



the Parents Press

March 2008

From the Desk of ...

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Mark Your Calendar

Teacher Workday (no school)

March 20

Good Friday (no school)

March 21

Spring Break (no school)

March 31 – April 7 (Monday through Monday)

Summer Camp Applications

April 8 – Applications go home

April 18 – Applications due back

Parents' Council Meeting

April 2 @ 9:20 a.m.

May 7 @ 9:20 am

Dining Out @ Rudino's (last one!)

April 23, 12-8 pm

DMWS Outing @ Durham Bulls

May 18 @ 5 p.m.

Deadline for Annual Tuition Assistance Application

May 1

(for additional information, please contact the office)

Last Day for Students

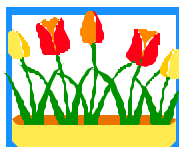
May 23

Duke Memorial Vacation Bible School

June 23 – 26

Dear Parents-

This year will mark the end of an era at Duke Memorial Weekday School. Dotty Ritchie has been with us and many two year olds for all the days on the playground and all of the diapers! At the end of the year, she will retire. She plans on spending lots of time with her family especially her grandchildren Lawson and Bo.



We will miss her very much and wish her the best!

Please join us at a reception in her honor on

May 6th at 10:00 in Whitford Hall.

Parents' Council Chairs Needed

We have a few chair positions that still need to be filled for next year. We need one or two people to do The Parents Press. We also need a volunteer to chair the committee for next year's Parents' Night Out.

If you are interested in volunteering for either one of these positions, please contact,

Mary Long at m-long1402@aol.com or

Liz Stankavage at lizstankavage@yahoo.com.

Teacher Appreciation Week at DMWS

DMWS will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week April 28 – May 2. The Parent's Council will provide a delicious snack for the teachers during the week. A great way for the children to get involved is to have them write a note or a card, draw a picture or even give an extra BIG hug during the week. We have a very loving and dedicated group of teachers and we would like to honor them during this week.



Silent Auction Appreciation

We'd like to thank all of the silent auction representatives for their hard work in creating the wonderful class projects. We appreciated your efforts in getting the children involved to make the projects even more special. They were a big hit at the auction. Thank you to everyone who helped with the auction through their generous donations, solicitation of friends and businesses, and picking up donated items. Without all of the support and help from the silent auction committee and DMWS parents, this would not have been such a huge success.

<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Carnival Rep</u>	<u>Silent Auction Rep</u>	<u>Classroom Project</u>
Ritchie/Allen	Kim Crowley	Renee Allen	Mounted Wall Collage of Class
Ritchie/Hardin	Susan Mehok	Gretchen Mathison	Personalized Shopping Bag
Bolen/Pagett	Shay Charles	Heather Dreps Keisha Barbber	Farm Themed Kitchen Gift Set
Moore/ Alkins	Amy Fochler	Kyla Wallace Heather Norman-Scott	A Bee Themed Platter
Shackett/Turkington	Rebecca Stephens Deborah Ballard Susan Gallagher	Ellen Wilderman Sue Harnett	A Wonderful Tote for any Occasion
Bolen/Powell	Kristy Cruthchfield Liz Stankavage	Monica Vaughan MaryAnn Monson	Hand Crafted Mirror
Alton/Noga	Kay DaSilva	Holly Broughton Cheryl Anderson Cara Bonnett	Chef Aprons
Collins/Chappel	Amy Brinkerhoff Angie Heinrich	Jennifer Barnett Katie Edmunds	Stationary Set
Speight/Allman	Helena Mullen Anne Pirani	Marianne Burgeson	Wall Quilt
Bray/White-Henson	Kristen Hamill	Jennifer McLamb Kim Crowley	Pottery Vases
Bartlett/Wheeler	Jeff Wilcox	Mary Dondero	Garden Motif Footstool
Eva/Perkins	Scottie Hunsberger	Gretchen Mathison	Mounted Wall Collage of Class

5 day 4's Spots Available

We still have a few spots open in our 5 day 4's class. If you have any friends or family with children this age, please let them know. Anyone interested can contact Susan Grubbs at 688-5130.

