



the Parents



Duke Memorial Weekday School

October 2010



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

October 6th, @ 9.20am

November 3rd, @

9.20am

December 1st, @ 9.20am

January 5th, @ 9.20am

February 2nd, @ 9.20am

March 2nd, @ 9.20am

April 6th, @ 9.20am

May 4th, @ 9.20am

Individual Pictures

October 4th & 5th

Fire Truck Visit

October 14th

DMWS Dining Out

October 19th @ Chili's

5pm - 9pm

Teacher Work Days

October 21st & 22nd



From the Desk of...

Susan

Dear Parents,

The school year is off and running! All of the children are adjusting to their new routine and the school is bustling with songs, laughter (at times a few tears!) and excitement! The hallways are starting to have beautiful artwork displayed and it is obvious that everyone is having fun!

Thank you to all of you who made it out to the 60th Celebration! It was a beautiful day to celebrate! Please stop by and look at the Butterfly Garden if you could not make it. Victor Gordon, (dad of Nora in the 5 day 3's) was the mastermind behind the project. Victor contacted Stone Brother's and Byrd, a local garden supply store, and was able to get the plants at a very reduced price. Jeff Wilcox, (dad of JJ in the 3 day 3's and Holly in Kindergarten), helped plant the garden. It will be something that the school will be able to enjoy for years to come.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. Please feel free to stop by or call if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Happy Fall!

Susan



Check Us Out On The Web !!

Remember to check out Duke Memorial Weekday School on the web!! Go to www.dmws.org to see what's going on!

Get Published

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Laura Lloyd at lloyd519@earthlink.net submission deadline for the November Newsletter is **Wednesday, October 20th.**



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READ ALL ABOUT IT !!!!

Our Book Fair is coming!! The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.

Mark your calendar for our Family Event where the whole family can join in the fun. And, you can contribute books to your child's classroom library.

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. See you there!

Where : Bradshaw Room

When : Monday, November 8 @ 9am – 1pm

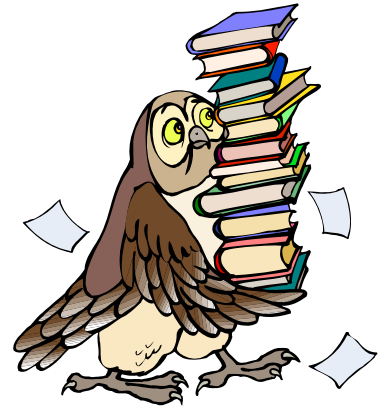
Tuesday, November 9 @ 9am – 1pm

Wednesday, November 10 @ 9am – 1pm

Thursday, November 11, NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 12 @ 9am -1pm

Sunday, November 14th, during Fall Gathering

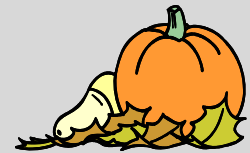


If you are willing to volunteer with the Book Fair, please contact Tiffanie Hoover. We need lots of volunteers!!

Thoover25@hotmail.com or 919-323-5112.



The Fall Gathering



Please be sure to join us for the annual DMWS Fall Gathering! This event gives parents and kids a chance to socialize with old friends, meet new ones, visit the classrooms and enjoy dinner and a show!

This year's Fall Gathering will be held on Sunday, November 14th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Classrooms will be open from 4:30pm – 5:15pm. This will give your child a chance to show you his or her classroom and maybe some artwork too. A pizza dinner along with salad, fruit, dessert and drinks will be served beginning at 5pm in Whitford Hall. If your family does not choose to have dinner, you may purchase a ticket for the show and bring a brown-bag meal. Donations of fruit and dessert would be greatly appreciated! Please contact your classroom representative to sign up.

This year our entertainment will be provided by Sandbox! Sandbox is a kids' and family music band from the Triangle. Playing a mix of their own original songs and traditional kids' songs (with a twist), you and your children are sure to have a great time!

