Highlights for April 17-23, 2012

Pocket Poems & Dragon Boats

San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Sergio Romo will join Washington High athletes at Lafayette Elementary to talk about how the mindset of a successful athlete can help students succeed academically. The Washington High student athletes are part of AIMS (Athletes in Math Succeed) which mentors elementary students academically and socially.

When: Tuesday, April 17/ 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.
Where: Lafayette ES / 4545 Anza St.

Argonne students have been studying poetry this month as well as other techniques for self-expression, and they have created pockets from old-fashioned library book checkout card pockets, into which they will be folding their favorite poems to carry all day. Shel Silverstein, Langston Hughes and Jack Prelutsky are some of the favorite authors at Argonne. On Poem in Your Pocket Day poems from pockets will be unfolded throughout the day as part of National Poetry Month. The day promotes an air of spontaneity and brings poetry to the everyday experience.

When: Friday, April 20 / 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Where: Argonne ES / 680 18th Ave.

El Dorado kindergartner Harmonie has spent the school year in and out of the hospital as she battles stomach cancer. While she has been keeping up with schoolwork from home, she has not been forgotten by the teachers and students at school. Along with the City Church of San Francisco, the school has raised almost $7,000 to help her family pay its bills during Harmonie’s medical crisis. The school is holding a dance to raise more funds.

When: Friday, April 20 / 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Where: El Dorado ES / 70 Delta St.

Mission High has a 65-member dragon boat team that practices three times a week, including Saturdays, at Lake Merced, and maintains strength in the off-season with conditioning and weight-training. The team - which is known to be the most diverse in the city with students whose families come from El Salvador, Mexico, India, Guatemala, China, Vietnam, Eritrea, Mongolia - is in its ninth year and is busy preparing for the next California Dragon Boat Youth Race. Last year the team placed third, the highest placement for Mission High yet.

When: Saturday, April 21 / 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (call for details)
Where: Lake Merced / 1 Harding Road, San Francisco

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