The Buzz on Science

By Rae Ann Baker, Fitness and Science teacher

Have your preschoolers been coming home this year talking about building birds' nests or squishing jello in a baggie to mix colors at school? Have you heard they are eating popcorn, seeds and roots with Mrs. Baker? It's all true! Those are some of the fun activities we have been doing in science class this year!

Every month, each class comes to me for a science lesson. At first, they wondered why I was not wearing my "fitness clothes," but they have gotten used to it now! We have had some great lessons together. In October, we learned about animals that can fly and those that can't. We used materials that I gathered in my yard, just like a bird would do, and each class built their own bird nest complete with little clay eggs. In November, we talked about primary colors. Each child got a baggie with 2 colors of jello, and pinched it to mix a new color. Of course, after all that hard work, they enjoyed eating their new jello! In January, we used our 5 senses and enjoyed popcorn popped in my Stir-Crazy popper – a snack we could smell, hear, see, touch and taste! Just last week, we discussed healthy foods and "sometimes" foods that are nice treats, but we don't want to eat them all the time, every day. We made posters of examples to bring back to class and we tasted 2 healthy foods that came from surprising parts of plants! We tried corn, which is actually a seed, and carrots, which are actually roots. Your child may say, "Thank you for the roots" at the dinner table!

To finish the year we will learn about how a plant gets its nutrients to grow and we will plant some seeds. We will also learn about insects and spiders...I don't think we will eat any of those!

Dining Out

April 23, 2008

Our last Dining Out will be from noon to 8 pm at Rudino's Pizza and Grinders in the North Pointe Shopping Center (across from Costco). Rudino's is giving 10% of their total sales to DMWS; Eat-In or Take Out. They are also offering a pizza buffet from 5-8 pm. Come on out and enjoy some good pizza and help out the school too!

Thanks so much to all of you who came out for the Fuddrucker's and Chick-Fil-A Dining Out. We raised over \$300 for the school. This money will be used to help purchase a helicopter and music center for our playground!



Spring Book Fair

!Gear Up for Summer Reading!

Buy One get One Free scholastic Book Fair

Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 9

Our spring book fair is right around the corner! For every book you buy, you may select one for equal or lesser value for free. We will also have the opportunity to donate new or gently used books to a local Triangle charity.

A preview flyer and more information will come home in advance in your child's tote bag. You will be able to browse and purchase the books (with no sales tax applied) on the spot – no ordering and waiting!


See you at the book fair!



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Get published!

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Having trouble remembering important dates for the preschool and can't find your Parents' Press? Visit us on the web at: www.dmws.org

Duke Memorial Vacation Bible School
Power Lab: Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power
June 23 - 26th

More information and registration to come soon.
 Vacation Bible School is free to all!

MOPS at Duke Memorial




MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a ministry for the mothers of children, infant to kindergarten. These moms receive encouragement from each other, develop friendships and grow in relationship with Christ through fellowship, biblical teachings, small discussion groups and creative activities. We welcome you to join us as we focus on "The Home Factor: Begin Here... Go There." MOPS meets from 9:30 am – 11:30 am on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the 4th Grade Sunday School/MOPS room on the 2nd Floor of the Education Building. For more information, attend a meeting and/or contact Kami Harris at kambriajo@msn.com.

May Raffle

Instead of a dining out fund-raiser in May, we will hold a raffle to raise money for our school.


The raffle will be held the first week of May, which coincides with our spring book fair. The winner will receive half of the money we collect, and DMWS will receive the other half. Ticket costs will be: \$2 for one, \$5 for three, and \$10 for six tickets.

Look for more information coming home in the tote bags.



Soul Cafe at Duke Memorial

The Soul Cafe is an intimate coffeehouse-like venue that seats 80 people and is located at the rear of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. A free nursery, great desserts, and fresh brewed coffee are available at all events.



Spring Registration for KINDERMUSIK with Jill, is now open at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Classes begin offered are: VILLAGE, OUR TIME, IMAGINE THAT, and SIGN 'N SING. For more information, contact Jill Newsome at 683-3467 or go to www.dukememorial.org. This downtown location of KINDERMUSIK is near Brightleaf Square, at 504 West Chapel Hill Street.