

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | May 2018

Mark your Calendars:

- ✦ May 2-4: Usborne Book Fair
- ✦ May 2: Parents' Council meeting
- ✦ May 6: DMWS Sings at Worship
- ✦ May 10: Visit from Storyteller
- ✦ May 18: Last Day of Lunch Bunch
- ✦ May 23: Last Day of School

- ✦ June 11-15: Summer Camp Week 1
- ✦ July 23-27: Summer Camp Week 2

- ✦ Sept 4: Parent Orientation for 2018-2019
- ✦ Sept 5: First Day of School



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Dear Parents,

We are in the home stretch! May is a busy month at DMWS with special snacks, field trips, art shows, a storyteller visit, and lots of singing! We have truly enjoyed your children this year. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Our Parents' Council has worked hard this year to plan special events for us to enjoy. Fall Gathering, the Spring Carnival/Silent Auction, and Dining Out events were so much fun. Proceeds from Parents' Council events support the school tuition assistance fund, provide funding for classroom expenses, and allow us to enjoy special events such as Rags to Riches Theater and the storyteller visits. If you would like to know more about Parents' Council, please contact our incoming chair Kristen Scarbro at kristenascarbro@gmail.com.

Our staff is busy preparing for end of the year activities with your children as well as summer camp. We offer two weeks of camp and there are still a few spaces available each week. Camp will be held June 11-15 and July 23-27. Please contact the office if you are interested in one of the remaining spots.

Information about next year's class assignments and lunch bunch sign-up will be emailed in July. Health forms will be emailed to families in May so you can get a head start.

Have a wonderful summer!
Julie





DMWS SINGS on MAY 6



Sunday, May 6 is Homecoming at Duke Memorial UMC. We'd love for you to join us in worship as DMWS children ages 3-Kindergarten sing. Children of all ages are welcome to be present in worship, but nursery will also be available on the PMO hallway for those who would like to use it. We'd also love for you to be guests of the church at a covered dish luncheon after worship. Hope to see you on May 6!

Silent Auction Thank You!

Thank you for your support of the 2018 Duke Memorial Silent Auction! Thanks to the generous support of so many DMWS families, the auction raised over \$5,000 for our school!

We appreciate each member of our school community who contributed by connecting us to items and services for the auction, by attending the event and working the event.

Special thanks to our creative and hard-working auction team for making this year's auction so successful and particularly to **Jennifer Steele** for leading our class basket effort and **Liz McClelland** for her work on the class photograph project.

Most of all, thank you to **Julie Allen** and all of our school's amazing teachers for your contributions to and participation in the event. We admire and appreciate all you do for our children every day and your items are truly the highlights of the auction.

Most sincerely,
Mercer Griffin



Spring Carnival Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Spring Carnival & Silent Auction! I hope you all had a great time. Special thanks to the following people who worked hard to make the Carnival happen:

Bethany Hsia for organizing food vendors and the bounce house rental.

Julie Allen for patience with a barrage of questions, for offering support at every stage, and for helping put the rooms back together correctly.

To, **Necia Joy Gooch, Tracey Hawkins, Christine Johnson, Stephanie Miller, Kristen Scabro, Fallon Shearin, and Kelly Travis**—all of whom helped with set-up. (*Forgive me if I missed someone—it was a hectic afternoon.*)

For all those who volunteered to help run the games, sell Locopops or staff the welcome table on the day of - including **Michelle Fox** and her service club, **Scott Sublett** and his Boy Scout troop, and **Hillary Virdin, Chelsey Sneed, Amanda Sublett, Necia Joy Gooch, and Michelle Fox** (again!) all of whom shared their family members with us.

Lauren Miller for help with the wristband sales and for managing all the money.

Last but NOT least, another huge thank you to **Kelly Travis** for always being there for issues large and small and for her incredible work recruiting and managing volunteers.

Megan Klenk, *Event Chair*



Continue Collecting Box Tops!

Please do continue to **collect Box Tops** as you make grocery purchases this summer! We will collect them again next fall when your student returns to Duke Memorial!



Thank You for coming to Pour

For all who supported through Dining Out this year, thank you! We had a great turnout at **Pour** in April and we look forward to more Dining Out next year!

Around DMWS



DID YOU KNOW?

- DMWS is always looking for great substitute teachers. Please contact Julie Allen to find out more about the requirements.
- The last day of lunch bunch for the school year will be Friday, May 18.
- The kindergarten will go to the Carolina Theater for a field trip on May 22.
- In April, each class had a jar of caterpillars that turned into painted lady butterflies. We were able to release them on the grounds.
- Summer volunteer opportunities for youth working toward the Mayor's Award are available at DMWS. If you know students working on this award, have them contact Julie Allen for volunteer options.