

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | September 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sept 12: First Parents' Council Meeting
 Sept 14: GoPlaySave Coupon Book fundraiser begins
 Sept 18: Lunch Bunch Begins and Dining Out at Mellow Mushroom
 Sept 20: Storyteller Visit

LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 3: PC meeting & Fire Truck Visit
 Oct 11-12: Individual Photo Days
 Oct 18: DOPA Parent Workshop by Amanda Morgan
 Oct 24-28: Scholastic Book Fair
 Oct 28: Fall Gathering



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Dear DMWS Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! The staff at DMWS is thrilled to partner with your family during your child's preschool experience.

Safety of the children and staff is very important to us. Please remember our carpool line is a **CELL FREE ZONE**. This includes parking lots. If you are walking in or out of our facility with your child, please hold hands at all times and cross Memorial Drive at the crosswalk. If you enter the building after carpool line has ended, please come by the office to sign in.

We encourage parents to come to observe their child at any time, but we do ask that you sign in through the office so we are aware of who is in the school at all times. Your child's teacher will share the new door code that allows you to access the building during school hours. If you forget the code and need to buzz in, you will need to provide both your child's name and the teacher's name. If you cannot provide that information, you will be asked to walk to the church Welcome Center entrance for admittance.

Be sure to check our website www.dmws.org to keep undated on important information and access the 2018-2019 Handbook. You may also choose to pay your tuition through a secure link on our webpage. The payment link can be found **ADMISSIONS** tab.

I look forward to the new school year and am so glad to have you and your child as part of the Duke Memorial Weekday School family. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions.

Julie Allen
 Director DMWS
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DMWS Staff



Anne Marie Boyd and Jane Hardin



Jane Hardin and Mary Lee Bailey



Stephanie Miller and Christine Johnson



Amanda Sublett and Michelle Fox



Shay Charles and Jenny Walls



Peggy Britt and Kelly Jerngian

DMWS Staff



Lindy Mathis and Cristen Chappell



Leslie Alkins and Teri Lowder



Chesley Sneed and Blythe Thompson



Dawn Perkins and Jodie Dixon



Holly Speight and Necia Joy Gooch



Lindy Mathis and Hilary Virdin

DMWS Staff



Angela Combs (Music)



Jennifer Sykes (Fitness)



Julie Allen (Director)

Remind Texting Service

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 is Peanut-free



No peanuts or peanut butter will be allowed in DMWS classrooms. Children who bring lunches to school for Kindergarten or Lunch Bunch may use other nut butters (cashew butter, almond butter, sunflower seed butter, etc).

September Dining Out



Our first Dining Out will be at Mellow Mushroom at American Tobacco on Tuesday, September 18th, all day!

DMWS will receive 10% of all dine-in and take-out orders when DMWS is mentioned to staff and receipt is placed in the designated location.

Tees & Totes

Interested in getting DMWS t-shirt for your little people? Need a new DMWS tote for school? Email Tracey Hawkins, traceyhawkins@gmail.com.

Did You Know?

You can help support the school by linking your accounts to DMWS:



A message from the DMWS Parents' Council...

Welcome to Duke Memorial Weekday School! We are thrilled to welcome all of the new parents, as well as catch up with those families who are returning.

Getting involved in Parents' Council is a great way to get to know other families at our school, to find out more about upcoming events, and to support your child's school. While we would love to have you serve on the Parents' Council as an officer or committee chair, it is by no means a requirement that you hold a position in order to attend our monthly PC Meetings. All DMWS parents are invited to attend. Our first meeting is **Wednesday, September 12th at 9:20am** in the Parlor room on the second floor. If you would like to be involved in any way, show up to a PC Meeting to see what we're all about. Meetings are always kid friendly, so feel free to bring little ones who are not in school!

We can't wait to get to know you this year!

Kristen Scarbro, Parents' Council President

What is Parents' Council all about?

The Parents' Council is an organization of parents that supports Duke Memorial Weekday School. The council's primary functions are to build community within our school and to perform fundraising efforts to support school projects, special programs, and tuition assistance.

