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## Highlights for November 1 - 7, 2009

Students at International Studies Academy will be hearing from Melanie Lapointe, who is **currently working with N.A.S.A.** to build what will be the U.S. government's greenest building, dubbed "Sustainability Base." She will be inspiring students **to pursue careers in engineering and construction** for many reasons, including the global employment opportunities. Lapointe's presentation is part of the program Construction Roadshow created by SFUSD's Career Technical Education department, which provides SFUSD high school students with education and internships which support access to careers after high school and/or college.

When: Thursday, Nov. 5 / 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Where: International Studies Academy (ISA) / 655 De Haro St.

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Representatives from every public school in San Francisco will be at the **SFUSD Enrollment Fair**. The event is one-stop-shopping for families to meet principals and talk about what each school can offer their child. At the fair, parents and guardians can attend workshops on a variety of topics including the transition to kindergarten and how to enroll Special Education students. **This year SFUSD is expanding Spanish Immersion programs** at three middle schools to accommodate demand. The annual gathering is a chance for families to explore all their options for public schools; last year approximately 10,000 families attended.

When: Saturday, Nov. 7 / 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Where: 620 7<sup>th</sup> St / Concourse Exhibition Center (East Hall)

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**Volunteers trained in the craft of college essays** will be on hand next weekend to help seniors write compelling responses to college essay prompts as they work to meet fall application deadlines. This new 826 Valencia event, called The Great SF Personal Statement Weekend, will provide tutors and **one-on-one attention to over two hundred seniors**. Last year, approximately 83 percent of SFUSD seniors surveyed said they planned to go to college in the fall.

When: Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7 & 8 / 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Mission High / 3750 18<sup>th</sup> St. (near Dolores)