

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2018



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Oct 3: Fire Truck Visit; Parents' Council Meeting
- Oct 4: Pre-K Field Trip
- Oct 5: Book Mobile Visit
- Oct 11/12: Individual Photos
- Oct 18/19: Teacher Workdays
- Oct 18: Parent Workshop 7pm  
Chapel Hill Bible Church
- Oct 24-28: Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 28: Fall Gathering, 3-5pm
- Oct 31: Halloween Parade

## LOOKING AHEAD

- November: Giving Tree Collection
- Dec 10: Teacher Holiday Luncheon



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Dear Parents,

The beginning of school is always an exciting time—making new friends, learning new songs, and creating wonderful art projects. Our teachers and students have settled into their class routines. I know you have enjoyed hearing your children talk about their experiences and new playmates.

Thank you for following our carpool routines. Please remember that carline is a **CELL FREE ZONE**. Also, remember to prominently display your carpool tag at pick-up by hanging it from your rear view mirror. Try to hang it up as soon as you turn into the side parking lot. Remember there is a unique carpool number per family (not per child). If you walk up to get your child, you still must have your carpool tag. When walking across Memorial Drive with your child, please remember to hold his/her hand.

As we transition into fall, we will have visits from a fire truck and a storyteller, a field trip to a local farm, and an on-site pumpkin patch for students. Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual Halloween Parade on October 31.

The Fall Gathering on October 28 will be a wonderful time to meet DMWS families, see your child's classroom and visit the book fair. We will enjoy a performance by our Kindergarten class and enjoy some food together. Many thanks to our Parents' Council for sponsoring this event.

Peace,  
Julie Allen  
Director DMWS  
juilleallen@dmws.org





## Fall Gathering



Duke Memorial Weekday School's annual fall community building event is right around the corner and we would love for you to be there! It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect and socialize, for students to show off their classrooms and artwork, and for everyone to support our Kindergarteners in their first performance! This year's Fall Gathering will be held on **Sunday, October 28th from 3-5pm.**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**3-4pm** | Classrooms will be open for families to visit! Artwork will be on display in the hallways as well.

**4pm** | Enjoy a brief show by the Kindergarten class with help from the Pre-K classes in Whitford Hall (second floor).

**4:30-5pm** | Book Fair

*We will send home more information in early October through your child's school folder, we are still finalizing details and hope to have food trucks and Locopops available for purchase after the Kindergarten performance.*

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## Classroom Volunteers Update

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Many many thanks the parents who have volunteered as classroom and carnival/silent auction representatives! Happy to announce that each class has a representative and teacher appreciation is well underway!

**We need Carnival reps in many of the classes.** If you are willing please email the PC at [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com). Most of the responsibilities for that role will all occur in the spring semester, but we'd like to line up volunteers!

### OPEN POSITIONS UPDATE

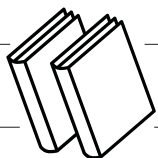
Ashley Wojnarski and Heather Couture will share the role of **Vice President** and serve as **Co-Presidents** next year!

**Dining Out Coordinators-** Andrea Davis & Ami Young

### STILL NEEDED

We could still use volunteers for the Hospitality Committee this semester & the Silent Auction & Spring Carnival planning committees for the spring semester.

The Book Fair will be staffed by parent volunteers, a sign up will go out for that in early October, please consider taking a shift!



## Book Fair

It's time once again for the annual Scholastic Book Fair, and we need shoppers and volunteers! There will be books for the whole family: toddlers, preschoolers, big kids and parents! There are board books, early reader books, chapter books, character books, books in Spanish, and even activity books. You can also contribute books to your child's class by checking out your teacher's wish list. Mark your calendar and we will see you there!

**Where:** Bradshaw Room (upstairs)

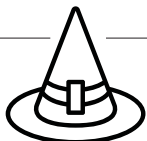
**When:** Wednesday 10/24-Friday 10/26 (before and after drop off)

Sunday, October 28th | During Fall Gathering

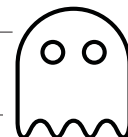
We need parent volunteers to help out as "cashiers" in shifts, we will send out a sign up genius in early October for that.

**Questions?** Please contact Amanda Baker at [amanda.niles@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.niles@gmail.com)

*Looking forward to reading with you!*



## DMWS Halloween Parade



This year, the DMWS Halloween Parades will be on **Wednesday, October 31.**

Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, pass by the playground and walk around the church, finishing up at the school entrance.

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or side parking lot. Please note that our two year old classes will not participate for safety reasons, but they will be able to enjoy the parade from their classrooms.

Please remain outside until the parade is complete. Be sure to take lots of photographs as you watch the parade. Teachers will let the classes pose for group shots at the end of the parade. Also, remember to dress your child in a costume that allows them to walk safely in our parade.

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## Hello from Parents' Council

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Thank you for your enthusiasm for the Parents' Council this year! We are off to a great start with many of our key positions filled and a well attended first meeting in September, despite a hurricane approaching the day of! We hope that this will continue to be a great time for meeting other parents and supporting our school.

### Go Play Save Coupon Books:

Our first fundraiser of the year is in full swing. Thank you to the many who have purchased the Go Play Save books! Our school can earn up to 50% of each book sold so it is any easy way to start our fundraising off right. And the book pays for itself with just a few coupons!

### Why Fundraise?

Our fundraisers give back to our school, teachers and community! Money raised throughout the year provides each teacher an allowance to buy extra things for their classrooms and supports yearly teacher appreciation events. Additionally money is provided for facility improvements and some school extras. Finally, the PC fundraisers provide for the Tuition Assistance Fund so that we can support DMWS families who need assistance.

### Reminder:

ALL are invited to the monthly Parents' Council meetings – usually, the first Wednesday of each month at 9:20! These meetings are kid, coffee and gym clothes friendly – the meetings are held in the church Parlor (2nd floor) usually last under an hour.

*Upcoming Parents' Council meeting dates are:* October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th

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## Dining Out

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September's Dining Out at Mellow Mushroom was great! Thanks to Mellow Mushroom for sponsoring and serving up some fabulous food and to everyone who attended and supported the school. (If you're a Mellow Mushroom fan, check out the coupons in our Go Play Save books!)

Mark your calendars for October's Dining Out at PDQ on October 24th from 1-8pm. 10% of sales benefit DMWS!



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## Fitness Update

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Despite the weather, we are off to a great start in our fitness classes. Students have already learned the warm up and stretches that begin our weekly time together. We have been working on throwing and catching our bean-bag puppies and apple balloons. During Fire Safety Week, we will “stop, drop, and roll.” Ask your child to show you the pencil roll. Autumn and Halloween themed activities and games that work to develop coordination and confidence will be emphasized in October. Thank you for sending your child to school in appropriate clothes and shoes for fitness.

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## Remind Texting Service

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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.

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## Playground Reminder

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DMWS shares the playground with PMO. DMWS students use the playground from 9-noon each day while PMO uses it from noon until 12:45pm.

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## Box Tops for Education

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Please feel free to start sending in your Box Tops that you have clipped in with your child’s folders. Every one helps!





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PRESENTS

## Amanda Morgan *from* NotJustCute.com

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THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER @ 7 p.m.

Bible Church Preschool, 260 Erwin Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

\$10 per person/\$15 per couple

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Amanda Morgan will be presenting information for parents based on her popular series that began with a blog post entitled “Developmentally Appropriate Practice and why we don’t push kids down the stairs.” We’ll take a look at why society is in such a rush, and why kids benefit from protected childhoods. This will be particularly useful for families and teachers who are getting pressure to meet more academic benchmarks with their preschoolers.