Highlights for May 22-28, 2012
Moving Up & Making Plans

Students in the Technical Theatre Department at the Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts (RASOTA) have been working behind the scenes all year and now they get to take center stage in a self-produced fashion show. In the Technical Theatre Department, students serve the needs of the playwright - designing and building sets, getting the light cues right, and making all those costumes. For this special show they will get to show off their personal fashion flair and use skills they learned with artistic director Keith Carames, technical director Paul Kwapy and artist-in-residence Debra Cournale.

When: Tuesday, May 22 / 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ruth Asawa School of the Arts / Dan Kryston Memorial Theater / 555 Portola Dr.

Third and fourth grade students at Malcolm X Academy in the Bayview have been thinking like architects this year and have produced designs they think will improve their urban surroundings. Through a program called the Architecture and Planning Think Tank, students used applied mathematics, oral presentation, visual literacy, and social studies skills in hands-on projects, which focused on their school and the Hunters View HOPE SF neighborhood revitalization project. Their end-of-year presentation will include scale models of their ideas for “Regeneration Stations” — places to generate physical, emotional, creative, and spiritual energy with gardens, exercise areas, fresh food booths, and “people power stations.”

When: Wednesday, May 23 / 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Where: Malcolm X Academy / 350 Harbor Rd.

Each spring since 1931, Balboa High has marked graduation day as a rite of passage for seniors and as the moment juniors take over as the new senior class. This tradition will be in full swing again this year with the Move-Up assembly, a pre-commencement ceremony when graduating seniors take the stage in caps and gowns, and the junior class, wearing their new senior sweaters, literally move up to the senior section of the school’s auditorium.

When: Thursday, May 24 / 10:30 a.m. (Move-Up ceremony) 2:30 p.m. (graduation ceremony)
Where: Balboa High / 1000 Cayuga Ave.

Schools cut more than $30,000 from the district utility bills this year, and seven sites did so well that they received a share of the money saved. The winning schools’ green teams say that routine efforts, such as making sure doors were closed on really cold days, as well as bigger undertakings like a thorough audit of the heating and cooling systems, made all the difference. These schools are part of SFUSD’s Shared Savings program, which encourages schools to conserve energy. Though district budgets, not school site budgets, pay for utilities, the district has told schools that they will split the cost savings with any school that reduces its overall utility use by five percent.

Call for details.

NOTE: Friday, May 25, is the last day of school for SFUSD students.
All district offices and school sites will be closed Tuesday, May 29, for an unpaid furlough day.
The first day of school for the 2012-'13 school year is Monday, August 20, 2012.

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