

Community leadership spotlight



Music in our schools

Challenges facing our children today are like spelling bees. They must learn to read from many different cultures and languages and more to promote understanding and respect in schools.

Learn about, and create beautiful music every day, until all that remains is their love for the music.

Remembering that we are all one at heart, we can support and improve the present and future lives of our children.

I am grateful to wonderful programs like the Adventures In Music (AIM) and the San Francisco Symphony Education Program.

Music is important for our kids. We know that music encourages and motivates and is an essential part of a well-rounded education.

For more information visit www.sfsymphony.org/education/publicschools

Public schools are supported in part by the state and it is our fervent hope that both state and federal help open young minds and teach the joy of music.

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Thank you for giving me a long career—right here, with the Giants.

ADRIAN CRAIG, HAYWARD

Back to basics

Dan Fost has his finger on the pulse of families who are organizing their media lives just right ("Tech Gets a Time-Out," April). It reminds me of director Steven Spielberg's claim that he wouldn't let his own children watch *Jurassic Park*, even as millions of other American kids flocked to see it. The tech-industry mavens cited by Fost get that parenting is one thing and merchandising is another. Even as recent Kaiser and Pew studies portray children as media junkies and their parents as increasingly ineffective, there has been almost no popular-culture coverage of what we can actually do about it, other than restrict access. Media is here to stay, and it can help parents raise sensible and productive kids. Now is the time for them to get clued in, take charge, and go back to child-rearing basics to give their kids what they've always needed: focused, confident parenting and a balanced education.

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