

**To: Mitchell Philips**

**From:** Brittany

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 12:31 PM

**Subject:** DMKA cultural fair

Dear Reverend Phillips,

My name is Brittany Webb and I am the mother of a student at Douglas MacArthur Kindergarten Academy. I am writing to say thank you to the many, many volunteers your congregation sent to help with the cultural fair at the school last night. I found your email address on the church website and thought you might be the appropriate person to send this to, but if not, will you please pass it along?

I wanted to express my deepest appreciation for the way your church has partnered with DMKA and, in particular, the way you have supported the ethnically diverse population of students and families there. The cultural fair last night was astounding. It was very well-organized and was such a fabulous celebration of the many cultures represented in both our school and our community. I was so grateful to see how many people were present from your congregation to help make this event possible. Thank you!

For me, the significance of your participation is multi-faceted. First, it is so important that we show our support to the ethnically diverse members of our historically white community. Thank you for welcoming them with the love of Jesus! Second, I think that we, as predominantly white middle-class Americans, are so enriched and blessed when we get to experience life through the culture and perspective of those who are different from us. Thank you for encouraging your congregation to do this! And third, I think we cannot underestimate the benefit of seeing people who DO look like us serving people who don't look like us. Thank you for humbly serving our neighbors last night and for showing our school—parents, students, and staff—what it looks like to be servant-leaders in this way.

Thank you all so much, from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,  
Brittany