June 9, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

With all that is happening during the last two weeks of school, I wanted to share with you the exciting STEAM project happening at Fuller. Please read on:

**(More) Fuller STEAM Ahead!**

The energy of students engaged in learning vibrates throughout Fuller Middle School as they work to create a more sustainable Fuller. Led by STEAM Leaders, Rhea Brown and Talene Orlando, who wrote a STEM grant offered by Biogen, Idec., students are organized into teams that research how much food is wasted in the school cafeteria. They measure trash, research recycling, interview environmental professionals and survey their classmates to develop an education plan to help their classmates create a Sustainable Fuller. This inquiry-based focuses on deeper learning and promotes student engagement that is visible as students present their research and action plans to peers and adults. Projects are guided by the six A’s:

Authenticity

Academic Rigor

Applied Learning (real world connection)

Active Exploration

Adult Connection

Assessment

This project is one example of the work that all Fuller teachers created, developed and presented at the *Exhibition of Ideas* on May 5th to district STEAM consultant David Stephen. This exhibition showcased a wide range of inquiry-based projects Fuller Faculty has planned for the fall.

Have a wonderful week!

Regards,

Sharon

**This week Fuller Dates** (Please note – there are no more late buses running this year)

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

June 10 Grade 7 Student/Staff softball game (weather permitting)

June 11 Fuller hosts **Grade 5 Parent Orientation at 7:00** while incoming students have fun at a Grade 5 Student Social in the cafeteria. Please spread the word!

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

**Future Fuller Dates**

June 16 Grade 8 class trip to Kimball Farms

June 17 Grade 8 Student/Staff softball game (weather permitting)

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. Parents urged to be seated in the Fuller gymnasium by 8:45.

**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.