March 10th, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

For those of you who attended the Faculty Variety Show, I am sure that you will agree with me that the Fuller staff has a wide range of skills and talents! Singing, dancing, skits, videos and more were performed with enthusiasm. Deb Germaine has directed and produced 17 shows, and this was her final one; people were raving that it was one of the best! It’s important for kids and parents to see their teachers taking risks, performing, being creative and having fun. It was a big success on all levels. The money raised will go into a fund to support the arts and academics for future programming.

Please take note that the 8th graders have been working very hard on their Medieval Museum projects; they will be proud to show you and tell you what they have learned through their research on Wednesday night at 6:00 at Fuller. Even if your child is not in 8th grade, come on down and have your 6th or 7th grader get excited about the future that awaits them in 8th grade Social Studies class.

Here is a link that includes STEAM resources that I recently shared with Fuller staff. I encourage you to check it out; it will give you a broad perspective on the elements of a STEAM, inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2014/03/03/steam-education-tips-308/2/>

This week, Fuller will hold three separate Community Meetings by grade level entitled, “Show What You Know!” The purpose of these meetings is to bring kids and teachers together to get focused and “pumped up” for the first round of MCAS, which is next week. Student leaders will kick it off with Mrs. Joyce’s assistance and the focus will be on having pride for how hard students have worked, and to be proud to do their very best during all parts of MCAS. We thank you for your support and partnership during this assessment period by making sure that your child is well-rested, has a good breakfast, and reports to school on time.

Have a terrific week!

Regards,

Sharon

**This week Fuller Dates**

March 10                           Grade 8 Parents/Guardians – 7:00 pm FHS Curriculum Night at Framingham High School

March 12                           6:00 -7:30 pm – Grade 8 Medieval Museum Evening Exhibit in Fuller Library

**Future Fuller Dates**

March 18                           MCAS -- ELA Long Comp. for grade 7

March 19- 20                      MCAS -- ELA Reading/Comp. for grade 6 & 8

March 25-26                       MCAS -- ELA reading/Comp. for grade 7

March 26                             Trimester 2 Report Cards go home

March 27                             MCAS Make up

March 28                             MCAS Make up

March  31                           5th graders visit Fuller and get a sneak preview of Suessical!

March 31                             Fuller School Council 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the Fuller library

March 31                             Fuller PTO 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fuller library

April 1                                  8th Gr. Keefe Interviews - Follow up

April 10                                 Lifetouch - Spring Picture Shoot

April 18                                 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

April 21 - 25                         Spring Vacation

May 13                              FHS 8th Grade Athletics Orientation @ 6:00 p.m. in FHS Auditorium

**Important Topics**

STUDENT COUNCIL/INTERACT CLUB

Last Day is March 10th!! The Pennies for Patients Homeroom contest is almost over!  The following website is a direct location for parents and supporters to access and make a donation; <http://ma.llsevent.org/ng/index.cfm/a919d34/regPages/pledge/FULLERMIDDLESCHOOL/>.  The contest and the site will be open until Monday, March 10. Thanks in advance for your generosity in this great cause.

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 droppe*d 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 punctual and present every day, unless they have a fever or are 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**

Late buses run 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:

After School TV club will meet from 3:00-4:00, Tuesday afternoons and run through May 20th. They will meet in the *Access Framingham* studio at Fuller.

Chamber Choir is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders who enjoy singing from a variety of repertoire and will be performing in the 2014 Spring Concert.  Meetings are at 7:00-8:00 am on Thursday and Friday.  All are welcome to join!

Study Center: 3:00-4:00 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

After School Activities: in the Gym 3:00-4:00 every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

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

Politics and Current events: 3:00-4:00 every Wednesday in Rm. B24

Yearbook Club: 3:00-4:00 every other Wednesday

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

Future Science and Engineers Coming 3:00-4:00 every Wednesday