Highlights for May 1-7, 2012
Mini-Operas & Composting Awards

Every day at lunch, student volunteers at Tenderloin Community School help their classmates sort leftovers and used containers into bins headed for recycling, composting or landfill. Thanks to the students’ hard work, the school will receive top honors from the City of San Francisco for their commitment to composting. In 2004, SFUSD was diverting 30 percent of its garbage from landfills, and now it diverts close to 57 percent. Programs such as Food to Flowers! School Lunchroom Composting and Recycling at Tenderloin are provided free to K-12 schools in San Francisco by the SF Department of the Environment. Mission High, James Lick Middle, and Peabody Elementary schools will also be honored for their high rates of composting and student-led outreach composting efforts.

When:    Tuesday, May 1 / 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Where:   City Hall / South Light Court

The Fairmont Hotel is throwing a graduation party for seniors completing their studies in the SFUSD’s Academies of Hospitality and Tourism (AoHT). The district has academies and pathways in 17 high schools representing not only Hospitality and Tourism/Culinary, but also Finance, Green & Environmental Science, Engineering/Construction Trades, Law, Health Sciences/Biotechnology, Teaching, Arts, Media & Entertainment, and Information Technology. This year, AoHT students and thousands of other seniors in academies will be graduating with a head start in their career readiness and relationships with local business professionals.

When:   Wednesday, May 2 / 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Where:  Fairmount Hotel / 950 Mason St. (Open to media only, RSVP to newsline@sfusd.edu)

Students at Peabody Elementary studied opera this year, but they went beyond just appreciation. After learning opera history, they went deeper: libretto writing, composition, costume and scenic design - and yes, singing. They are now presenting mini-operas about getting lost on a field trip, astronomy, and even singing puppets looking for a new planet to live on as the sun is about to supernova. With training from the San Francisco Opera, SFUSD teachers and artists collaborated to create the year-long curriculum. The program is part of the ARIA Network in the SF Opera Education Department, which works to take a leadership role in training, arts education, and audience development for opera.

When:   Friday, May 4 / 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Where:  de Young Museum / Koret Theater / 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr. / Golden Gate Park

The great Clarendon Extreme Green Egg Drop is bringing young scientists and inventors out to the yard to test their environmentally sustainable containers designed to keep an egg safe as it is dropped from the roof of the school. The contest is part of the school’s annual Clarendon Community Art and Science day, which brings 40 workshops for students to celebrate and explore how art and science intersect in everyday life. Workshops include Electronic Origami, Bone Fun, Catapult, the Science of Light, and Exploding Peeps.

When:   Friday, May 4 / 1:15-3:15 p.m.

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