Highlights for March 13-19, 2012

Whale Bones & a Bubble Celebration

When a dead whale washed ashore near Pescadero last June, a group salvaged its skeleton for the sake of science. That skeleton has been assembled by John Muir Elementary fifth-grade students, and science classes will be using it all week as students measure, sketch and come up with their own questions to explore. Students have been reading about whales and whale migration in the library to prepare for the week. The skeleton is courtesy of Mission Science Workshop, a hands-on environment that combines traditional experimental science with a variety of projects to enrich the education of low-income and historically underserved youth.

When: call for details
Where: John Muir ES / 380 Webster St.

Superintendent Carlos Garcia will be joining other city officials to talk to high school students about public service and how young people can get involved. He’ll also be answering student questions about current issues facing youth in San Francisco today, such as youth fares on Muni and how the state budget crisis is affecting their schools. “Youth Advocacy Day” is sponsored by the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families’ Youth Empowerment Fund and is co-sponsored by SF YouthWorks, the San Francisco Youth Commission, and the SFUSD Student Advisory Council.

When: Thursday, March 15 / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Where: Main Public Library Koret Auditorium / 100 Larkin St.

Students, staff and the community at Chinese Immersion School at De Avila pitched in this year to sell raffle tickets and raise money for the school. With the promise of the principal turning her hair pink and a bubble dance party, raffle-sellers exceeded the goal of selling 4,000 tickets to reach a grand total of 5,100, which brought in $21,000 for the school. Principal Rosina Tong has already made an appointment to dye her hair pink, and her new ‘do will be premiered at the school-wide bubble party to celebrate the community's fundraising success.

When: Thursday, March 15 / 1:45 p.m.
Where: Chinese Immersion School at De Avila / 1250 Waller St.

All SFUSD schools and administrative offices will be closed on Friday, March 16, for a district-wide furlough day.

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