Please look for flyers later this month in your child's tote bag advertising ticket sales for this grand event you won't want to miss. We hope to see you and your family there!

New Faces Joining this Years DMWS Staff

Getting to know.....

Michelle Fox & Teri

Lowder

This year brings two new faces to the staff of Duke Memorial Weekday School. First, please welcome Michelle Fox. Michelle will be teaching the 2 day 2's class along with Leslie Alkins. Let's get to know a little more about this new fabulous teacher!

Tell us about your family...

My husband, Jamie, and I have been married for 13 years. We have two children. Bridget is 7 and is a second grader at Hillandale Elementary. Andrew is 5 and is in Kindergarten. We have an 11 year old beagle named Emma.

Both Jamie and I are from NE Ohio. We moved back to NC in January 2009. Our parents, brothers, sisters and nieces and nephew all live in Ohio. We have lived in 4 homes over the past 10 years but are hopefully settled in for a long time.

What do you do for fun...?

I enjoy yoga, reading, and spending time with my family. I also enjoy volunteering at my kids' school. I find it very rewarding.

What did you do before becoming a teacher at DMWS...?

I have a Masters degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Conservation Biology and Environmental Education. I spent several years doing Environmental Assessments in Ohio. I also taught Environmental Education at a few nature centers in Ohio. In NC, I worked for the NC Botanical Gardens and UNC creating a Plant Information Center. The project was designed to help middle school students identify NC trees. Most importantly, I've been a Mom for the past 7+ years.

Why did you decide to teach at DMWS...?

DMWS is a nurturing and well organized school. Durham is lucky to have such a wonderful facility. Ever since working as an Environmental Educator in the late 90s, I've enjoyed working with young children. I love seeing the world through their eyes. Working part time in the classroom allows me to fulfill my teaching interests, spend time with a classroom filled with sweet children, and still have plenty of time to take care of my family.

What do you like the most about teaching at DMWS...?

I am impressed with the staff at Duke Memorial Weekday School. The teachers and administrators always have a genuine smile on their faces, and it is evident how much they care about each child that attends the school. I am equally impressed with the families at the school. I know I am blessed to have 12 caring and generous families that trust me to teach and take care of their children.

New Faces Joining this Years DMWS Staff

Secondly, Teri Lowder joins this wonderful educational team. Teri will be teaching the 3 day 2's along with Leslie Alkins. Let's get to know more about this fabulous teacher too!

Tell us about your family...

I have been married to my husband Matthew for 9 years. We have two children, Will who is 6 and is a first grader at Central Park School for Children and Grace, 4 who is in Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Henson's 5 day 4's class.

What do you do for fun...?

I like to spend time with my family, make crafts, and go to Locopops.

What did you do before becoming a teacher at DMWS...?

I taught elementary school before being a stay at home mom and providing daycare for a friend's children.

Why did you decide to teach at DMWS...?

I missed teaching very much and really wanted to go back to it without having to be full time.

What do you like the most about teaching at DMWS...?

Everyone is always friendly and willing to help.

Welcome to DMWS Michelle & Teri, we are lucky to have you both here!!



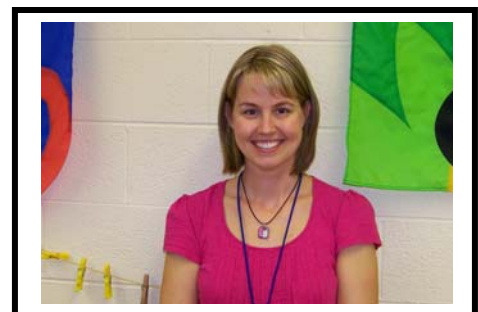
Teri Lowder



Teri at work with the kids



Michelle at work with the kids



Michelle Fox



Important Reminders



The carpool line is running fairly smoothly. We have had a few parents inform us of a few glitches but overall it is going well. Please keep the following tips in mind:

* **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE!!!**

It is very important that everyone follow this policy.



* Please keep the line moving! If the car in front of you has moved, please move with it.



