



Dear Parents:

Last week, I had the opportunity to speak with two visitors at Fuller. One was a member of our community who did a science presentation for two classes. The other was a Wake County employee who is considering a transfer and has heard “good things” about our school from a friend who works here. In speaking with both visitors, I was very proud to hear that the focus of their positive comments was on our students. The visiting scientist commented, “I do these presentations all the time, but I cannot tell you how impressed I am with the questions the students asked.” She elaborated about what good thinkers the students seem to be. The visiting teacher commented that, “I’m not definite about changing schools, but I can tell you that seeing your students today, how they are so excited about learning and just seem so happy, I am really inspired. I would like to work here just for that.”

Many of the teachers and each administrator are currently doing a book study. The title of the book is called *The Morning Meeting*, and we chose to study the book because its focus on climate connects the *social* with the *academic*. When students sense that they don’t have a voice or when they perceive that their voice is not valued, they are less likely to engage in learning. The book reminds us of how essential it is to create opportunities for students to express their voices constructively, so that they feel a sense of place. If we have that, not only do they trust us to take the risk of learning, but they also express a genuine joy for school, as observed by our two visitors.

Car Pool

Our car pool runs smoothly on most days. To help maintain safety and efficiency for all parents who transport their students to and from school, please do not park in the car pool lane to pick-up or drop-off your child. This is especially challenging in the afternoons when parents park to come inside and pick-up your child. If you need to have your child by a certain time in the afternoon, please plan ahead by withdrawing him/her by 3:15 from the front office so that you don’t cause confusion in the car pool lane.

Retention Notices

Some of you may have received notices from me regarding your child’s progress at the halfway point in the school year. Wake County enforces proficiency standards for each grade level, particularly in Reading, Math and Writing. Please work with your child’s teacher to support your child’s continued academic progress. We aim to provide support to students through our electives, before and after school math club, and Title 1. If you have questions about any of these opportunities, please address them with your teacher. Our goal is that no student repeats his/her grade, but we need your support.

Summer Plans

Attached you will find a letter asking if you would be interested in a summer academic enrichment camp for your child. This is just a survey to determine if there is enough interest to support this for our students. Please respond to the survey and indicate if you may be interested in your child/children participating in an academic enrichment opportunity at Fuller this summer.

Magnet Recruitment & School Planning

Thank you for all you did to support magnet school recruitment. Our tours were full of parents, many of whom were referred to us by you. There are openings at every grade level for next year, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to apply. The application window closes soon. If they have questions, please refer them to WCPSS Growth Management.

If you have magnet status at Fuller and you have determined that this is not the school for your child, please know that you have options. You will need to complete a Transfer Request during the transfer window later this spring. This will allow you to transfer back to your base school. If you wish to transfer to another magnet program, you will need to enter the magnet application process.

Dates to Remember

March 14th
March 13th
March 21st
March 31st

Fuller Family Night
3rd Quarter Electives End
Holiday
Spring Break Begins