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FROM THE DESK OF

Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year!

Whether you are a new or returning family, on behalf of the teachers and the staff, I would like to welcome you to Duke Memorial Weekday School. We are all looking forward to being with your child this year, and I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer.

A great way to get involved in our school is to volunteer with our Parents' Council. The council provides many "extras" for our teachers and students each year. A few items purchased so far for the upcoming year with funds from Parents' Council are a new large slide for the playground, take-home reading books for the kindergarten class, and a new play kitchen.

Please feel free to stop by the office at any time and share your thoughts and ideas. I look forward to working with all of you!

Susan Grubbs
DMWS Director



Mark Your Calendar

Parent Coffees

September 5, 9:30 a.m. – noon
September 6-7, 10:00 a.m. – noon
(All held in Whitford Hall)

Parents' Council Meeting

September 13, 9:20 a.m.

Lunch Bunch Begins

September 19

Fundraiser @Dream Dinners

September 11– October 11

Book Fair

October 30– November 5

Fall Gathering

November 5

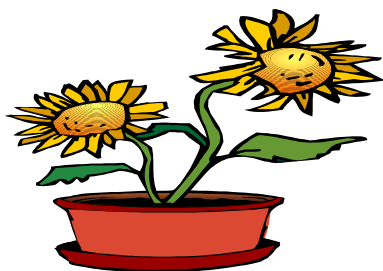


MOPS at Duke Memorial



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a ministry for 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. MOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the fourth-grade Sunday school room on the second floor of the education building. Childcare is provided. Upcoming fall topics include: making prayer real for kids, a speaker on parenting, Halloween treats, nutritious and economical cooking, family holiday traditions and gift-wrapping techniques, a "Family Tree" scrapbook page by Creative Memories, and more.

For more information, contact Donna Bingen (coordinator) at 471-1625 or Kathy Fortner (assistant coordinator/publicity) at 572-2294. We hope to see you there!



Welcome !

from the DMWS Parents' Council

Welcome to the 2006-07 school year! The Parents' Council has already begun planning our year, and we know it will be a great one!

Our sale of tote bags and other spirit wear begins right away. A table will be set up at orientation and during parent coffees. Order forms will go home with each child during the first few days of school. This year we are excited to offer new DMWS travel mugs and water bottles with our school logo on them.

Please join us for parent coffees in Whitford Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 5; Wednesday, Sept. 6; and Thursday, Sept. 7. Light breakfast items, coffee, and juice will be provided, as well as coloring, puzzles and games for children. These coffees give us all a chance to get to know new faces and catch up with old friends. They provide a place to spend time at school while waiting for your parent/teacher conference or perhaps swap childcare with a friend for your conference.

On Nov. 5, we will hold our annual Fall Gathering. This is an evening of dinner and entertainment for the whole family. This year Rags to Riches will provide our entertainment.

In addition, our book fair will be open that evening. More information will follow in the coming months via flyers and the Parents' Press. We are looking forward to getting to know you this year! If you have any questions about Parents' Council, please feel free to contact any of us. We are here to help!

Here's to a fantastic year!

Leslie Alkins	President	806-2349
Jennifer McLamb	VP	620-8744
Mary Long	Secretary	309-2486
Amy Brown	Treasurer	309-9202
Holly Coventry	Hospitality	479-9494

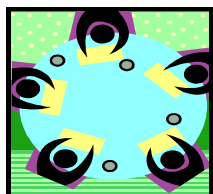


What is the DMWS Board of Directors?



The DMWS Board of Directors is composed of DMWS parents (or past parents). The board works directly with the school's director and the church on decisions involving the school's policies and bylaws, maintenance of the facilities, balancing the school budget (which includes deciding on appropriate tuition increases or decreases), and evaluating the Director's performance. The board also processes and approves tuition assistance request forms, provides refreshments for the Parent Orientation Night, and coordinates the end-of-year teacher luncheon. Each member serves a term of two years with the option to return for one or two more years. Meetings are currently the third Wednesday of every month at 9:20 a.m. New members are nominated and elected every May by existing members. Please don't hesitate to let a board member know if you are interested!

Who makes up the DMWS Board of Directors?



Directors for the 2006-2007 school year are:

Kathy Fortner	(Chair)	Leslie Alkins	Amy Brown
Lori Stafford	(Vice Chair)	Deborah Ballard	Sajina Cooper
Kristin Bilden	(Secretary)	Natalie Banks	Lori Newnam
Sue Sept	(Treasurer)	Liz Stankavage	Juliana West

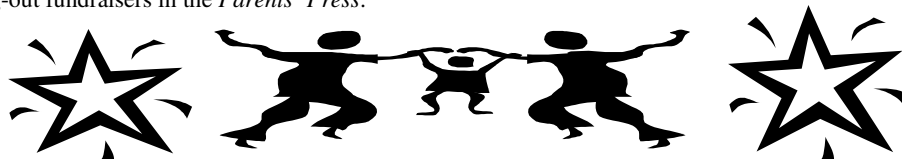
DMWS Parents' Council

What is the Parents' Council?

The Parents' Council is an organization of parents that supports Duke Memorial Weekday School. The council's primary functions are promoting family involvement in the school and performing fundraising efforts to support school projects, special programs, and tuition assistance. In addition to our council officers, each DMWS classroom has two parent representatives. (Sign-up sheets for interested parents are in each classroom during the first few days of school.) These representatives are expected to attend Parents' Council meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor at 9:20 a.m. Meetings are open to all DMWS families and involve discussion of upcoming fundraising events and projects, school needs, and a general sharing of ideas. Children are always welcome. In addition to parents, Susan Grubbs, our preschool Director, attends each meeting. Participation in the Parents' Council is a great opportunity to learn about school events, share ideas, and meet other families affiliated with DMWS.

