Dear Fuller Families

It was great pride and joy that I write to tell you about the first three days of school. The Fuller staff worked very hard to create a safe, organized and welcoming environment for students; our goal was to begin to get to know students while exciting them about the growth, learning and achievement that lie ahead of us.

On Friday, we held grade-level Community Meetings; we introduced the idea of a growth mindset by sharing the following video with all students: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/salman-khan/the-learning-myth-why-ill_b_5691681.html?1408465176>

Adopting the right learning mindset is critical for all students and this applies to how we communicate with kids, how we give feedback to them, and how we can learn anything with the right effort. It's about how struggle and failure can be a part of achieving great things. I look forward to talking more about this at the ***Fuller Open House*** on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 6:00-8:00. The evening begins in the auditorium with the Fuller Leadership Team and then parents move onto following abbreviated schedules and getting to meet their children’s enthusiastic teachers.

STEAM START-UP --- Over the next couple weeks, the Fuller community will engage in a mini-STEAM project to name each of the Fuller teams with a term or phrase that best describes them as a community of learners. The following current team names, Opal, Lime, Crimson, Tangerine, Platinum, Blue, and Green will remain part of the team identity, but students will be exploring, discussing and deciding what else the team should be known for. I look forward to sharing with you the outcome and process of this real-world, community-building activity.

You may be wondering, “What happened to the Aqua Team?” In the spirit of community and integration, all students, regardless of their English Language Development level, will be part of one of the seven standard curriculum teams. This will support their transition such that once their language is developed enough students will be able access the standard curriculum. We look forward to continuing to support the learning and growth of all students!

**Fuller School Council** meetings begin in October and we need parents to join in and be part of the discussion to develop a plan to help Fuller become an outstanding school. I encourage you to consider taking part in this important process. We need your ideas and your voice! Meetings are held monthly from October to May, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Please know how much I enjoy working closely with Fuller parents and guardians; I look forward to a collaborative and successful year of growth and achievement for all Fuller students.

Sincerely

Sharon

Fuller Dates

Monday 9/8 PTO 7:00-8:00 – Come join us for the first PTO meeting of the year!

Monday 9/8 Fuller Book Fair begins! The Book Fair ends Thursday, 9/18.

Tuesday 9/16 Late buses tentatively scheduled to begin. After school sports and HW club begin at 3:00 Tuesday –Thursday

Wednesday 9/17 Fuller Open House 6:00-8:00 (Parents meet with Leadership Team at 6:00 in Auditorium)

Thursday 9/18 Fuller Book Fair ends – last day to buy books

Tuesday 9/23 Fuller Clubs tentatively scheduled to begin

Wednesday 9/24 NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development Day

Thursday 9/25 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah

Friday 9/26 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah

Monday 10/20 School Council 5:30-7:00

PTO 7:00-8:00