Highlights for October 22 –28, 2013

Cannons, Gardens & Howlin’ Wolves

What’s happening in an Air Cannon, a Bernoulli Levitator, Cartesian Diver, a Resonant Pendulum or a Tornado Bottle? Students at Carver Elementary will find out at a special night called “Wizard’s Lab and Build It!” courtesy of UC Berkeley’s Lawrence Hall of Science. It’s part of Carver’s focus on full integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. Students will have the opportunity to investigate, experiment, and problem solve as they explore several hands-on stations.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 23 / 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Where: George Washington Carver ES / 1360 Oakdale Ave

The 9th and 10th grade classes at June Jordan School for Equity will be restoring native plants and counting birds they observe at Heron’s Head Park in the Bayview. They will be joined by the SF Rec & Park’s Youth Stewardship Program, which is providing plants and tools and showing students how native plant restoration is done. The Golden Gate Audubon Society will also be there to show students how to document bird sightings for an online citizen science database called eBird. This field trip is part of the school’s science curriculum, and supports the school’s mission to create positive change in the community.

When: Friday, Oct. 25 / 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Where: Heron’s Head Park / Corner of Jennings & Cargo Way (Hunter’s Point)

Volunteers, students and families will join in the first-ever citywide green-schoolyard work day at public schools across the city. Called a “Growing Community” event, it is organized by Education Outside, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing learning to life in outdoor classrooms at San Francisco elementary schools. The workday will showcase green schoolyards and foster community involvement with the gardens. At Malcolm X Elementary in the Bayview, approximately 60 volunteers from Rebuilding Together SF will be building new raised beds, planting, and painting a sundial.

When: Saturday, Oct. 26 / 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Malcolm X Academy / 350 Harbor Rd.

Superintendent Richard Carranza will be pulling on his running shoes to join Claire Lilienthal students and all-comers running for the money during the school’s annual 5K and Fun Run event. Dubbed “Howlin’ Moon” for the school’s wolf mascot, students have been training with their PE teacher afterschool for the big day, which combines healthy activity with supporting their school.

When: Sunday, Oct. 27 / 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Where: Little Marina Green (next to Crissy Field in the Presidio)

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