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## Highlights for November 8-14, 2009

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the National League of Cities have just announced that San Francisco is one of seven cities awarded a grant to boost college graduation rates by improving coordination between community colleges, school districts and cities. The \$250,000 grant will support the city's Post-secondary Success Partnership (PSP), which is a collaborative effort between City College of San Francisco (CCSF), the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), and the Mayor's Office.

Call for details.

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Students and members of the Willie Brown Jr. College Preparatory Academy will be creating a rainwater garden of wetland plants that will add to the already flourishing schoolyard garden at the school. They will also be working with reusable and kid-friendly materials to install a rainwater harvesting system that will feed the new plants. This is a Green Week event in conjunction with SF Green Festival. Currently, there are over 80 green schoolyards in San Francisco's public schools. The garden at Willie Brown Jr. is supported by the Stewardship Council, Western Grower Foundation, and the SF Green Schoolyard Alliance.

When: Tuesday, November 10 / 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Where: Willie Brown Jr. College Prep Academy / 2055 Silver Ave.

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Eighth graders in Roosevelt Middle School's Home Arts class have recycling in mind when they sit down at their sewing machines. They create their own 'hoodie' sweatshirts out of deconstructed shirts, drawstring back packs out of old t-shirts, and bags out of old blue jeans. This year they added sturdy, reusable grocery bags to their ecologically-minded projects. Presidio, Hoover and Roosevelt Middle Schools all have Home Arts classes offered as an elective where boys and girls learn to sew and cook.

When: Friday, November 13 / 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.  
Where: Roosevelt Middle School / 460 Arguello Blvd. (at Geary)

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