



THE FULLER FALCON

Fuller Middle School Newsletter

Principal Juan Rodriguez

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From the Principal's Desk: We are delighted announce that each team and our unified arts staff have mimio technology (see these products here: <http://www.mimio.dymo.com/en-US/Products/MimioClassroom-Family-of-Products.aspx>) to share, many as a direct result of PTO fundraising. This technology provides opportunities to use 21st century skills in our classrooms. Teachers are doing a wonderful job of integrating this technology into their lessons. Plus, the entire school is now wireless, making it possible to move laptops around to serve various lessons. Our goal is to get one mimio cart (laptop, projector and mimio Teach bar) in every classroom.

We conducted two wonderful 5th grade open houses to host students and parents as they transition in the middle school programs. The students will come by at the end of this month and in early June for a school visit at Fuller.

SCHOLAR LEADERS

Congratulations to **Stephanie Cornett and Emily Rich** for their recognition as Fuller Middle School's Scholar Leaders. This recognition is given to students who demonstrate academic achievement, provide service to classmates and school, area positive role models for others, and demonstrate integrity, honesty, self-discipline and courage. They will be honored at the awards banquet at the DCU Center in Worcester, Ma. The Massachusetts Middle Level Educators and the New England League of Middle Schools will be presenting them with the award.

FULLER GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Pinkwas and Mrs. Gagen have been involved in with the planting of beautiful flowers in front of the building and in the Fuller Garden. Spring is certainly visible due to their great work!

THEATER AWARDS

The Cast of Fuller's entry, *Skidmarks 2: Are We There Yet?* earned a **GOLD** Medal at Festival in Tyngsboro recently, led by Fuller Theater advisor and director, Mrs. Benabdallah. In addition, four student actors were recognized for their individual performances. They were **Cesar Gray, Nancy Lewis, Samantha McCollom, and Laura Green.**

Also, 6th grade Opal Team student, **Lara Williams** submitted an original art design for the Drama Festival's T-shirt logo contest. Her design was selected and was worn by hundreds of middle school participants.

CLASSROOM EVENTS

Mrs. Brush's sixth grade French class is taking a virtual tour through Paris. They have already filled out the information in order to obtain a passport. They visited the U.S. Customs website to figure out what they could bring with them. They have chosen hotels according to existing budgets. They have written compositions about what they did to prepare for their trip and why they chose their hotels. Right now they are visiting the important monuments, churches, and museums. Soon, they will be sending a post card home that will outline their trip.

BLENDED LEARNING: Students from **Mrs. Gallagher's** and **Mrs. Cezar's** class worked together researching and investigating what is needed to make a successful "Lego car". Students needed to build a vehicle prototype that reflected the blueprint they created, out of a bag of Legos. The vehicle had to be durable enough to travel a minimum of 5 meters down a slope and up another slope to demonstrate momentum. When the research was done, students used the scientific process to create a sketch in order to show their design ideas for the creation of their vehicle. Students graphed the data. All data was recorded in tables and graphed to compare the results with other groups. Winners that met the criteria of fastest speed, most momentum, and fastest acceleration will get "a certificate" and "bragging rights." Please visit our Moodle site on <https://my.framingham.k12.ma.us/moodle/login/index.php> to view photos and postings from our student's experiences.

Science standards addressed within this project.

Motion of Objects

11. Explain and give examples of how the motion of an object can be described by its position, direction of motion, and speed.
12. Graph and interpret distance vs. time graphs for constant speed.



**The Morning Jazz Choir Proudly
Presents
"Reflections of New York"**

This is a FUND RAISER for Fuller to build its first recording studio...

This fun filled Musical Revue is based on several highlights of New York including; Times Square, The Copa Cabana Night Club, Radio City, Little Italy, The Bowery and Greenwich Village.

This show will feature the great artists such as Eddie Cantor, Judy Garland, The Andrew Sisters, Al Jolson and the great Jimmy Durante along with The Radio City Rockettes. It also includes music from the Vaudville Era, the Musical Godspell and Hair and many more selections.

Tickets will go on sale May 30th and The cost of tickets are \$5.00

There will be 3 performances; Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 pm and Friday, June 10th at 7:30 pm

Please support the MORNING JAZZ CHOIR and don't miss this fun filled and exciting show!

We hope to see you there.

Thank you!

The Morning Jazz Choir
and **Mr. Fazio**

Mrs. Clinton's classes ESL 1 (grades 6, 7, 8) finished a High Point Unit about our Living Planet. Students have produced diamante poems and illustrated fact and opinion posters about animals around the world, after reading non-fiction books. The student work is proudly displayed on our bulletin board for all to see.

