Highlights for January Feb 7 - 13, 2012

Reading, Rocking & Raking

Lowell High School student Sean FitzHoward is receiving an Environmental Educator award from the Bay Nature Institute. FitzHoward, a senior, founded the Protect the Bay Club at school two years ago to motivate her peers to help guard the bay from harm. The club takes part in beach cleanups and habitat restoration, and club members recently filmed a documentary about the bay.

When: Thursday, February 9 / 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Where: Brazilian Room, Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley

Students at Everett Middle School have read the short story "No Guitar Blues" by Gary Soto as part of the ongoing "Everett Reads" program at the school. They have prepared their own high-level questions to ask the author personally when he visits the school. Soto will talk not only growing up as a Latino in California’s Central Valley, but also about what inspired him to become a writer, and how young students today can become writers themselves.

When: Friday, February 10 / 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Where: Everett MS / 450 Church St.

All Monroe Elementary students will be taking part in a school-wide Physical Fitness Dance-a-Thon at recess to celebrate Physical Fitness month. The students will be showing off their dance moves as the music plays all recess long. The Healthy School Team at Monroe promotes exercise as something more than just sports to help students incorporate healthy activity into their daily lives.

When: February 10 / 11:30 – 12:50 a.m.
Where: Monroe ES / 260 Madrid St.

Students in John Muir Elementary's garden program will be rolling up their sleeves, grabbing a few rakes and helping prepare the school garden for spring. Their family and friends will join them as they mulch, weed and plant seeds. The school's garden program blends science lessons in the classroom with hands-on work in the garden.

When: Saturday, February 11 / 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: Koshland Garden / Page & Buchanan Sts

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