

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

 Duke Memorial Weekday School | March 2018 

## *Mark your Calendars:*

- ◆ March 1 - Storyteller visit
- ◆ March 2 - Book Mobile Visit
- ◆ March 5-6 - **NO SCHOOL** due to Staff Development and Teacher Work Day
- ◆ March 7 - Parents' Council Meeting
- ◆ March 30 - **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break Begins

## Looking Ahead:

- ◆ April 14 - Spring Carnival and Silent Auction
- ◆ May 6 - DMWS sings at Worship



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Dear Parents,

Spring seems to have arrived early this year! Your children will enjoy many fun activities this month as we look forward to planting in our school sensory garden, hunting for leprechauns, and of course, celebrating Dr. Seuss. Later this spring, our classes will experience the life cycle of painted lady butterflies.

Summer Camp applications are now available. This summer, our camp weeks are June 11-15 and July 23-27. Camp runs daily from 9am-12:30pm and includes a time for lunch. Music and fitness are part of each day. The cost is \$180/week and children can sign up for one or both weeks on a first come/first served basis. Camp is open to children who are rising three year olds through rising first graders.

At DMWS, the safety and security of all children and staff is of the utmost importance. I have recently met with a safety consultant and will be attending a workshop on safety in early March. Please see the related article in this newsletter to learn more about our policies and procedures.

Happy Spring!  
Julie Allen





# Spring Carnival 2018:

## Saturday, April 14th

The Spring Carnival will be here before you know it! The work is underway but we would love some more heads and hands as we pull this together. Help make sure the carnival is as fun as can be by participating in the planning! Please email [megan.klenk@gmail.com](mailto:megan.klenk@gmail.com) and we can help you find a role that works with your available time!



### The Silent Auction Team Needs Your Help (Please)!

As we seek, request and gather items and services for the 2018 event and coordinate our internal auction efforts - we need help from fellow parent volunteers!

Here's How You Can Help:

- + **JOIN** our auction planning team (we're nice and it's really pretty fun - not to mention it is a BIG fundraiser for our school). There are several elements of the auction that will need leaders within our group to coordinate.
- + **DONATE** an item or service to the auction.
- + **SUGGEST** individuals or businesses who may be able to offer an item or service and **CONNECT** us.
- + **SET UP** the auction with our team on Friday, April 13.
- + **WORK** the auction itself on Saturday, April 14.

We can use all the help we can get! Please email Mercer Griffin ([Merc1127@gmail.com](mailto:Merc1127@gmail.com)) if you'd like to join our team or with any questions or suggestions.

## Dining Out



The March dining out event will take place **March 20** at **Lilly's Pizza** from open-close. This provides a great opportunity to walk over to Lilly's after pick up and enjoy a delicious lunch with your friends from school and support DMWS at the same time. Of course, dinner is an option as well!!!

Save the Date for **April 25** for Dining Out at Pour Taproom. Details to come in the next Parent's Press.



## DMWS Summer Camp 2018



Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer 2 weeks of camp this summer. You will be able to sign up for one or two weeks. **Week 1 will be June 11-15. Week 2 will be July 23-27 from 9am-12:30pm.** Campers will enjoy a variety of activities including daily music and fitness opportunities. Tuition for camp is \$180 per week. Camp is open to rising 3's through rising first graders. Look for applications in your child's folder.



## Spring Planting

Let DMWS Parents' Council help with your spring planting this year! The PC will be offering a limited selection of spring plants, including bedding plants, hanging baskets and vegetables for sale for those who are interested. These will be delivered to you directly through the school! Look for orders forms coming home with your child soon.



## Many THANKS!

Thanks to the generosity of our Parents' Council, our students enjoyed a performance of *The Flying Ship* by Rags to Riches Theater for Young Children on Wednesday, February 28. *The Flying Ship* is based on a Russian folktale that tells the story of Nicolai who receives a flying ship in return for his kindness to an old woman.



## DMWS Openings for 2018-2019

After registration of returning and new students, many of our classes are full for the fall. There are a few spaces available in the following classes:

- 2 day 2's
- 2 day 3's
- 3 day 3's
- kindergarten

Please let your friends and neighbors know these spots are now available on a first come/first served basis. Interested families can contact the school at 919-688- 5130 or [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) to schedule a tour.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

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- DMWS has a tuition assistance program. Applications for yearlong assistance are due by May 1 while emergency assistance applications can be submitted any time family circumstances create the need for assistance. The DMWS Board of Directors awards assistance based on available funds and need. Please contact the school office if you need an application. All application information is confidential.
- This month, our kindergarten students will enjoy an in-house field trip from the Nasher Art Museum.
- The canned food drive brought in 251 pounds of food for Urban Ministries of Durham for their food pantry.
- First school day for students for fall 2018 will be Wednesday, September 5.

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## Safety and Security at DMWS

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DMWS has many policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety of staff and students. Our staff undergoes CPR/First Aid/AED training every other year. You may have heard your children talk about having fire drills. Our fire extinguishers are inspected yearly and we also have a facility fire safety check once each year. Every spring we conduct a tornado drill so the teachers and children can practice their “turtle positions”. Our staff has a lock-down drill yearly on a teacher workday. Emergency information is displayed prominently in each classroom. We also have exterior and interior security cameras that are monitored by the church office.

Carpool line allows us to safely and quickly welcome and dismiss students each day by minimizing walking across Memorial Drive. Requiring the use of assigned carpool numbers allows us to be sure children leave with approved individuals. Duke Memorial United Methodist Church helps us maintain a secure environment. Admittance to the facility is controlled in several ways. All exterior doors remain locked during the week. Some doors have keypads for entry. The parent code provided for you works during school hours in case you need to enter the building. Visitors to DMWS who do not have a code must be on a list in the church office for admittance on a particular day. Those individuals are buzzed in through the awning doorway. If a parent forgets the code, church office staff will ask for the child’s name and name of the teacher in order to be admitted. Persons who do not have the code or are not on the visitor list for that day must walk around to the front of the facility and be admitted through the Welcome Center. Once there, the appropriate person must come to the Welcome Center to escort their visitor to the proper area.

Please help us keep the building safe by not holding the door for others to enter the building. Also help us by checking in at the preschool office if you are picking up a child early or arriving late for school.