

San Francisco Students Head Back to School

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A chilly fall day welcomed the students and faculty of the San Francisco Unified School district back into the classroom this morning. Over the past week dust has been swept from texts books, floors have been polished, and bulletin boards updated.

Students gathered early outside of Everett Middle School in the heart of the Mission to meet up with old friends, swap stories of beach trips and exchange camp humor.

"I am going to miss summer, but I'm also excited to start," said new sixth-grader Rachael Roberts. "I think I'm ready."

The students at Galileo High School were greeted by a morning announcement the raised cheers from those assembled in homerooms, waiting to start the day. The voice on the public address system repeated a slightly altered version of the Pledge of Allegiance that prompted

students to climb atop their desks and howl like banshees.

Many students gladly did as told and the halls were filled with the raucous calls. After a few moments, order was quickly imposed by Principal Alvin Moore. Faculty and students alike at the school were puzzled by this atypical start to the school year.

English teacher, Emily Nasher, said of the event, "It was pure poetry and celebration. Sure, it did encourage some students to get rowdy, but it was a great way to ring in the new year."

The school is still looking for the culprit, but many faculty have concluded that there was very little real disruption and that this was a victimless crime.

A senior who preferred not to be named called the prank, "the best thing to happen at this school. I know who did it, she's a good friend, and she only wanted to change things up. She wanted to add a little spice to our routine."

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