Highlights for October 10-16, 2010

Hundreds of students from Gordon J. Lau, Jean Parker and John Yehall Chin Elementary will be walking the miles to China, (figuratively) beginning next week. With a police escort, they’ll walk from school to school in Chinatown picking up more students as they go. The event is the kickoff to promote walking and staying healthy by being active. Regular Chinatown walks will help students build up their endurance to participate in the YMCA's Lunar New Year Run in February.

When:   Tuesday, October 12 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Ends at John Yehall Chin / 350 Broadway St.

Over 8,000 public high school students have voted in a mock election and the results will be announced for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, SF Board of Education commissioners, SF Board of Supervisors, plus a handful of issues including Proposition 19 (legalizing marijuana) and L (restricting sitting and lying on city sidewalks). Early returns indicate that students may be voting against legalizing marijuana. The mock election was overseen by the SFUSD Student Advisory Council and Youth Vote, a civic engagement project that gives high school students an opportunity to voice their opinions about current youth issues, ballot measures, and political candidates running for election.

When:    Wednesday, October 13 / 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Where:   Balboa HS / 1000 Cayuga Ave.

Thousands of 12th graders from SFUSD high schools will be gathering to learn about their options for college. More than 50 colleges, universities and trade organizations – including Stanford, UC Berkeley, San Francisco State, Skyline Community College, Heald College, Seton Hall University and American University of Paris will speak with students about their education opportunities. The fair is coordinated by the SF Promise program, a partnership between the city of San Francisco, SFUSD and SF State University. SF Promise guarantees that each student who graduates from SFUSD and meets minimum entrance requirements will be able to enroll at SF State University.

When:   Friday, October 15 /10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where:  Civic Center Plaza (across from City Hall)

Therese Folco, Italian/Spanish teacher at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts (also known as SOTA) has been selected to receive one of 100 “Unsung Hero” Awards across the country from the company ING. Folco’s students plan, prepare and deliver healthy authentic Italian meals for the elderly as part of their language curriculum and service learning, known as “Hey, What’s Cookin’ in the Cultural Kitchen?” The grant for $2,000 will be awarded during a “Bruschetta Cook-Off,” an Iron Chef-styled competition among student teams. Representatives from ING will take part in judging the contest.

When:   Friday, October 15 / 11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Where:  Ruth Asawa School of the Arts / 555 Portola Drive

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