



THE BREAKTHROUGH MOMENT

Sixty seconds of news from Breakthrough San Francisco at SF Day School



District 5 Supervisor London Breed with our first-ever class of eighth graders

Supervisor London Breed Visits Breakthrough

Breakthrough recently welcomed District 5 Supervisor London Breed to our program. A San Francisco native, Supervisor Breed has much in common with our students, and spoke with them about the importance of studying hard to expand your future options - and of being of service to your community. The long-time executive director of the African American Art and Culture Complex, she was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 2012 and continues to make kids and families a top priority. We thank Supervisor Breed for her inspiring words and for all her service to the city.



Cheese, Cata, Bobby, and Nashira are just a few of the participants profiled on our new website.

Check Out Our New Website

We've launched a new website, featuring much more information on our program, plenty of profiles of our students, teachers, volunteers, and Instructional Coaches, and lots of photos and video. It also features a mobile-friendly design that looks good on screens of all sizes. Please take a moment to check it out: www.breakthroughsf.org.



Joyous, right, with Breakthrough seventh grader Lizette at our end-of-summer Celebration in August.

Welcome Joyous!

Breakthrough is pleased to welcome Joyous Bey to our program staff. Joyous grew up in Ithaca and is a recent graduate of Wesleyan University, where she majored in American Studies. As a college student, Joyous spent two summers as an intern teacher at Breakthrough Norfolk, receiving the Jessica Glasser Outstanding Teacher Award her second summer in recognition of her stellar work in the classroom and experiencing the power of education as a tool for social change. Joyous will take on student recruitment and admissions work here in San Francisco and ensure our fifth – eighth graders are well supported and academically successful. We welcome Joyous and know she'll add a tremendous amount.



Breakthrough eighth grader Jordon, a student at A.P. Giannini Middle School, talks things over with his teacher Emily.

Preparing for High School

Our first-ever class of eighth graders has been working hard since early May, getting ready to submit high school applications later this fall. They're taking an SSAT prep class, crafting personal statements, refining the list of schools to which they'll apply, and hearing from admissions directors at top-notch high schools including University, Urban, and St. Ignatius. This work is the latest stage of our expansion, designed to ensure all Breakthrough students attend a top-tier high school and are well prepared for college immediately after grade twelve. Kudos to our eighth graders on their hard work, and special thanks to our high school partners and the many generous donors who have made this work possible.