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Highlights for November 20-26, 2011
Two Big Meals & One Big Game

Students at the Chinese Education Center (CEC) are celebrating their first Thanksgiving with songs, a play, a fashion show with entirely recycled materials, and then they will sit down to a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Courtesy the Hilton SF / Financial District, the feast will include roast turkey, stuffing, mixed vegetables – plus a little flavored sticky rice. President of the SF Board of Supervisors David Chiu and President of the SF Board of Education Hydra Mendoza, along with members of the Chinatown Lions and Rotary Clubs, will join these students who are recent immigrants. Newcomer Chinese speaking families have the option to enroll students at the CEC for a year before entering another school.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 22 / 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Chinese Education Center / 657 Merchant St.

Families are sharing Thanksgiving dinner for approximately five hundred people at International Studies Academy (ISA), a 6-12 grade school in Potrero Hill. The annual Day of Sharing potluck will be complete with roasted turkeys and side dishes for students, staff and community. The potluck is supported by the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, parents, teachers, and other community members.

When: Tuesday, Nov 22 / 11:45 - 1:00 p.m.
Where: International Studies Academy / 655 De Haro St. (near 18th St.)

Every Thanksgiving football fans gather to watch the Turkey Day Championship, a SFUSD high school football tradition that began over 80 years ago as a match between Lowell and Polytechnic high schools. This year Mission will again challenge Washington for the district championship and eligibility for the state championship bowl game. At halftime, the California Interscholastic Federation (San Francisco) will honor SFUSD electrician Mike Hill, who maintains indoor and outdoor scoreboards for at least 15 schools, and who worked diligently after the Loma Prieta earthquake to restore power to Marina Middle School, which then served as a Red Cross center during the quake’s aftermath. Hill has worked for SFUSD for 22 years and graduated from Washington High.

When: Thursday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving Day) 11:00 a.m. (gates open at 9:00 a.m.)
Where: Kezar Stadium / 755 Stanyan St.

SFUSD schools will be closed for Thanksgiving recess Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25.

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