What does Parents' Council do?

The Parents' Council organizes various family events throughout the year, provides a brunch for the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week and a luncheon in December, publishes the *Parents' Press* school newsletter, and works diligently to raise funds for the school. Monies raised by the council are used to support tuition assistance, purchase equipment and supplies for the school, and pay for classroom enhancements requested by the teachers. The council's major fundraiser is the annual carnival and silent auction held in early spring. Other fundraising efforts include the Fall Gathering, sales of our tote bags and other DMWS "spirit wear," and dining-out nights. Be on the lookout for more information on our dining-out fundraisers in the *Parents' Press*.



How do I get involved?

There are many opportunities to get involved! The following are brief descriptions of volunteer roles.



Parents' Council Classroom Representative

Two parents from each classroom share the responsibilities of attending Parents' Council meetings, serving as the liaison between Parents' Council and the other parents from their class, and submitting any classroom news for the *Parents' Press* newsletter. They may also assist teachers in coordinating field trips or special class projects.



Carnival Representative

At least two parents from each classroom should serve on the carnival planning committee. In addition to working with the committee on the development of the carnival, this parent serves as a liaison between the committee and the other parents from their class.



Silent Auction Representative

At least one parent from each classroom should coordinate a classroom project to be auctioned during the silent auction. Typically, these projects involve children's hand or fingerprints or artwork in some way. Examples from recent years include quilts, toy chests, student-sized desks and chairs, and artwork that can be hung on the wall. The creative possibilities are endless, and classroom parents and teachers can be helpful in deciding on the perfect project for their class.

Committee Volunteers

You can also volunteer to serve on any of the following committees that plan, organize and run Parents' Council events:



Book Fair (November and May) – Chaired by Jennifer Holloway (929-6479). Volunteers staff the book fair and assist with set-up, sales, and breakdown.



Fall Gathering and Raffle (Nov. 5) – Chaired by Gia Jones (806-3634) and Erica Hubbard (361-5195). Volunteers help set up, run the kitchen, sell tickets, and clean up. **We are in need of a second chair for the Fall Gathering.**



Carnival (early spring 2007) – Chaired by Gina Hawkins (598-5303), Kim Tupper (419-0837), and Jill Noll (401-8999). Kitchen Coordinator – Sara Heckler (342-6329). Volunteers help set up, staff the ticket tables and classroom booths, run the kitchen, coordinate food drop-off, and clean up.



Silent Auction (at the Carnival) – Chaired by Emily Patterson (477-4331) and Erin Bredemann (309-2943). Volunteers help solicit items to be auctioned, pick up donated items, set up the auction display, and clean up.



Parents' Press – Chaired by Cara Bonnett (768-0891), Sajina Cooper (479-8772) and Sara Heckler (342-6329). Volunteers coordinate with Parents' Council officers and the school director to compile our monthly newsletter.



School Website – The website, <http://dmws.org/>, is maintained by Cara Bonnett (768-0891). Newly redesigned last year, its purpose is to inform parents and provide a central place to find information about the school.



Hospitality Committee (various events) – Chaired by Holly Coventry (479-9494). Committee members manage events such as the parent coffees, teachers' luncheon in December, and appreciation brunch in the spring.

Look for volunteer opportunities throughout the year in *Parents' Press*, class e-mails, and flyers in your child's tote bag. If you have questions about a committee or getting involved with organizing an event, please contact the committee chair or Parents' Council President

Leslie Alkins (806-2349 or leslieaa@yahoo.com). ***Please get involved!***



Opportunities to Help Raise \$\$ for DMWS:



Dream Dining for DMWS

Join us as we make some delicious dinners and raise money for DMWS! Dream Dinners in Durham will donate \$10 for every person who registers for a six-dinner session or \$20 for each person who registers for a 12-dinner session. Our promotion period will run from Sept. 11 to Oct. 11 and kicks off with a free "Sneak Peak" on Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. for those who have yet to check out Dream Dinners. A DMWS private party will be held Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. Check out www.dreamdinners.com for more information, or call Liz Stankavage at 382-7573.



Harris Teeter VIC Card & Milk Challenge

If you shop at Harris Teeter, please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Duke Memorial Weekday School. When you purchase select Harris Teeter brand products using your VIC card, Harris Teeter will contribute a percentage of those purchase dollars to DMWS. Just give the checkout clerk the following number for Duke Memorial: **4246**. If you were linked last year, you will need to re-link your VIC card. Harris Teeter's "Together In Education" (VIC) Program runs from Aug. 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. In addition to the VIC program, another great way to help earn money for DMWS is through Harris Teeter's "Milk Challenge." It's easy to participate: Just save the caps from any flavor of Harris Teeter brand or Hunter Farms gallon or half-gallon milk container. Then send these caps to school with your child. Each cap is worth 5 cents, and our school can earn up to \$1,000. Let's start collecting those caps today!

Box Tops for Education

Please clip box-top coupons from your favorite General Mills products and send them to DMWS. General Mills products include all their cereals, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Cottonelle, Hefty, and Ziploc bags and containers. Each box top we collect is worth 10 cents for our school!!



Kroger Plus Card

As soon as we receive the information from Kroger, we will send it home so you can link your Kroger Plus card to DMWS.

Get published!



The Parents' Press is published eight times during the year by the DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Cara Bonnett at caramia13@nc.rr.com. The submission deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, Sept. 22. Also, please take a moment to check out our new DMWS web site: <http://dmws.org/>. Our goal is to inform parents and provide a central place to find information about the school. The site is a work in progress – we hope to expand it in the coming months. Please let us know what you think! Send your feedback to Cara Bonnett, Parents' Press editor and webmaster, at caramia13@nc.rr.com.



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