One of the key objectives for creating the Burke’s Grandparents’ Council was to foster a vehicle for grandparents to be more involved in the life of the school while supporting Burke’s mission at the same time. With that in mind, we are thrilled to introduce the following volunteer opportunities.

CLASS FIELD TRIPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Do you have a unique background that might lend itself to a particular area of study? Do you have a contact that could be a potential speaker at the school?

We frequently host guest speakers at assemblies and in classrooms, and most of these speakers come through a connection from one of the members of our Burke’s community. In 2015, we had the good fortune of hosting Jane Goodall (seen at right), who spoke at an all-school assembly thanks to one of our school families. A Holocaust survivor also visited with eighth graders in 2016. As you can imagine, these speakers had a powerful impact on our girls.

In addition, each year for International Women’s Day, we feature a guest speaker to talk to students and members of our community. Speakers have included Kamala Harris (then the California Attorney General) and San Francisco Chronicle sports reporter Ann Killion.

To get a better idea of the areas of study for particular grade levels, you can take a look at our curriculum pages at k dbs.org/lower-school for Lower School and k dbs.org/upper-school for Upper School.

We have also reached out to our faculty to ask them to provide suggestions for particular units of study they may be looking to enhance through a speaker or field trip. This will be an ongoing list we will update throughout the year. So far, we have had requests for the following:

- Someone with a connection to a political activist
- Opportunities to enhance the visual arts for Upper School Art
- Speakers on activism for Upper School
- Speaker for Hispanic/Latina Affinity Group

As mentioned above, this is only the beginning. A great time to connect with the faculty will be over the summer as they prepare for the year ahead. This list will grow over time.
FESTIVAL

For nearly 90 years, Burke’s has hosted Family Festival, a campus-wide celebration of our values and a community builder with 2,000 attendees, which happens in October each year. There are many volunteer opportunities at Festival, and this year, we are reserving spaces for grandparents to volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch. We are also hoping to host a Grandparents’ Council presence at Festival, whether it is a welcome table or lunch area for grandparents to come together and mingle. This is a great way to interact with Burke’s families.

LUNCH DUTY

Each day, the Lunchroom is staffed with parent volunteers to serve lunch to the girls. The lunchroom coordinators communicate with a pool of interested parent volunteers and create a master schedule early in the year. However, there is often a need for additional volunteers throughout the year.

The lunch duty shift starts at 11:15 a.m. and ends just before 1 p.m., with the option of staying to eat your own lunch and visit with the other volunteer servers. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with students while helping the Lunchroom staff.

LIBRARY

The Library is always looking for volunteers to assist with shelving books and cleaning up shelves. Unfortunately, there is no student interaction unless you choose a time close to the lunch hour and you are able to stop by the Lunchroom and see your granddaughter.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for any of the above-mentioned options, please contact Selena Shadle in the Advancement Office at 415.666.3204 or at selena@k dbs.org, and she will coordinate. As you are a valued member of our Burke’s community and newly created Burke’s Grandparents’ Council, we THANK YOU for your time and support.