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Gio Gonzalez to Visit Manzanita SEED Elementary School in Oakland

A's Pitcher to Reward Students for Academic Achievements, Promote Continued Education

WHAT:

Gio Gonzalez to Visit Manzanita SEED Elementary School in Oakland

Oakland A's starting pitcher **Gio Gonzalez** and team mascot **Stomper** will visit Manzanita SEED Elementary School in Oakland as a reward for the students' hard work and academic achievement. SEED was one of two California public schools to be named the 2010 National Title I Distinguished Schools by the National Title I Association in November, 2010.

Gonzalez will participate in a school assembly which features a Q & A session, trivia contest and raffle of various A's prizes and autographed items. He will also invite the students to participate in the A's "Mathletics" Program, in order to promote continued education. This program, sponsored by Ross Dress For Less and Comcast SportsNet California, features a fun workbook that utilizes simple formulas for calculating baseball statistics to show the importance of math. Students who complete the workbooks correctly, and submit the answer sheet to the A's, are rewarded with two A's ticket vouchers.

SEED, a small, Spanish-English immersion elementary school in the Fruitvale neighborhood, was nominated as the California Title I Distinguished School with the most success in closing the achievement gap between its student groups. SEED (School of Expeditionary learning, Equity, and Diversity) provides a healthy, nourishing environment for every child to grow and develop strong roots in the major languages and cultures of the community and prepares students to branch out into the world as bilingual and bi-literate leaders.

WHEN:

Friday, April 15 at 1:00 pm

WHERE:

Manzanita SEED Elementary School

2409 East 27th Street
Oakland, CA 94606
(510) 535-2832

PARTICIPANTS:

A's starting pitcher **Gio Gonzalez**, A's Director of Community Relations **Detra Paige**, and team mascot **Stomper** will visit more than 200 kindergarten through fifth grade students and school administrators from Manzanita SEED Elementary School.

MEDIA NOTE:

Please enter through the main entrance and check in at the school's front office. The event will be held in the auditorium.

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