Parents' Council meetings:

- Meetings usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month, at 9:20am in the Parlor room on the second floor.
 - All DMWS parents are invited! Children are welcome. Come as you are and feel free to bring your coffee.
 - Meetings are focused on discussion of community building events, fundraising projects, and general school needs. We would love your suggestions, feedback, and help!
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How to get Involved?

There are many opportunities to get involved! Sign-up sheets for interested parents are in each classroom during the first few days of school. You can volunteer to become a Parent Representative or a Carnival Representative for your class. You can also come to a meeting and volunteer to serve on one of our committees (see next page). If you can't attend PC meetings, please don't let that stop you from getting involved. Just email Kristen Scarbro at kristenascarbro@gmail.com and we will find a way to use your talents within the time you have available.

Committee Volunteers

We have committees that plan, organize, and run Parents' Council events and the more people we have to serve the better! Committees include:

Book Fair (October and May) – Amanda Baker and **members needed**. This committee schedules and staffs the book fair; assisting w/set-up, sales, and breakdown.

Parents' Press - Katie Stokes. Members work to compile a monthly newsletter for the school.

Events Committee - **Chair and members needed**. This committee plans, organizes and helps staff our Fall Gathering and Spring Carnival community building events.

Silent Auction - Bethany Hsia, **co-chair and members needed**. Volunteers help solicit items to be auctioned, pick up donated items, set up the auction display, and clean up. The Silent Auction takes place during the Spring Carnival.

Hospitality Committee - Jen Finch & Kat Murray, **co-chair and members needed!** Members organize and manage events such as the parent coffees, teachers' luncheon in December, and meals for teachers during Teacher Appreciation week.

DMWS Parents' Council Officers for 2018-2019

President: Kristen Scarbro, kristenascarbro@gmail.com

Vice President: OPEN!

Treasurer: Lauren Miller, lmmiller05@gmail.com

Secretary: OPEN!

A message from the DMWS Board...

What does the DMWS Board do?

The DMWS Board works in partnership with the DMWS Director Julie Allen, supporting the management of the school's day-to-day operations. Through monthly board meetings and the work of individuals and committees in-between, the Board is responsible for decisions related to policies, strategy, school leadership, budget management and facility maintenance. In consort with the Director, the Board sets the school's yearly operating budget and reviews requests for tuition assistance. Comprised of DMWS parents and faculty/staff, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church members, and leadership from our facility partners, the Board's work is centered around considering the viewpoints of all constituencies and ensuring the school will continue to thrive.

How can I get involved?

Simply reach out to Christina Scheper (cssscheper@gmail.com) or another current board member regarding your interest and how your unique perspective and set of experiences that can contribute to the governance of our school. Our board serves a variety of functions that requires a variety of skill sets; but the best asset a board member can have is an earnest desire to serve our school and a commitment to the work required. We want to hear from you!

DMWS Fitness 2018-19

Welcome to Fitness Class at Duke Memorial. I am so excited for another year of fun and games with your children. Fitness, a 15-20 minute special class, meets in Whitford Hall once a week. Please check with your regular classroom teacher for the assigned day and time. It is extremely important that students wear comfortable clothes that allow movement and athletic shoes that do not slip and slide.

