

**MCDONOUGH**  
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

**Lower School Parent Association Meeting**

**May 3, 2018**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Regan La Testa, LSPA Chair  
Janine Stewart, LSPA Vice Chair

After 2 years of excellent service as LSPA Chair, this is Regan's last day as Chair and her very last LSPA meeting. Regan will be moving with her youngest daughter to the middle school division next year. She expressed how bittersweet this transition is for her and thanked everyone for attending the meetings and for volunteering their time to support the efforts of the LSPA.

Janine thanked everyone for all they do to make the activities and events special for all of our children. Janine will not be staying on as LSPA Chair next school year.

Regan introduced Brandi Rey who will serve as the LSPA Chair and Megan Ginsberg who will serve as the LSPA Assistant Chair during the 2018-2019 school year. Their 1-year term begins on July 1, 2018.

-There is an opening for a Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in volunteering to fill the position, please contact Brandi and Megan to express your interest.

**Guest Speakers:** Barbara Robins, Head of Lower School  
The end of the year packs so many events and excitement. There are mixed emotions among the children. They look forward to the summer, but there may be some sadness knowing they are leaving teachers and friends. This month's Learning for Living is about expressing gratitude. Barbara reflected on gratitude for our children, gratitude for our faculty, and gratitude for our school.

Adventure with the Arts- It felt like a real celebration of the arts and we enjoyed a new format this year.

Ethnic Feast / Immigration Museum- The 4th grade children presented a powerful, carefully crafted, personal, and thoughtful representation of their heritage. Pop-up art day was great. Night of Percussion is tonight.

Math Explosion will be on Friday. It is a real collaboration between the middle and lower schools. Students in 6th and 8th grades are helping to organize the event and will support the lower school for the day's activities.

To 4th grade parents:

Puberty unit began this week. Teachers are appreciative of the mindset and good questions the kids have brought to the discussion.

The 4th Grade Leadership Group is going to Empower for Life with donations of school supplies for children in need. Please send in donations.

Nancy Fleury, Associate Head of Lower School

Nancy will be meeting with rising 2nd and 3rd graders for recruitment for Bus Buddies. Buss Buddies offer support for new students in Pre K, K, Pre 1st, and 1st grades. Please talk to your kids and encourage them to sign up if interested.

### **Lower School Committees:**

#### **Faculty Free Fridays:**

Nina Basu & Cristina Ginsberg, Co-Chairs

No FFFs planned for the month of May

#### **Used Book Sale:**

Amy Roseman

The book sale raised \$257. We were short on books for 4th grade students.

The effort was made to collect books from the middle school since the selection of books for 4th graders is often very limited. Another point to mention is some of the children expressed that they "don't read used books". We may address this development by changing the name of the book sale in the future.

#### **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:**

Yune Meyer

The luncheon sign-up for food contributions is in good shape. Yune expressed that she could use a few more volunteers for the day of to help with setup, serving, and clean up.

#### **Bake Sale:**

Cindy Emerson

Parents volunteers are needed to contribute items for the bake sale. Parents of children with food allergies are encouraged to contribute items that their children can eat.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **May 4:** Math Explosion
- **May 11:** Headmaster's Day (Special Dress)
- **May 11:** Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- **May 17:** Bake Sale

- **May 21:** Move Up Day
- **May 24:** Memorial Day Service (Special Dress)
- **May 28:** Memorial Day--**SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **May 29:** Lower School Play Day
- **June 1:** Lower School Closing Ceremony (Special Dress)  
Buses depart at 12 p.m.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!**