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Highlights for November 13-19

Rainwater Harvesting and First Thanksgivings

Washington High and six other SFUSD schools have won $3,000-$5,000 grants from KNBR and Wells Fargo. The Giants’ Nate Schierholtz will be on hand to congratulate the winning schools as they receive their checks. Washington High, which won two grants, will be using the money to help pay for student athletic expenses, including wrestling mats and football uniforms.

When: Friday, Nov. 18 / 10:00 a.m.
Where: Washington HS / 600 32nd Ave.

Middle school students will learn, in a game-show-like way, how stereotypes hurt others when they try to guess the identities of complete strangers. They will also see the damage sexual harassment can do and learn ways to stop homophobia at school. The workshop is part of the 28th annual Youth Are Resources (YAR) Conference. YAR workshops are created and led by students in the Peer Resources program, which is supported by the San Francisco Education Fund, the San Francisco Unified School District and the voter-approved Public Education Enrichment Fund.

When: Friday, Nov. 18 / 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Fort Mason / Golden Gate Room

Newly-emigrated elementary school students will dress up and join a Thanksgiving dinner table to feast on turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Afterward they’ll sing “This Land Is Your Land,” “Mr. Turkey,” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” Students at Mission Education Center (MEC) are recent immigrants who speak Spanish; families have the option to enroll students in the MEC for a year before beginning at a regular school. The event is sponsored by the Geneva-Mission Lion’s Club.

When: Friday, Nov. 18 / 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Mission Education Center / 1670 Noe St.

Mayor Ed Lee and Supervisor Sean Elsbernd will join Alice Fong Yu students, parents, staff, and faculty in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the school’s new rainwater harvesting system that captures water runoff from the garden tool shed roof and diverts it into a 660-gallon cistern. Students will draw from this stored rainwater to irrigate their organic food garden. Through the new harvesting system, students not only learn about the water cycle, but also how to use natural resources in a more sustainable way. At Friday’s event, students will demonstrate how the system captures and stores rainwater.

When: Friday, Nov. 18 / 4:00 p.m.
Where: Alice Fong Yu Alternative School / 1541 12th Ave.

SFUSD will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance Veteran's Day.

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