June 16, 2014

Dear Fuller Families,

I cannot believe that we are heading into the final week of the school year! On behalf of the entire Fuller Staff, I want to thank you for all your support and for your collaborative partnerships; we cannot do it without you!

The Fuller staff will all be given a copy of the book ***Mindset*** by Carol Dweck. This is a book that will help us focus on achievement and success, as we continue to strive toward high quality teaching with strong growth for all students. I encourage you to go to the library or bookstore and read it ; it is written for a wide range of readers, including schools and parents. Together, we will help our kids develop a growth-mindset that says, “With effort, you can get better/smarter” versus a fixed-mindset that says, “Some people are born good/smart, and some are not.” Perseverance is an important skill that works well with a growth-mindset; sticking with something and not giving up is an important life-long characteristic that we want all Fuller students to have. When learning becomes a challenge, or maybe it has always been a challenge, those students who work hard at getting better day by day learn more than the academic skill they are focused on – they will learn that giving up is not an option. What a great life lesson and habit to carry with you!

When I think of perseverance, I think of Helen Keller, the extraordinary woman who was blind, deaf and mute, but overcame these unimaginable communication barriers, by graduating from Radcliffe College, and became a writer and public speaker. She once wrote, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." With this quote, I am reminded of the importance of school and family relationships, and how appreciative I am of the Fuller families. Thank you for supporting our work, for communicating with us, and for raising respectful and kind children who are a true joy to teach. This is the first of many wonderful years of a new kind of partnership at Fuller Middle School, and I look forward to continuing to strengthen our collective resolve to high quality teaching which brings about a high level of learning and growth for all students.

This has been an incredibly exciting year and I am very proud to be the principal of Fuller Middle School. I encourage you to contact me or stop in this summer to share your ideas about what I can do to help Fuller become even stronger.

Regards,

Sharon

**This week - Fuller Dates**

June 16 Grade 8 class trip to Kimball Farms

June 16 Tangerine Team Field Days at Bowditch Field

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

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

June 19 Platinum Team Field Day at Bowditch Field

June 19 English Language Development (ELD) Grades 6-8 - Graduation from program

June 20 LAST day of school – Students dismissed at 11:25

 ***Grade 8*** ***Promotion Ceremonies and Awards*** 9:00 – 10:30 am. Parents are urged to be seated in the Fuller gymnasium by 8:45.

*Have a wonderful, restful summer. Best wishes to our parents with 8th graders – good luck next year!*