* **DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION OF W. CHAPEL HILL and DUKE STREET!** If you cannot pull completely through the intersection, circle around the Police Station.

* Stay on the left side of the side parking lot and stop at the red line and allow space for any church employees or visitors to enter or exit the parking lot.

* Once your child is loaded, drive as far up Memorial Drive as you can to buckle or pull into paved parking lot. The cones are there to deter people from parking along **PLEASE** do not block the crosswalk.

* Remember to exit onto Duke Street. This will free up some of the congestion on Memorial Drive.

* If you must walk up please have your carpool card with you. We will bring your child to you.

* **ALWAYS HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND UNTIL THEY ARE SAFELY IN THE CAR!**



If we all follow these procedures the carpool line will run very efficiently and more importantly, **SAFELY!**

PLEASE HELP!!!

Parents Council is still looking for key people to be run the following annual school events :

- Other Fundraisers (chair)
- Spring Carnival (co-chair)

The co-chair position, if interested, would become a chairing position next year. The Spring Carnival and Silent Auction are our school's biggest fundraising events. If you would like more information about any of these positions please contact Tiffanie Hoover at thoover25@hotmail.com or 919-323-5112.

Classroom Volunteers Needed

We appreciate all the parents who have volunteered as classroom, carnival, or silent auction representatives. We need at least one person from each class to fill each of those vital roles. However, we still have some vacancies and hope you will consider volunteering your time to fill one of these positions. The following is a list of classrooms still in need of volunteers :

- **Classroom Rep for :** Allen/Lambert
- **Carnival Rep for :** Allen/Lambert
Speight/Allman
Bray/Henson
Lowder/Alkins
Fox/Alkins
Bartlett/Wheeler
Collins/Powell (3 day 2's)
- **Silent Auction Rep for :** Collins/Powell (2 day 2's)

If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact Tiffanie Hoover, Parents Council President at thoover25@hotmail.com.

DMWS RAFFLE

DMWS will be holding a raffle in conjunction with our Fall Gathering on November 14th. As in past years, our grand prize will be a month of FREE tuition. We also would like to have "goodies" to offer as prizes. Donated prizes in the past DMWS spirit wear, spa gift certificates, sports tickets and home businesses. If you have an item you would



Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 28th at 9:30am. Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, past the playground, around the church and finishing up at the entrance to the school. (Note: the 2 year olds do not parade for safety reasons, but they can enjoy the parade from their classrooms.) Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or the side parking lot.

We ask that you remain outside until the parade is finished. You may come in to take pictures when the parade is over. Please remember to dress your child in a costume that will allow them to walk safely in the parade. The children who are not in school on the day of the official parade will have a chance to parade on ?



SAY CHEESE

John Elkins will be at DMWS on October 4th & 5th to take individual photos of students. If you would like to bring a sibling to be photographed arrive at school by 9:00am on either day, ready to take pictures.

RAISING \$\$ FOR DMWS

There are many ways to help raise money for DMWS. One way is simply by shopping at Harris Teeter! Simply link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Duke Memorial Weekday School and 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 for this year. Another way to help is by clipping box top coupons from your favorite General Mills Products and sending 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 coupon we collect is worth 10 cents for our school! So cut them out and send them in! Thanks for all your help and support!



ADVERTISE IN NEXT MONTH'S PARENTS PRESS

Do you have a small at-home-business that you'd like to advertise in the DMWS Parents Press? Would you be willing to donate a portion of your proceeds to DMWS with sales you receive from the ad? Well now is your chance! In the November issue of the Parents Press, we are offering space for you to place an advertisement for your business. There is no fee for the ad, however, we would ask that you'd be willing to donate 10% of your proceeds to DMWS when sales are made from the ad during the months of November and December. Advertising spaces available will be approximately a 1/6 of the page. If you are interested, please submit your ad to Laura Lloyd at lloyd519@earthlink.net. Please make sure the advertisement is in a word document and all submissions are due no later than October 20th.