Highlights for March 6 - 13, 2012

New Trees & Math Bees

Students, staff and community members will be dedicating ten mature trees they recently planted in Buena Vista Horace Mann School’s new garden. Superintendent Carlos Garcia will help dedicate the trees, one of which was planted in memory of his mother. Garcia, who served as principal of Horace Mann Middle School from 1988 to 1991, will be joined by Arden Bucklin of the Green Schoolyard Alliance and Dan Flanagan of Friends of the Urban Forest.

When: Monday, March 5 / 9:40 – 10:15 a.m.
Where: Buena Vista Horace Mann / 3351 23rd St.

March 5-9 is National School Breakfast week, and students who used to skip the most important meal of the day at Lincoln and Balboa High Schools can now grab a nutritious meal on their way to class. It’s part of SFUSD’s Grab n Go Breakfast program, which has expanded this year to four high schools. There are now a total of eight schools with the program, which has resulted in more students eating breakfast. Two more schools are scheduled to begin Grab n Go before the end of the school year. The meal is part of how SFUSD supports student health and academic performance through better nutrition and is funded by a grant from the California Department of Education.

Tuesday, March 6 (Lincoln HS / 2162 24th Ave) / 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 8 (Balboa HS / 1000 Cayuga Ave.) / 7:40 – 8:15 a.m.

Students in four Bayview elementary schools will be competing in their first-ever Swun Math Bee. Started at Paul Revere Elementary last year, the Swun curriculum is being taught at George Carver, Dr. Charles Drew, and Bret Harte Elementary Schools. Created by educator Si Swun, the method introduces math facts through step-by-step problem solving, word problems, and interactive group work.

When: Wednesday, March 7 / 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: City College Southeast Campus / 1800 Oakdale Ave

Approximately 400 students will be jumping rope together to raise money for the American Heart Association as well as to promote physical activity and fitness at school. Students have been participating in Jump Rope for Heart for the last seven years. Jump Rope for Heart is a national fundraising program that promotes physical activity, heart-healthy living, and community service to children.

When: Friday, March 9 / 10:00-11:00 a.m.