

Dear Dunbar Partner,

Spring is here and the end of the school year plans are being made. There will be many opportunities to Make God's Love Real to our students and staff at Dunbar Elementary Magnet School.

TESTING SEASON IS UPON US. During testing volunteers are not allowed on campus during the school day. If you are a regular volunteer, please be sure to check with your teacher to confirm when you can be in the classroom.

GETTING READY FOR TESTING: We will have a volunteer opportunity on Tuesday, March 29 to help prep materials for testing. This will be an onsite volunteer session beginning at 9:30. We will be doing a variety of tasks like sharpening testing pencils, running copies, stuffing folders for teachers, prepping daily snack bags for classes, and anything else that might be needed for the month of April.

TESTING TREAT DONATIONS: To support morale and prevent hunger, our PTA provides testing snacks for the children. Our Partnership provides Testing Treats for the teachers and staff. We keep a well-stocked basket of goodies in the Teacher Work Room to hopefully bring a bit of stress relief and prayerful support to our teachers. Donations of individually wrapped snacks, chips, baked items, fresh fruit, etc. are needed. We need these snacks dropped off at Dunbar or we can arrange pick up before April 4th. If you are doing fresh baked goodies or fruit, please contact Leslie to schedule your delivery day and time during April or May. Please let Leslie know if you are able to help. LeslieDaniels2@gmail.com

MAY 5 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - A Cinco de Mayo themed lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week is planned. If you would like to help with planning this luncheon that will be served throughout the school lunch hours (10:00-1:00) on Thursday, May 5 please contact LeslieDaniels2@gmail.com

There will be a sign up genius for food and decor donations coming your way soon.

MAY 19 – New Student Orientation and Magnet Showcase – Help is needed for a set up crew after school. Contact Kathy.Avant1@gmail.com if you can help for an hour or so beginning about 3:00pm.

MAY 25 – PULSE A PALOOZA – This is the big end of year celebration for the entire school. It is an outdoor event and many volunteers are needed to staff activity booths, hand out water bottles, serve refreshments, help with set up and tear down and most importantly to HAVE FUN with our kids and staff! We need help between the hours of

11:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

We also need to borrow tent canopies to provide adequate shade for activity areas. If you have a tent you can loan us, please let us know.

Please email Kathy.Avant1@gmail.com to get on the volunteer list and choose an area to help out.

We are still open to new ideas for a booth activity or something exciting for the kids. If you have a suggestion, please email Kathy.Avant1@gmail.com

THE FUTURE OF OUR PARTNERSHIP: We would love to get more volunteers actively involved in this ministry partnership. Over the summer we will be meeting with the school administration and planning for the upcoming year. We welcome your input and would love to have more participation. The great thing about the Dunbar Partnership is that you can participate on an occasional basis as your schedule allows or become a regular volunteer who helps out in some way on a monthly or weekly basis. Opportunities exist for so many ways to participate. Our prayer is that Covid will decline to the point that we will be able to be in person volunteers in the classrooms next year and continue in the support roles that have developed during the pandemic.

If your small group would like to find a way to connect with the Dunbar Partnership we would be happy to meet with your group and share ideas. Please invite us.

We'd love to talk with you about finding the perfect fit for you. Please reach out for more information to Kathy Avant, Leslie Daniels, or Pastor Vicki Walker.

In closing I offer my thanks and convey the sincere appreciation of the faculty and staff of Dunbar Elementary Magnet School for all you have done to Make God's Love Real to the students, staff, and family of Dunbar. We are making a difference and with your help will be able to do even more in the future.

In Christ,
Kathy Avant