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**MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2010 MAYOR'S PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AWARD AND
MAYOR'S TEACHER OF THE MONTH AWARD**

*Announcement marks the Third Annual Mayor's Principal of the Year Award Program and
Fourth Annual Teacher of the Month Award Program*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – During a joint reception in City Hall, Mayor Gavin Newsom today announced the four winners of his 2010 Mayor's Principal of the Year Award and the ten winners of the 2010 Mayor's Teacher of the Month Award.

Established in 2007 and 2006, respectively, the San Francisco Mayor's Principal of the Year (MPY) Award and Mayor's Teacher of the Month (MTM) Award Programs are collaborative projects stemming from the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District. These awards recognize the outstanding San Francisco public school educators for their dedication, professionalism, and work on behalf of our City's young people. Recipients of the Mayor's Award were nominated by the community – parents, youth, educators, administrators, and other community members – for excellence in their classroom, their school, and their City.

"I'm very proud of all our principals and teachers," said Mayor Gavin Newsom. "Even during these difficult fiscal times, our principals and teachers prioritize our students and provide an enriching environment in school and in the classroom."

Four principals were honored during the ceremony, one for each division (Child Development Centers, Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School). The 2009-2010 Mayor's Principal of the Year Award Winners honored included:

Mr. Raul Erazo-Chavez, Bryant Child Development Center
Ms. Sara Shenkan-Rich, Sherman Elementary School
Ms. Judith Giampaoli, Francisco Middle School
Mr. William Kappenhagen, Phillip and Sala Burton Academic High School

Mayor Newsom recognized the work of ten outstanding teachers, each representing one month of the 2009-2010 school year (September- June). The Mayor's Teacher of the Month Award Winners honored included:



Ms. Trude Yazman, Commodore Sloat Elementary School
Ms. Karen Field, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology High School
Ms. Xiao-Lin Yin-Croft, Ulloa Elementary School
Mr. David Costanza, Balboa High School
Ms. Julie Coghlan, School of the Arts High School
Ms. Karen Leong, Francis Scott Key Elementary School
Mr. Robert Roth, Mission High School
Ms. Debra Netkin, Lawton Alternative Elementary School
Ms. Janet Nedeau, Thurgood Marshall Academic High School
Ms. Tanya de la Jara, Monroe Elementary School

The Mayor's Award recipients receive a generous array of goods donated by private individuals, local businesses and organizations:

Including:

Principals and Teachers each received:

Checks for \$700 and \$500, respectively
An engraved crystal apple award from Tiffany & Co.
A Wine Country Tour for two courtesy of Greyline Tours
An invitation to enjoy a group lunch with a guest onboard a Hornblower Lunch Cruise
Pair of tickets to a San Francisco Symphony performance
Pair of tickets to the California Academy of Sciences
A Pair of jeans, compliments of Gap
A ride on San Francisco Rocket Boat through the Bay
Certificate of Honor from Mayor Newsom
Certificate of Honor from Senator Mark Leno
Certificate of Honor from Assemblywoman Fiona Ma
Certificate of Honor from Supervisor Bevan Dufty and Board of Supervisors

Additional prizes amongst a prize pool included:

10 Round Trip tickets, generously provided by Virgin America
Tickets to the San Francisco Aquarium by the Bay
Tickets for San Francisco Whale Tours
An Ipad from Apple. (subject to change)
Four \$100 Gift Certificates, compliments of Joie de Vivre Hospitality luxury hotels/spas/restaurants
Club seats at a SF Giants Game, courtesy of the Port of San Francisco
A \$100 Gift Certificate from Books, Inc. (subject to change)
A night's accommodation at the Tuscan Inn, Fisherman's Wharf
A night's accommodation at the Hilton, Fisherman's Wharf
A pair of tickets to the San Francisco Opera
A pair of tickets to see Beach Blanket Babylon
A \$100 Gift Certificate for dinner for 2 at the W Hotel's XYZ Restaurant



A pair of day passes for Bike Rentals at Bay City Bike Rentals and Tours.

A Pair of passes for a tour to Muir Woods, courtesy of Tower Tours

Organized by the San Francisco Unified School District, Office of Mayor Gavin Newsom, United Administrators of San Francisco, the United Educators of San Francisco and the San Francisco Education Fund, the programs brings together more than 15 community based organizations to promote and recognize the contributions made by San Francisco educators as well as their professionalism and commitment to students across the City.

Nomination/Selection Schedule: The nomination and selection process occurs yearly. Nominations are accepted throughout the year. You can visit Mayor Newsom's website at www.sfmayor.org/education for more information.

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