May 19, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

Exciting news! Please read on…

Fuller’s ELD Integration teachers, also known as ***Team Rainbow*** (Meg Quinlan, Joe Santiago, and Mae Waugh), are the proud recipients of this year’s ***Linda Schulman Innovation Grant sponsored by MATSOL***. The Linda Schulman Innovation Awards program supports projects that promote English language learning and embody the spirit of creativity, sensitivity and community. **Team Rainbow received a $1,000 grant which will fund the purchase of ten Kindle Fire tablets to be used with ELD 4/5 students next year.**

Team Rainbow’s grant project, “Kindle Fire Melts Socrates’ Wax Tablet of the Mind”, promotes academic discourse and the development of academic vocabulary for English Language Learners, by having students participate in academic conversations during Socratic Seminars. The goal is for students to come away with a deeper understanding of the text, based on active participation in the Socratic Seminar, which serves as a pre-writing step in the writing process.

The use of Kindle Fire tablets during Socratic Seminar will enable students to immediately access vocabulary words, definitions, examples, and synonyms by clicking on the word, which will increase their linguistic complexity comprehension and give them a larger vocabulary base to access when writing. Students will also be able to write their open response drafts and complete graphic organizers on Google drive in order to receive immediate feedback from teachers and peers.

Sincerely,

Sharon

**This week Fuller Dates**

May 19 Last School Council meeting 5:30 7:00 Fuller Library

May 19 Last Fuller PTO meeting 7:00 Fuller Library

May 20                     Last day for MCAS makeups

May 22                     Early Release Day

**Future Fuller Dates**

May 26                     **No School- Memorial Day**

May 28                     Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

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

June 4                       Choral Concert 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Auditorium

June 6                       "Step-Up Day" 5th Graders come to Fuller!

June 6                       Band field trip to Six Flags

June 9                       Combined middle school Orchestra Concert @ F.H.S. @7:00 p.m.

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