Highlights for Feb. 28 - March 5, 2012

Tsunami Survival Stories and African American Honors

Japanese children from the Sendai YMCA, an area heavily affected by the earthquake and tsunami in March last year, will be visiting Rosa Parks Elementary classrooms to share their stories. Students and staff at Rosa Parks raised close to $7,000 to help those affected by the natural disaster.

When: Wednesday, Feb 29 / 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Where: Rosa Parks ES / 1501 O'Farrell St.

Every February, Lincoln High students build a “Pink Tsunami” in their classrooms and hallways. This year, pink hearts describing positive messages and acts of kindness will adorn walls and pink streamers will add to the rooms’ festive atmosphere. Classes are competing for prizes to show the most creative expression of the theme. Pink Tsunami focuses on creating safe schools and is based on an event started by youth in Canada after a student was bullied for wearing pink to school.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 29 / 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Where: Lincoln HS / 2162 24th Avenue

More than 1,200 SFUSD students of African American descent are earning a 3.0 grade point average or higher, and they will be celebrated at the annual African American honor roll event. Student Mia Bowser, from Ruth Asawa School of the Arts (SOTA), the Young and Gifted Choir (comprised of students living in Bayview-Hunters Point) and Stanford University’s Talisman Singers will entertain. The event is sponsored by the San Francisco Alliance of Black School Educators, a volunteer organization of SFUSD educators.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 29 / 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: St. Mary's Cathedral / 1111 Gough St

The Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) is in the midst of a 10-year, $4.3 billion project to replace San Francisco’s terminal with a new transit center. Looking ahead, engineers from TJPA are coming to Burton High to talk with all ninth grade students about careers in architecture, construction and engineering during their Plan Ahead classes. Plan Ahead is a semester-long college and career readiness course taught to all SFUSD freshman and designed to help students map out and achieve their academic, personal and career goals.

When: Thursday, March 1 / 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Where: Burton HS / 400 Mansell St.

More than 40 volunteers, including Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Police Chief Greg Suhr, Board of Education Commissioners Norman Yee and Rachel Norton will be reading books such as The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham aloud to students at Sunset Elementary at its annual celebration of the National Education Association’s “Read Across America Day,” a nationwide event on or near Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

When: Friday, March 2 / 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Sunset ES / 1920 41st Ave.