

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | January 2018

## *Mark your Calendars:*

- ✦ Jan 2: School resumes
- ✦ Jan 10: Parents' Council meeting
- ✦ Jan 15: No School Due to MLK Holiday
- ✦ Jan 18: Storyteller visit
- ✦ Jan 22 & 23: Parent Conferences - No school for children
- ✦ Jan 23: Dining Out Night at the Original Q Shack
- ✦ Jan 24: Registration Opens for 2018-2019



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Dear Parents,

We are excited to have your children back at school after our holiday break! The staff appreciates all the kind gestures made by parents and children during the holidays. The Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the Parents' Council was especially festive. The meal was delicious and table decorations were beautiful! We are also grateful for the beautiful singing by our music students at the December 10 worship service. We had 54 participants! Mrs. Combs and the teachers did a great job to prepare the children to sing.

January will be busy as teachers get ready to share information about your children at Parent-Teacher Conferences on January 22 and 23. Look for more information from teachers on conference times as conference days approach. Applications for next year will be available for current students at the conferences. Please drop by the office to pick up applications for siblings. Be sure to read the article on registration to get more detailed information on procedures and tuition rates. Remind your friends that tours can be scheduled to learn more about our program. This year, there will not be a Public Lottery. Instead, new student applications will be accepted January 24 through February 8, with priority registration given as outlined on our handbook. After that date, any available spots will be filled on a first come/first served basis. Remember that a limited number of scholarships are available. Please see Julie if you have questions or would like an application. Scholarship applications are due by May 1, 2018 and are handled confidentially by the DMWS Board of Directors.

Happy 2018,  
Julie



## Important Registration Information for 2018-2019

Registration for next year begins on January 24. In order to hold a spot for 2018-2019 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee of \$75 for returning students (\$85 for new students). **All registration fees are non-refundable.**

During Parent Conferences on January 22 and 23, you will receive an application for each of your currently enrolled children. Applications for siblings will be available in the office. Priority for registration is as follows:

Current Students

Siblings of current students

Children of church members/ministerial staff

Children and grandchildren of DMWS faculty/staff

Siblings of former DMWS students

Children and grandchildren of DMWS alumni

Children of current PMO teachers and DMUMC support staff

General Public

### Our registration dates are:

**Wednesday, January 24:** Registration opens

**Thursday, February 8:** Initial Registration deadline (you must meet this deadline to retain your priority in the registration process)

**Monday, February 13:** Notification of Class Assignment

**Tuesday, February 20:** Facilities fee of \$50 plus one month's tuition due (tuition credited to May 2019). After this payment, your child's spot is secured for next year. This payment is also non-refundable

Tuition rates for 2018-2019 have been approved by the DMWS Board of Directors. *A 10% discount is given to younger siblings.*

2 day 2	\$212 per month	or	\$1908 per year
2 day 3	\$212 per month	or	\$1908 per year
3 day 2	\$237 per month	or	\$2133 per year
3 day 3	\$260 per month	or	\$2340 per year
4 day 3	\$285 per month	or	\$2565 per year
4 day pre-k	\$285 per month	or	\$2565 per year
5 day 3	\$325 per month	or	\$2925 per year
5 day pre-k	\$325 per month	or	\$2925 per year
kindergarten	\$395 per month	or	\$3555 per year

# We need you for the Spring Carnival! *date TBD, in Spring*

The 2018 Carnival plans are getting under way ... the excitement is in full swing! The Carnival committee will be meeting in January to strategize and “party plan.” They would love your ideas, help, and support! If you are interested, please contact the Parent’s Council at [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com).

## Remind Texting Service - Sign up now!

Remind is a free messaging tool to help educators communicate with parents. Parents can opt in to receive texts from the school in the event of an emergency (fire, etc). It will also be used in the event of school cancellation/delay in addition to email notification.

To receive text messages, parents should **text @dukemem to 81010 or (828)394-2095**. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.



## *DMWS Inclement Weather Policy*

When the Durham Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Duke Memorial Weekday School will be closed. If Durham Public Schools are delayed, the Director will determine if Duke Memorial Weekday School should be open, closed, or operate on a delay.

Factors considered when assessing whether to close, open on time or on a delay include, but are not limited to: teacher availability to fulfill Safe Sanctuaries requirements, the condition of Memorial Drive/sidewalks along Memorial Drive, and timing of the inclement weather event. Parents should check for cancellation/delay information on WTVD and WRAL. Attempts will be made to notify all families by email. The decision as to whether or not Duke Memorial Weekday School opens on a delay will be made with the utmost consideration of safety for all of our families and staff members. Duke Memorial Weekday School will build up to 4 makeup days into the school calendar. Use of these makeup days is at the discretion of the Director.

## Thank You for Giving!

Many thanks to all of the DMWS families that were able to donate gifts from our Giving Tree in support of the Christmas Market at Duke Memorial UMC this year! **With your help, the church collected over 1,000 gifts for 152 families in need and raised over \$3100 in proceeds from this holiday shopping event to be distributed back to our partner agencies.**

The “head elves” are very grateful to the families at DMWS for contributing to another successful Christmas Market and appreciate your participation and support. Thanks so much!

-Amber West



## January Dining Out

Our December Dining Out event at Panera was a great success, with healthy food and a chance to do some holiday shopping at the same time! Thanks to Panera for sponsoring this event and supporting our school!

**The Original QShack**, on University Dr. is sponsoring our January event.

10% of all sales from 4pm until close on **January 23rd** will be donated to DMWS. Take a break from cooking and enjoy some delicious barbecue, chicken wings, burgers, salads, baked potatoes, sides and more in the kid-friendly restaurant or as take-out.

It is always super good. Hope to see you there!!!