Highlights for October 2-8, 2011:  

Perfect Attendance & Walking ‘Buses’

What do Daniel Handler, William Hewlett, Charles Phan, Naomi Wolf, and Dian Fossey have in common? They all graduated from San Francisco’s public schools and became renowned in their fields. In its annual back-to-school luncheon, the San Francisco Education Fund will be remarking on these success stories while Supervisor Malia Cohen, also an SFUSD graduate, will speak about her public education. The SF Ed Fund works to leverage financial and human capital in the city’s public schools so that every student – especially in underserved communities – graduates from high school ready for college, career and civic responsibility.

When:    Tuesday, October 4 / 12:00- 1:00 p.m.
Where:   Ritz-Carlton Hotel / 600 Stockton St.

Students from 40 schools will be celebrating International Walk to School Day. Several from Marshall Elementary will start the day with the Rec & Park Department’s General Manager Phil Ginsburg, who will lead warm up exercises, then Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisor Jane Kim and MTA Director Ed Reiskin will join the “Walking School Bus” to school. The event is co-sponsored by the SF Department of Public Health and Walk SF as part of the SF Safe Routes to School program, which promotes safe walking and biking to school.

When:   Wednesday, Oct. 5 / 7:45 – 9:30 a.m.
Where:  Kid Power Park / Hoff St., b/t 16th and 17 Sts. (7:45-8:30 a.m.)
         Marshall ES / 1575 15th Street (at Minna) (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.)

Students at George Carver, Bret Harte, Dr. Charles Drew and Malcolm X Elementary Schools will be getting yogurt smoothies for perfect attendance this year. Schools in SFUSD’s Bayview Zone are focused on increasing student attendance as it is a major factor in both student safety and academic achievement. San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market, a Bayview business, is donating over a hundred pounds of fresh strawberries and bananas, and volunteers from the Tzu Chi Foundation will be churning out smoothies for the students to enjoy. Students with perfect attendance will earn a smoothie every month and, if they keep it up, will earn a chance to win prizes at the end of the year. Almost half of Malcolm X’s students have earned the treat this month.

When:    Friday, October 7 / 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Where:   Malcolm X Academy / 350 Harbor Rd.

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