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Highlights for September 26 - Oct. 2, 2010

Mayor Gavin Newsom, SFUSD Superintendent Carlos Garcia, City College Chancellor Don Griffin and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be making an announcement about a new education initiative.

When: Monday, September 27 / 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Where: City College Multipurpose Room / corner of Phelan and Ocean Sts.

Jeff Perry is not a parent, but he volunteers as a surrogate parent for several children each year in the school district, many of whom are dependents or wards of the Superior Court. Perry works with teachers and district staff to support students with exceptional educational needs and assist in their instructional planning. He also helps consider the right placement for students, observes their progress, and actively takes part in students’ Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Perry is one of dozens of residents each year who are specially trained by SFUSD and the non-profit San Francisco Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to act as the child’s parent when no parent can be located or when the juvenile court has limited the right of the child’s parents or guardians to make educational decisions for them. SFUSD is currently recruiting new volunteers to make a difference for children with Special Education needs just as Perry does. Those interested in volunteering can email kocivarc@sfusd.edu.

Call for details.

Schools across the city and customers at Walgreens stores have been dropping their pocket change into jars for several days and the grand total will be collected and counted at the end of the month. This fundraiser has been dubbed “The Coin Rush!” and one of the schools, Roosevelt Middle, is conducting their own ‘penny wars’ competition between classes. Students have already filled three five-gallon jars, estimated to be worth approximately $1,000 each. The Coin Rush! fundraiser is sponsored by several partners including the Coro Center for Civic Leadership; SFUSD; South San Francisco Unified School District; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; First National Bank of Northern California; Walgreens Drug Stores; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Dunbar Armored Services.

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