Mrs. Catanese

Sixth grade Spanish students have finished their third project of the year - a "dream House" to "sell" to their teacher. Many beautiful and creative floor plans were completed, including 3D models with pool, Jacuzzi, barbecue and mailboxes! Students are also doing an in-class sales pitch describing their house with their teacher.

Eighth grade students are planning a complete 3-week trip to Madrid that will include airfares, hotels, restaurants, sightseeing trips, car rentals and optional excursions for their "clients". Included in the project is a travel brochure describing the features of the trip and a visual of the major details of the proposed vacation? Many of these will be displayed in the Fuller library at year's end.

Ms. Caggiano and Ms. Seiders

6th Grade Open Response Challenge

The Jade and Opal Teams have been working on their MCAS Open Response Skills! Over the past 5 weeks, students have completed 10 Math MCAS Open Responses. Students have learned how an open response is scored and strategies for how to improve scores of 1 or 2, to 3's or 4's! Over 50 students have already received an average of 3's or higher! Four students have received ALL 4's! Look out MCAS, we're coming! All 4's: Nyindu Kanbangu Jr., Kaitlyn Seeto, Mandy Davis and Larissa Picard.

6th Grade Advanced Math to Complete BU Area and Perimeter Assessment

The BU Curriculum Research Committee has created an assessment to measure 6th grade students conceptual understanding of area and perimeter. After being given to a number of schools across the state, the results came back very low. The Jade and Opal Advanced Math Classes are aiming to go above and beyond the state average to show just how much they know about area and perimeter! Results soon to follow... stay tuned!

Ms Stevers

The Purple Team is working hard as the year winds down. We are scientists, poets, and mathematicians. The students recently had the opportunity to dissect frogs. It was amazing to see how enthusiastic the students were to actually see the different organs they learned about in class. In Language Arts, students wrote poems about themselves using similes and metaphors, as well as some original poetry. The teachers are very proud of the students who read their poems at the poetry assembly. In Math, students finished a unit on fractions, and are now learning about exponents and scientific notation. Do you know how to write a googol? We have also been working on writing a special MCAS song, thanks to Ms. Rzasa. We hope to share it with others.

Ms. Reed and Ms. Gallagher

In the eighth grade **Green and Blue Teams**, students in science class will be participating in a Harvard pilot program called EcoMUVE evaluating the benefits of learning ecology through a virtual environment. Students will be working in collaborative groups, adding tens of organisms to their virtual field guides, and measuring populations of species over a 50 year period to determine a cause for an ecological problem that their island faces.

Mrs. Winer

I am proud to announce that 22 of my students completed the walk for hunger and raised \$1,500.00. This activity was an extension of the unit on the Holocaust and activating student's service learning.

Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Krasner

We had a terrific celebration of poetry at Fuller!

Thanks to everyone, 364 students were able to experience poetry in the library and many more were caught reciting poems to the prolific patrolling “poetry police”. This day could not have been a success without your efforts to inspire your students to read, write and share their poetry. Days like today make us proud to be teachers!

Ms. Hine and Mrs. Delahunty

The students and teachers in Ms. Hine and Ms. Delahunty’s grade 6 ESL 3 class have reached a goal they set for themselves in early September. They have collectively read 100 books! Reading independently is an important part of their curriculum. The students choose their own books from the classroom or Fuller library. We have books available at many reading levels, as research shows how crucial it is for students to read at their own, appropriate level.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FULLER

I also need to add and recognize the exciting upcoming events at Fuller:

THE FULLER MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATE ARTS PROGRAM is pleased to present an Evening of **TWO** One-Act Plays – Produced and Directed by Allison Benabdallah

SKIDMARKS 2: ARE WE THERE YET? AND CLIQUES AND CAFETERIAS

Performances: Thurs, May 12th @ 7:00 pm-Friday, May 13th, @ 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, May 14th, 3:00 p.m. Please come and support the cast, crew and everyone involved in our Theater Program.

On Sunday afternoon, May 22nd, @ 2:00, Fuller presents our first **Comedy Hypnotist show** followed by a **Family Ice Cream Social** in the cafeteria. This is an exciting new fundraiser for Fuller. Proceeds will go to the General PTO Fund.

The Spring Band Concert, Wednesday, May 25th @ 6:00 p.m. directed by Andrew Jasinski. This will be Mr. Jasinski’s first concert at Fuller and from the melodious sounds I hear coming from C20 early in the morning, it promises to be a wonderful evening.

The Spring Choral Concert, Thursday, June 2nd @ 7:00 p.m. directed by Lou Fazio. This is always a fun and enjoyable evening. Come and support our Fuller Chorus.

And on Thursday, June 16th @ 6:30 our 7th grade teams will hold **Fuller’s Mythology Fair** in our cafeteria. This colorful, interesting evening is always enjoyed by parents and students alike. Visit our 7th graders and their projects.