Head of School and Parents Association
End-of-Year Meeting

May 28, 2020
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elanor Diana Marshall Cato taught hundreds of Beauvoir students from 1975 until the date of her death, October 24, 2019, offering them a beautiful start to their education, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato was a longtime member of the faculty, four-year coordinator of kindergarten, and one-year director of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, who found her passion, purpose, and happiness in the classroom, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato advocated for early childhood education and recognized through research the importance of play and its impact on early, healthy, brain development, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato developed the School’s first Academic Center, a six-week summer program, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato was a lifelong learner and avid reader who believed in the magic of books and the power of storytelling, opening an abundant world of possibilities to generations of children, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato served as a role model for every child, especially inspiring children of color, and a leader in building the rich diversity that is Beauvoir today, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato was a staunch volunteer at student recruitment events, including the Black Student Fund Fair, Latino Fair, and the Fall Open House for Outreach, to attract, welcome, and integrate children of varied economic, religious, cultural, and racial backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato championed equality for all, as an educator and leader of the first Mosaic Committee, the former Outreach Committee, where faculty and staff partner on programs of diversity and inclusivity, intersecting with the School’s mission to promote and retain a diverse community, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato created a comforting environment enabling children and adults the opportunity to develop and grow, steadied by her experience, deep knowledge, wisdom, and guidance, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato served five heads of school over a 44-year tenure and on the Search Committee for the current, sixth head of school, and as a former faculty representative to the Board of Governors, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cato raised two sons, Paul and Charles—Beauvoir and St. Albans alumni—with her late husband, George, nurturing relationships across the Close community with joy and lasting impact, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors approved the issuance of a proclamation in recognition of Mrs. Cato’s decades-long dedication, accomplishments, loyalty, and love of Beauvoir and its students,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Governors and Head of School at Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School, do hereby designate the Pre-Kindergarten Whales Classroom to be known now and hereafter as

Mrs. Elanor Cato Classroom

Mr. William Kappaz, Chair, Board of Governors

Cindi Gibbs-Wilborn

Mrs. Cindi Gibbs-Wilborn Head of School

Dated this 22nd day of April 2020
Gratitude

Thank you to our remarkable PAEC and all of the parents and caregivers who support our beloved Beauvoir day in and day out. Beauvoir would not be the same place without you!
How are we doing?

- Daily, synchronous and asynchronous lessons
- Make My Mondays/Fridays
- Weekly Specialist Classes
- Individual/Group Student Check-ins
- Multi-tier, flexible schedules
- Community meetings
- Chapels and chaplain events
- Wellness classes led by Academic Administration
- Virtual After-school Classes
- Learning Resources Classes
- Special Lunches (Guidance Director, HOS)
- Parent Book Study
- Evening Read Aloud for Children
- Parent/PA Community Updates
- Guest Virtual Speakers (Dr. Zimmitti)
- Parent conferences w/child care
- Beauvoir Cares (community support)
- Summer Extension option n = 190
- Virtual Happy Hours for Faculty and Staff
- Book Studies for Faculty and Staff
- Pastoral Care for Families, Faculty and Staff (Chaplain)
- Spirit Days/Talent Show/Gym Show/Plays/3rd Grade Memories
- Virtual Scholarship Benefit
- Check-in phone calls to every family
What have we learned from our work?

❖ We are meant to be together; our community is strengthened by each other.
❖ COVID-19 will have personally touched everyone in our community by fall 2020.
❖ Instruction in small, repetitive doses over a longer period of time is just as impactful (if not more so) than longer, sustained instruction without brain breaks (summer extension).
❖ We need to continue to prepare for the unknown so that we will be ready for change.
What is on the horizon?

- Environmental Audit
- Open Houses for New Beauvoir Families
- Virtual Scholarship Benefit (June 2)
- Tri-School Planning (NCS/STA/BVR)
- Summer Extension
- Virtual Summer Program
- Pool Program
- Building and kitchen safety updates
- Third Grade Ceremonies
- Thankful Thursdays
- Fall Contingency Planning
Building Preparation and Research Underway

**OUR #1 PRIORITY:**

“To safely open Beauvoir’s doors in the fall”

- Hand-washing stations
- Hand sanitizer stations
- PPE supplies
- Cleaning Protocols
- Crisis Team/Task Force Planning
- Thermometer checks
- Plexiglass dividers
- Classroom organization in compliance with Social Distancing rules
- Lunch modifications
- Directional signs in hallways
- New policies and procedures
- Adjusted Schedules
- Livestream capabilities in classrooms
- Our Commitment to trusting family partnerships
Decision making has been seamless and collaborative.

Unique variations among each institution (boarding students, ELC, shared faculty...)

In-person graduations have been postponed until August or fall.

Various considerations are being explored as we follow the news and pandemic experts (i.e. typical start, staggered start, early return).

Key decisions are not made without consulting each other.

Schools have not agreed to make identical decisions, but will be collaborating with each other prior to decision-making.
SAVE THE DATES

❖ Friday, June 19
❖ Friday, July 17
❖ Friday, August 14
Congratulations 2020 Graduates!

Beauvoir Class of 2020 Outplacement Results

- **100%** Students in a Best Fit School
- **97%** Applicants to Saint Albans accepted
- **91%** Applicants to National Cathedral School accepted
- **90%** Accepted at their first choice school
- **15** Schools being attended

The Class of 2020 is Attending:
- National Cathedral School
- St. Albans School
- St. Patrick’s Episcopal Day School
- National Preparatory School
- Harriet School
- MacLean School
- Gonzaga College High School
- Episcopal School of the Mountains
- Sidwell Friends School
- St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School
- Public Schools DC, CO, MD, VA
“I Am With You”

❖ Vocals by Sara Alipanah and Cindi Gibbs-Wilborn
❖ Accompaniment by Tim Slattery
❖ Creative Stanza by Sara Alipanah and Tim Slattery
❖ Graphic Design by Aubrey Bourgeois
❖ Cameo Appearances by Many Beauvoir Friends
❖ Love from all of us at Beauvoir
Have a Safe and Joyous Summer!
We can't wait to come together again!