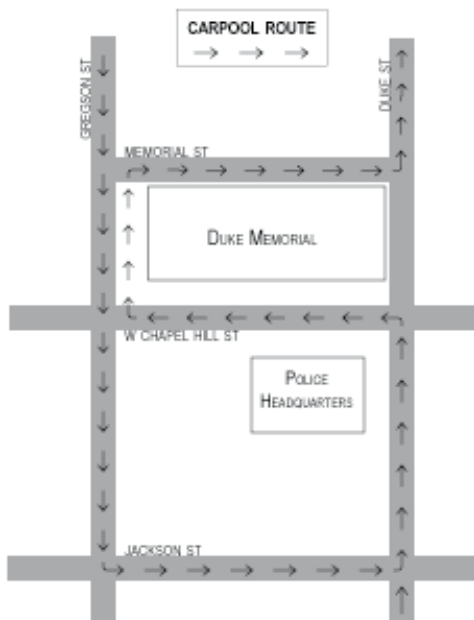
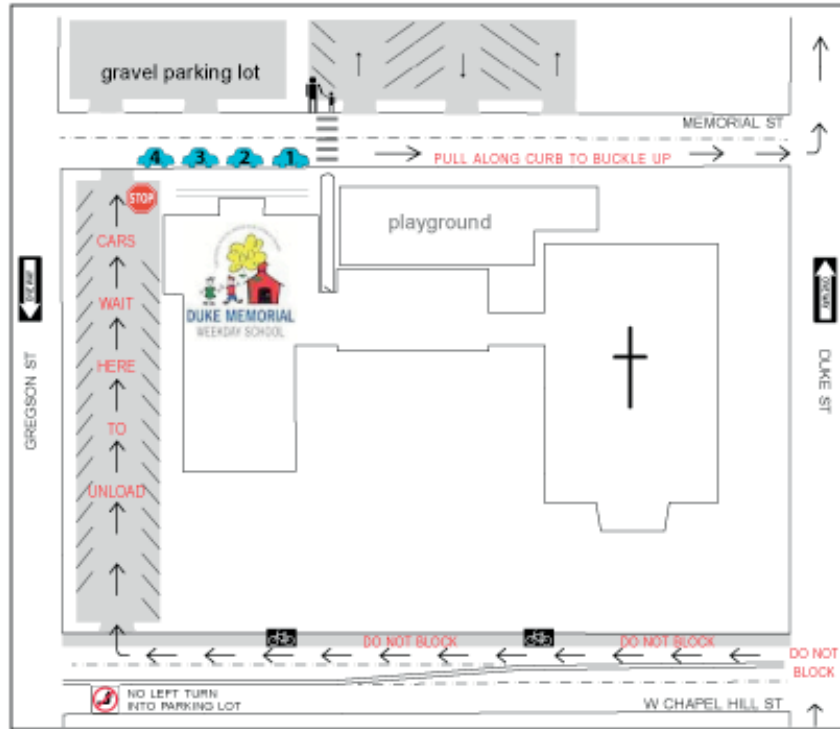
During the year, we will work to develop physical skills to control objects such as balls, bean bags and hula hoops. Awareness of how the body moves and identification of body parts are also emphasized in addition to self-awareness in relation to other people, objects and space. As the year progresses, we will work on cooperative behavior and taking turns while playing games. Positive self-image and healthy habits will be encouraged.


Class begins with an active warm up and stretches followed by an age appropriate activity that introduces a skill. We end with a brief cool down. When possible, I try to coordinate with the classroom teachers and the seasonal themes. Fitness class provides a fun and safe learning environment for all levels and ages. I look forward to a great year with your children. Thank you for sharing them with me!

Jennifer Sykes, Fitness Instructor


DMWS Carpool Line


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 CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL-FREE ZONE AT ALL TIMES. STAY FOCUSED AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.


 Four cars at a time pull along curb for loading.

 Wait at stop sign for next turn in loading zone. Please have your carpool number displayed.

 There is no left turn into the parking lot. Follow the route around the police station.

 Carpool line is not allowed to occupy the bike lane. **Do not block the bike lane on Chapel Hill St.** If the parking lot is full, circle around the block.

 Parents walking to pickup should line up along the sidewalk with their carpool number in hand.

 Use crosswalk at all times. Do not cross between advancing carpool cars.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Holly Speight and I am the volunteer Box Tops Coordinator at Duke Memorial Weekday School. This year, our goal is to raise \$500. Here are three easy ways you can help:

Clip :: Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth \$0.10 when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop Online :: Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Top Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Our school can earn eBox Tops® with every qualifying purchase you make, at no additional cost to you.

Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can:

- + See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- + Enter online promotions for chances to win eBoxTops and other prizes
- + Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands

You can also sign up for Box Tops e-mail newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters that include offers from online retailers where you can earn eBoxTops.

This past school year, we were able to buy the big airplane on the playground as well as a set of MagnaTiles for every classroom with money earned from BoxTops! To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com. Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,

Holly Speight

Box Tops Coordinator at Duke Memorial Weekday School