iran, 2003) will visit International Studies Academy (ISA) to encourage the students to become responsible global citizens and to work toward peace, human rights and international understanding between nations and cultures. Williams was awarded the Peace Prize for her work in her native Northern Ireland. Ebadi is the first female Islamic Peace Prize laureate; she was distinguished for her work as an Iranian human rights peace activist. ISA is a small sixth through twelfth grade school with an emphasis on developing global citizens.

When: Tuesday, October 5 / 10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Where: International Studies Academy (ISA) / 655 De Haro St.

There’s new research that shows that kids with a savings account will be seven times more likely to go to college. One in three San Francisco children will be born into families with no savings or assets of any kind. This number increases to 1 in 2 for African American and Latino children. Mayor Gavin Newsom, City Treasurer José Cisneros, Superintendent Carlos Garcia and city supervisors will be visiting Sanchez Elementary School to talk with Kindergarten students and their families about a new opportunity called Kindergarten to College (K2C).

When: Tuesday, October 5 / 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where: Sanchez ES / 325 Sanchez St.

Across the city students will be celebrating International Walk to School Day at 30 public schools. Students from Fairmount Elementary will start the day with the Rec & Park Department’s General Manager Phil Ginsburg and Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who will lead students in a “Walking School Bus.” At school they will receive prizes and unveil artwork celebrating the benefits of walking to school. The event is sponsored by the Shape Up SF Coalition, SF Department of Public Health, and the SF Safe Routes to School program, which promotes safe walking and biking to school.

When: Wednesday, October 6 / 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.
Where: 7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Walking School Bus / begins at Upper Noe Rec Center (Sanchez and Day Sts.)
8:20 – 9:00 a.m. Art unveiling and speakers / Fairmount ES / 65 Chenery St.

Two years ago, SFUSD began a concerted effort to go green. Several projects and awareness campaigns have been launched. Join the SF Bicycle Coalition, SFUSD’s Sustainability Director Nik Kaestner, and SF Green Schoolyard Alliance’s Arden Bucklin-Sporer for a bike ride tour of the progress being made at several schools in the Richmond and Sunset districts. The schools on the tour showcase the latest in green design, alternative transportation, green schoolyards, rainwater harvesting, and waste reduction.

When: Saturday, October 9 /10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: West Portal branch Library / 190 Lenox Way

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