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**WHERE:**

Gordon Lau Elementary School, 950 Clay Street, Enter Washington Street BETWEEN STOCKTON AND POWELL

**WHAT:**

**GREENING CHINATOWN BY DEVELOPING A LIVING LIBRARY & THINK PARK** with students from Gordon Lau Elementary School, Commodore Stockton Child Development Center, parents, and community

**Phase 1 Development:**

**SAWING AND REMOVAL OF ASPHALT AND CONCRETE TO CREATE NEW GREEN CHINATOWN LIVING LIBRARY & THINK PARK - CONTENT-RICH LEARNING LANDSCAPES AND GARDENS:**

**WHEN:**

**THURSDAY, MAY 29 - BEGINNING 9:30 AM - 5 PM BEST TIME TO TAKE PICTURES 10:30 AM-12PM & 1PM-3 PM.**

**Come back on SATURDAY, JUNE 7 - COMMUNITY WORK & PLAY DAY: (9:30 - 1:30 PM)**

**WHY:**

Chinatown is one of the densest urban communities in San Francisco, full of concrete and asphalt, very little green, and teeming with people. The open spaces of the schoolyards at Gordon Lau Elementary School and Commodore Stockton Child Development Center offer a unique opportunity for the children and whole community to relieve the grayness of the neighborhood and create green, living environments that also function as ecological places for learning all subjects, while providing a healthy environment of natural beauty and for refreshment of the spirit.

**WHO - BACKGROUND OF A LIVING LIBRARY (A.L.L.):**

**Life Frames, Inc.**, non-profit sponsor of A Living Library & Think Parks, and Founder and Director, **Bonnie Ora Sherk**, work with schools and communities to create place-based, ecological landscape transformations that incorporate the local resources of the area, resulting in content-rich, **Green Centers For Community with diverse Learning Zones**.

Through hands-on, interdisciplinary, real world experiences in transforming their environment, children and youth learn standards-based subjects: math, science, history, language arts, arts, and technology, plus more ! Adults also participate and all ages work and learn together.

Branch Living Library & Think Parks in diverse communities of San Francisco and New York City will be linked through green-powered communications technologies and other learning programs.

In San Francisco, in addition to the Chinatown Branch, Life Frames sponsors Branch Living Library & Think Parks in the Excelsior at James Denman Middle School and San Miguel Child Development Center, and in Bernal Heights at Junipero Serra Elementary School and Junipero Serra Child Development Center, working with over 900 children and youth per month.

The Branch Living Library & Think Park Program in San Francisco is funded by the **San Francisco**

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