April 28, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

I hope you had a nice week with your children during April vacation. We are ready for a great week at Fuller, and look forward to a productive, engaging spring season at school. Allison Benabdallah, our newly appointed Interim Vice Principal and I are in close collaboration about the many activities at Fuller these next two months including effective practices with student discipline; below is a letter to you describing her philosophy and approach.

*Dear Fuller Families,*

*I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve the Fuller community in the capacity of Interim Vice Principal. I believe that students at Fuller Middle School have a right to learn in a positive, respectful, and safe environment. In order to achieve this, certain discipline procedures are necessary so that everyone’s rights are protected. By taking a proactive approach to school-wide discipline that supports Fuller’s core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Results, we can create and maintain a positive school environment for all.*

*At Fuller, we have implemented a school-wide system of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) to provide clear expectations for all school community members. This system is a prevention-oriented way for school personnel to develop proactive strategies that defines and teaches appropriate student behaviors. Behavioral errors are corrected using a model of progressive discipline. This systematic process utilizes a range of interventions, supports, and consequences to address inappropriate student behavior. Rather than being punitive, they are corrective and supportive, while providing learning opportunities to help students make better choices.*

*While I believe whole-heartedly that prevention and early intervention are key to maintaining a positive school climate, at times a response further along the continuum of progressive discipline may be required. The Administrative Discipline Policy in the Student/Parent Handbook also serves as a guideline for determining appropriate disciplinary action, especially for more serious infractions.*

*Finally, parent/guardian communication and partnership is essential in promoting and supporting positive student behaviors. Parental feedback and dialogue are encouraged and always welcome.*

*Sincerely,*

*Allison Benabdallah*

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Allison this past fall when she was in the process of getting her administrative license, as well as during the week before school vacation as she stepped into the Interim role. Her experience at Fuller and her commitment to supporting teachers, students and families is remarkable, and our priority is your children’s safety, growth, and education.

Have a wonderful week!

Regards,

Sharon

**This week Fuller Dates**

Saturday, May 4 McCarthy/Fuller 5K Road Race – register by clicking on link below

<http://www.active.com/framingham-ma/running/races/mccarthy-fuller-5k-and-fun-run-2014>

**Future Fuller Dates**

May 6 & 7 Grade 8 MCAS – Math

May 9 Grade 6 MCAS – Math

May 9 *Student Talent Show* sponsored by the Fuller PTO – Time TBD

May 12 Grade 6 MCAS – Math

May 13 & 14 Grade 7 MCAS – Math

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

May 15 & 16 Grade 8 MCAS – Science, Technology & Engineering

May 16 Fuller Spring Dance! 7:00-9:00 in Fuller Cafeteria (Sponsored by Student Council/Interact Club)

May 29 9:00 – All School Community Meeting (Middlesex D.A.’s office presents – CYBER SAFETY)

June 20 SAVE THE DATE! ***Grade 8*** ***Promotion Ceremonies and Awards*** 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Important Topics/Reminders**

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 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