May 26, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

Happy Memorial Day! Fuller Middle School celebrated Memorial Day as a community last Thursday when we raised the POW/MIA flag to honor those soldiers who were prisoners of war, and/or were missing in action. The flag was a generous donation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At 10:00, Liberty Cornett, an 8th grade student made an announcement to the entire school about the significance of the POW/MIA flag:

***“On August 10, 1990, the 101st Congress passed the U.S. Public Law 101-355, which recognized the league’s POW/MIA Flag and designed it “As the symbol of our nation’s concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible, the fates of Americans still being held as prisoners, or missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the nation”.***

***The importance of the league’s POW/MIA Flag lies in its continued visibility, a constant reminder of the plight of America’s POW/MIA’S. Other than “OLD GLORY”, the league’s POW/MIA Flag is the only flag ever to fly over the White House, having been displayed in this place of honor on National POW/MIA Recognition day since 1982.***

***Fuller is proud today to be able to raise this flag and would like to thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars for giving us this opportunity.”***

At this point, Olivia Nelson, an 8th grade student performed a flawless, moving version of “Taps” on the trumpet, while the Fuller community silently reflected on the message Liberty shared with the Fuller Middle School community. We value our partnership with the members of the VFW, and we honor all of the men and women who have served our country to defend and protect the freedoms that we have and appreciate every day.

Regards,

Sharon

**This week Fuller Dates**

May 26                     **No School- Memorial Day**

May 28 DIGITS program focusing on science and engineering - 6th grade science classes

May 28                     7:00 p.m. Band Concert at Fuller

May 28 LAST day for Fuller late buses

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

May 30 2:30-4:30 – Fuller PTO sponsors “Fuller Matinee” featuring the smash hit ***Frozen***. $5 for admission includes popcorn and a bottle of water.

**Future Fuller Dates**

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 at F.H.S. @7:00 p.m.

June 13 Boston Scientific comes to 8th grade to collaborate with Fuller students

June 16 Grade 8 class trip to Kimball Farms

June 18 Grade 8 Dinner Dance at FHS 6:00-9:00

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