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Highlights for May 16-21, 2012
Schoolyard Gardeners go to Market

Grammy nominee, and SFUSD Visual and Performing Arts teacher, Dr. John Calloway has been named a Jazz Hero by the Jazz Journalists Association. Calloway teaches at Daniel Webster and E.R. Taylor elementary schools and serves on the Arts Advisory committee for the SFUSD as well as on the San Francisco Arts Commission. A Grammy nominee, Calloway has performed with musicians Max Roach, Omar Sosa and Israel "Cachao" Lopez, and currently performs with the John Santos sextet.

Call for details. Read more about John Calloway and the award at JazzWest.com.

Students in SFUSD’s Richmond district schools created art to inspire citizens to throw their compostable items into the Recology green bins. SF Environment, which is kicking off a campaign in the Richmond district to improve composting rates, has chosen five student works for posters that will be featured throughout the neighborhood. These students will be receiving $100 each, and their teachers will receive $500 for classroom supplies. SF Environment’s large orange mascot Phoebe the Phoenix will be on hand to congratulate the winners.

When:  Friday, May 18 / 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Teens getting up early on a Saturday for vegetables? Students will be setting up their farmers market booth and selling vegetables and herbs grown in their schoolyard gardens. Calder Gilliam has been working with students at John O’Connell High to use what students learn in Economics class to prepare for the farmers market experience. Their work is part of a program called Schoolyard to Market, a youth development and entrepreneurship program launched by the San Francisco Green Schoolyard Alliance and the Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA).

When:  Saturday, May 19 / 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where:  Ferry Plaza Farmers Market / near the Blue Bottle coffee cart

Students in the Superintendent’s Zone Bayview with perfect attendance will be honored at a special ceremony. The Superintendent’s Zone schools have been focusing on increasing student attendance as it is a major factor in both student safety and academic achievement. Students with perfect attendance have been earning a fruit smoothie party every month. The event is sponsored by the Tzu Chi Foundation, the San Francisco Rumble Association, and the Superintendent’s Zone Bayview.

When:  Saturday, May 19 / 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Where:  555 Franklin St. / Irving G. Breyer Board Room

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