

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2018



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Dec 5: Parents' Council Meeting
- Dec 6: In-House Science Field Trip for K/Pre-K
- Dec 7: Book Mobile
- Dec. 7: Kindergarten Open House
- Dec 9: DMWS sings at Worship
- Dec 10: Teachers Holiday Lunch
- Dec 11: Poinsettia Delivery
- Dec 17 & 18: Christmas Story in the Sanctuary
- Dec 19: Last Day of School before Holiday Break

LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan 3: Return to School
- Jan 21: MLK Holiday—No School



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Dear Parents,

December is a busy month at DMWS. Our classes will enjoy seasonal stories/music/art projects/cooking experiences as well as our monthly visit from the Durham Book Mobile. The kindergarten and pre-k classes will experience an in-house science field trip on December 6 and students will hear the story of the first Christmas in the Sanctuary later in the month. Be sure to read the December calendar sent by your child's teacher so you can stay up to date!

Music students ages 3-kindergarten have been invited to sing two songs at the 10:55am worship service on December 9. Mrs. Combs has been teaching the children the pieces during music class. We hope your family can join us for this wonderful opportunity.

Planning for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. On December 7, DMWS will host a Kindergarten Open House. Please RSVP to the school office if you plan to attend. In January, we will host Parent Conferences on January 28 and 29. At conferences, teachers will share information about your child's progress and distribute application forms for the 2019-2020 school year. If you know families who may be interested in our program, encourage them to schedule a tour of DMWS so they can learn more.

The DMWS staff wishes you and your family a safe, restful holiday.

Peace,
 Julie Allen
 Director DMWS



Registration Information for 2019-2020

As hard as it is to believe, it is time to plan for next school year! During Parent Conferences on January 28 and 29, you will receive an application for each of your currently enrolled children. Applications for siblings will be available in the office.

OUR REGISTRATION DATES ARE:

Wednesday, January 30- Registration Window Opens

Thursday, February 7- Initial Registration Window Closes

PRIORITY FOR ADMISSION IS GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- 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

In order to maintain priority, your completed application must be received by the February 7 deadline. If demand exceeds space in a particular class, a lottery will be held to determine placement.

EX: 14 currently enrolled children request 5 day 3's.

A lottery will be held to determine 12 children admitted and waiting list position for 2 students. Those 2 students will be offered spots in another 3's class. Tuition rates for 2019-2020 will be available on our website soon.



DMWS Tuition Payments

Tuition payments are due each month on the first and past due on the tenth. Payment options include check, cash, credit card (on-line via our website) and automatic draft. Checks and cash payments are encouraged because our school does incur additional fees to process the credit card and ACH payments.



Singing at DMUMC

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church has invited the music students of DMWS to sing at the 10:55am service on December 9. **Mrs. Combs is teaching our 3 year old, pre-k, and kindergarten students two songs for this special occasion.** Children are invited to sit in worship with their parents, sing, and then either return to sit with their parents or leave with childcare workers for the remainder of the service. Please arrive by 10:30 so the children can briefly rehearse. **We hope your family can join us on December 9.**

Dining Out

Thanks to **Daniel Enarson** and **Pour Taproom** for hosting our November Dining Out Event. It was a great evening! 10/10 kids would recommend the grilled cheese & chips!

DECEMBER DINING OUT

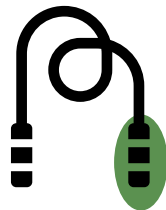
Please make plans to visit **Picnic** (1647 Cole Mill Road, Durham 27705) on **December 11!** Picnic will donate 10% of all sales on December 11 to benefit the weekday school, dine in & take out orders!

December Fitness Update

With all the rain and the cold weather, it seems that too many students are coming to school without the proper shoes and clothing for fitness. Please make an effort to remember that on either Monday or Tuesday, your child will have fitness and needs to be safe by wearing non-slip shoes.

The holidays are rapidly approaching, and it is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year. In December, we will continue to work on our coordination, endurance and strength with holiday themed lessons. Students will navigate an obstacle course to increase agility. We will work on balance by "climbing" a Christmas tree balance beam. To finish the month, we will celebrate with our reindeer games where we romp, skip and gallop around the fitness room. There should be lots of movement!

Fitness gifts are always a good idea: jump ropes, hula hoops, fitness ladders, balls. Good fitness shoes and appropriate clothes are the best! Happy Holidays and continue to move with your child. Ask them to show you our daily warm-up!



Hospitality Committee Updates

The Holiday Teacher Luncheon will be on Monday, December 10th. Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to bring food! If you are interested in helping out or have any questions please email the Parents' Council at dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com.

Spring Carnival & Silent Auction

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, April 6, 2019 is our annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction!

Would you be interested in coordinating the carnival? While we have several parents volunteering to help organize games, prizes, etc, we could still use 1-2 people to serve as the carnival chairs. We are also hoping to add a few more volunteers to help with the Silent Auction—procuring donations, and coordinating class gift baskets & teacher experiences to be auctioned off. As a reminder, money raised at the Silent Auction goes to fund tuition assistance, school improvements and teacher appreciation (like the upcoming holiday lunch!). Email the PC at dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com to help!

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.

