November 18, 2013

Dear Fuller Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you well. I would like to share with you that I, along with Gerson Colon, (Vice Principal), and Lisa Cogliandro (Grade 8 Math teacher) are taking an excellent class through the FPS entitled, “Observing and Analyzing Teaching for Student Results.” This course is offered through a highly regarded professional development organization called *Research for Better Teaching* in Acton, MA.

In the past couple classes, we have spent a great deal of time discussing the importance of high expectations for student achievement. At Fuller, we are having conversations about how each teacher creates an environment in which high expectations are communicated clearly and convincingly. The question we are pursuing is stated in the *Skillful Teacher* book by Jon Saphier, “How do we communicate to students that what we are doing is important, that they can do it well, and that we won’t give up on them?” We are working very hard to help students develop the capacity to believe that academic achievement comes from hard work and perseverance and to strengthen their stamina and ability to “stick with it” when learning is hard.

With the Common Core State Standards raising the bar for all students to learn at high levels, this is the perfect time for us to work together to share and communicate the collective message that: “School is important”, “With hard work and effort, you can do well”, and “We will not give up on you.” We appreciate your support and partnership on behalf of all students.

Regards,

Sharon

**Fuller Dates this week**

November 18th 7:00 p.m. Superintendent in Fuller Cafeteria meeting with parents (tea and cookies)

November 19th 11:00 am – Meeting in Fuller auditorium with the basketball coach for all 8th grade boys interested in playing this year. Students may go to the auditorium when they have finished lunch.

November 20th Framingham Education Foundation is sponsoring their annual town-wide Spelling Bee, hosted at Cameron Middle School. The Bee begins at 7:00. Representing Fuller is Am Fuoti, Kerry Genova and Ginny Catanese.

November 21st 3:00 pm - Meeting in Fuller cafeteria with the basketball coach for all 7th & 8th grade girls interested in playing this year.

**Future Fuller Dates**

November 25th Spirit Week! Monday 11/25 is “Wear your favorite sports outfit Day”, Tuesday 11/26 is “Twin Day” (dress alike in groups of two or three), Wednesday, 11/27 is “Show your team pride Day!”

November 25th Fuller School Council 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fuller library

November 25th Fuller PTO 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

November 27th Turkey Trot and all-school pep rally!

November 27th Early Release Day – all schools and 1st Trimester ends

Nov. 28–29th NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING

December 2nd Trimester 2 begins

December 10th **(New date)** Report cards go home

December 5th Early Release/Professional Development

Dec. 23rd-31st NO SCHOOL--- FULLER REOPENS THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

January 27, 2014 Fuller School Council 5:30 – 7:00p.m. in the Fuller library

January 27, 2014 Fuller PTO 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fuller library

February 12, 2014 SAVE THE DATE -- Jazz Bands from all 3 middle schools and two jazz bands from the high school will perform in the Fuller auditorium. Several hundred people expected to attend. Time TBA

**Important Topics**

UPCOMING SCREENINGS

In the coming weeks and months, students will receive vision, hearing, postural, and Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings as required by Massachusetts Law. You may request that your child not be screened for vision, hearing, and postural if you have a religious exemption or if you have documentation from your child’s primary health care provider stating that the screenings have been done in the past six months. Please state your religious exemption in writing and/or provide physician’s documentation to Ms. Noble, the Fuller school nurse. You may request that your child not be screened for BMI by making the request in writing to your school nurse.

SCHOOL COUNCIL/INTERACT CLUB

The Fuller School Council and Interact club is collecting food for the holidays to put together more than fifteen holiday baskets of holiday dinners for families in need this Thanksgiving holiday. We are in need of traditional canned or boxed foods and gift cards. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause and feel good about helping Fuller families in need this Thanksgiving.

PARENT PICK-UP/DROP OFF

Students can ONLY be dropped off in the side (Mass Bay Community College) parking lot. For safety reasons, students should not be dropped off in front of the school. Drivers please take note and respect signs in front of the school and traffic monitors. Please drive slowly while on or near school property.

FULLER WEBSITE

We have a great website that is updated by our talented webmaster, Joe Pagano. We hope that the information here will be an excellent communication tool for families. As we work to improve the website’s effectiveness, please give us feedback. Check it out at <http://framingham.k12.ma.us/fuller.cfm>

FULLER PTO

Fuller PTO has a Facebook page! Be sure to check it out and become a “friend” of this page to stay connected with PTO activities. Please sign up for the PTO newsletter by contacting fullerpto@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Regular, on time attendance to school is strongly associated with academic achievement. Please make sure that you are encouraging your child to be on time and present every day, unless they have a fever or vomiting. Students who are repeatedly tardy without an excuse will be assigned consequences such as lunch detention and/or office detention.

FULLER PARENT CENTER

We are very excited to announce that our Parent Center, located in the Guidance Office, is now open to parents and guardians of Fuller students. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and parents need to sign-in at Guidance and provide a form of ID. There are four computers with internet access and soon, we will open the Parent Portal of X2 for parents and students to check progress.

**Clubs/After School Activities** It is not too late for kids to join a club!! Encourage your child to stop in to any of the following clubs.

Late buses are up and running Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. After school buses will pick up students at 4:15 p.m. and bus them home. The following clubs are offered on the following days:

Study Center-Library: 3-4 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

After School Activities: in the Gym 3–4 every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Math Club: 2:30-3:30 every Thursday in Rm. B45

Politics and Current events: 3-4 every Wednesday in Rm. B24

Jazz Choir: 7–8 a.m. on Thurs. & Fri. Rm. C13; Jazz Band: 7–8 a.m. on Thurs. & Fri. Rm. C20

Yearbook Club: 3 – 4 every other Wednesday; Dates are as follows: Oct. 23; Nov. 6; Nov. 20; Dec. 4; Dec. 18; January 8

Student Council: 2:30–3:30 every Thursday in Rm. B40

Future Science and Engineers Coming - meets Wednesdays