Paper Cranes and Teacher Recognition: Highlights for March 20-26, 2011

Madelyn Van Meerbeek is a substitute teacher for SFUSD whose dedication to students has earned her a RAVE (Recognizing All Valuable Employees) award from the Board of Education. Meerbeek is known to work with students who are having difficulty with their studies, especially math, until they understand the subject and can do their assignments with ease. “She is reliable and steadfast,” wrote a co-worker who nominated her. “We need her in our schools.” Board of Education president Hydra Mendoza and superintendent Carlos Garcia will be presenting the commendation.

When: Tuesday, March 22 / 6:00 p.m.
Where: Irving G. Breyer Board Room / 555 Franklin St.

Families at Francis Scott Key Elementary are creating a thousand paper cranes to raise money for disaster relief in Japan. For each dollar donated, students will be given a paper crane to write their name and the cranes will be hung in the lobby and school hallways. Elsewhere in the district change jars are out in classrooms across the city to collect funds for victims, with most donations being delivered to the Red Cross or local Japanese community organizations.

When: Wednesday, March 23 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Francis Scott Key ES / 1530 43rd Ave.

The San Francisco Mayor’s Teacher of the Month and Principal of the Year awards celebrate outstanding San Francisco public school teachers and administrators for their dedication, professionalism, and work on behalf of our city’s young people. This special recognition is a collaborative effort with the Mayor’s office, SFUSD, the San Francisco Education Fund, United Educators of San Francisco, United Administrators of San Francisco, the San Francisco School Alliance, and Comcast. The deadline to nominate individuals for the award is March 25.

When: Nominations close after Friday, March 25

Schools will be closed Friday, March 25 for a district-wide furlough day.

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