May 5, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

This week is *Staff Appreciation Week* and as I have written to you many times about how talented and dedicated the Fuller staff is, I encourage you to take a few minutes to send a quick email to your child’s teacher(s) this week to express your gratitude for their work with your child this year. The Fuller staff is an exceptional group of caring, committed educators, and I am very proud to be working alongside them this year.

As we enter the month of May, I am reflecting on all the exciting and unique learning opportunities (outside the traditional learning activities) our students have had this past week. Fuller grade 7 students heard Terrance Roberts, one of the students who was part of the *Little Rock Nine,* speak about his experience. They also had the opportunity to see an engaging presentation on Mythology. Fuller students in all grades were encouraged to participate in the *Poetry Celebration* last Friday; many students read their own poetry or their favorite poem to their peers. 8th grade students participated in the annual essay contest this past week and their writing will be reviewed and scored this week. We take pride in these programs and the students’ responses to them were very positive.

Please note that parents and guardians of 8th grade students are encouraged and welcome to attend this month's FHS PTO meeting on to Monday, May 12th at 7:00 PM in Room H-100. Biology Teacher Robert Langdon will be presenting about study skills for high school student success.

May MCAS season begins start this week and we could use your help. Please encourage your child to get a good night’s sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and to report to school on time! We truly value your communication, support and partnership.

Regards,

Sharon

**This week Fuller Dates**

May 6 & 7 Grade 8 MCAS – Math

May 9 Grade 6 MCAS – Math

May 9 CANCELLED due to lack of student acts: *Student Talent Show*

**Future Fuller Dates**

May 12 FHS PTO meeting in Room H-100. Biology Teacher Robert Langdon will be presenting about study skills for high school student success.

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