

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2019



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Feb 1: Book Mobile Visit
- Feb 4-15: DMWS Canned Food Drive
- Feb 6: Parents Council meeting
- Feb 7: Initial Registration Period Ends
- Feb 25 & 26: Teacher Workdays
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 6: Spring Carnival & Silent Auction

Dear Parents,

February will be an exciting month at DMWS—visits from both the Storyteller and the Book Mobile, a canned food drive to benefit Urban Ministries of Durham, and Valentine’s Day Celebrations! Also in February, DMWS will complete registration for 2019-2020. Be sure to turn in all applications with the registration fee by February 7 in order to retain priority in the process. If you need a registration form, please contact the office.

Planning summer adventures? Consider DMWS Summer Camp. There will be two sessions open to children rising 3 year olds through rising first grade. Dates are June 24-28 and July 15-19. Camp runs 9am-12:30pm and includes lunch bunch as well as daily fitness and music. Cost is \$180 per week. Camp Applications will be available in late February. Themes for the week will be determined after enrollment.

Mark your calendars for these important DMWS dates. Teacher workdays will be held on February 25 and 26. Teachers will be involved in staff training and group planning sessions. The collaborative planning time is so important as we coordinate learning opportunities for remainder of the school year. Our Annual Carnival/Silent Auction will be held on April 6. Look for information from our Parents’ Council on this exciting event!

Stay warm!
Julie Allen



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Carpool Reminders

Safety is very important to us at DMWS. Our carpool line is designed to safely and efficiently help your children enter and exit school. We encourage you to use carpool line daily, but if you do choose to park in the lot on Memorial Drive and walk your child in, we ask that you follow these basic safety rules. Remember Memorial Drive is a city street and many cars use it daily. U-turns on Memorial Drive are not safe.

- + Always hold hands with your child when crossing the street.
- + Always use the crosswalk.
- + During morning carpool, watch for a signal from the crossing guard before crossing the street. In an effort to avoid gridlock, we ask pedestrians to cross in groups and cars to exit carline in groups.

The paved parking lot has several spaces along the back fence marked with RESERVED signs. Please do not park in those spots. Also, the paved lot has three places to enter/exit. The center one is for exiting and the outer two are for entering. Note that the parking spaces are aligned to this traffic pattern.

Please help us by prominently displaying your carpool tag from your rearview mirror. This will help us keep the line moving.

Some families choose to walk up to pick up your child at the end of the school day. Walk-ups will be handled at the end of carline. Remember that pick-up is noon for most students. Kindergarten students and children staying for Lunch Bunch have a 12:50pm pick-up time. The late pick-up fee is \$10.

DMWS Summer Camp 2019

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 24-28. Week 2 will be July 15-19 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.



Registration Information for 2019-2020

Registration for next year begins on January 30. In order to hold a spot for 2019-2020 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee of \$75 for returning students (\$85 for new students). All registration fees are non-refundable.

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. Priority for registration is as follows:

- 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

OUR REGISTRATION DATES ARE:

Wednesday, January 30: Registration opens

Thursday, February 7: Initial Registration deadline (you must meet this deadline to retain your priority in the registration process)

Monday, February 11: Notification of Class Assignment

Tuesday, February 19: Facilities fee of \$50 plus one month's tuition due (tuition credited to May 2020). After this payment, your child's spot is secured for next year. This payment is also non-refundable.

Tuition rates for 2019-2020 have been approved by the DMWS Board of Directors.

A 10% discount is given to younger siblings.

- 2 day 2 \$212 per month or \$1908 per year
- 2 day 3 \$222 per month or \$1998 per year (if available)
- 3 day 2 \$245 per month or \$2205 per year
- 3 day 3 \$270 per month or \$2430 per year
- 4 day 3 \$305 per month or \$2745 per year
- 4 day pre-k \$305 per month or \$2745 per year
- 5 day 3 \$335 per month or \$3015 per year
- 5 day pre-k \$340 per month or \$3060 per year
- Kindergarten \$395 per month or \$3555 per year



Spring Carnival

Dining Out

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Carnival! The planning has started but we would love some more help getting things organized. Interested in joining with fellow parents to help make this event fun for everyone?

Please email dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com and we can help you find a role that works with your available time!

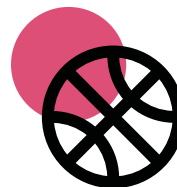
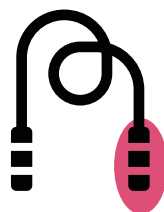
February's Dining Out will be February 19 at The QShack (2510 University Dr, Durham, NC 27707). 10% of sales from 4-9pm will benefit Duke Memorial Weekday School so mark your calendar and join us!



February Fitness Update

February is such a fun month in our fitness classes. We will celebrate Ground Hog's Day by crawling through a maze of tunnels and popping out to see our shadows. The rest of the month, we will have activities centered around snow. The annual snowball fight will take place where we practice our throwing and catching with folded up white "snowball" socks. Finally, we will throw and catch our snowball balloons. With these and all fitness activities, it is important that your child wears fitness shoes and clothes in order to participate safely.

We will continue to work on our 100 pencil/stars (jumping jacks) goals and the movement goals of running for the designated times: 2's run 2 minutes, 3's run 3 minutes and the Pre K's and K's run 5 minutes. We will be very busy! Thanks you for sharing your children with us.



Spring Carnival & Silent Auction

The Spring Carnival and Silent Auction will be here before you know it, if you haven't already marked your calendars for **April 6th**, please do so now!

The Silent Auction Committee is currently working on the Class Art Project, Teacher Experiences, and finally the always fun, Class Baskets! While these are all great items, I'm reaching out to you on behalf of the committee, to request a donation of a service or an item for the Silent Auction. In the past families have donated sporting event tickets for a single game, restaurant gift cards, and even a photography session with a local photographer! **This is a great way to advertise your small (or large!) business! If you have ties to the community and know of someone that would be willing to donate to our auction, please reach out to them on our behalf!** Please contact me for our DMWS Auction Donation Request Letter, which includes our Tax Identification Number.

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).
- + **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 5.
- + **WORK** the auction itself on Saturday, April 6.

We can use all the help we can get! Please feel free to contact me at bethanyjbrown@gmail.com.



Did You Know?

- + The first day of school for 2019-2020 will be Wednesday, September 4.
 - + DMWS is making plans to upgrade carpet and tile in classrooms over the summer.
 - + The roof construction project on the Sanctuary Building is a bit behind schedule due to weather issues. Hopefully, the exterior renovations will be completed in the spring.
 - + Teri Lowder and Blythe Thompson are teacher representatives to the DMWS Board of Directors.
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Teacher Appreciation - Carline!

Neither snow nor rain... isn't just for the USPS, it describes the DMWS carpool line teachers! Even in the cold and rain, our teachers and Mrs. Allen help our little ones so we can stay warm and dry (and also so the littler ones don't have to get out, either!) Our carline appreciation event is well underway, and we are so excited that all the spots were filled in about 2 days! Teachers will be getting a little morning treat every Tuesday and Wednesday (except conference day) in January and February. Thank you to all the volunteers for showing our teachers some love, and another huge thank you to all the teachers and Mrs. Allen!



DMWS Canned Food Drive

Each February, DMWS sponsors a canned food drive to support the Food Pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. This year, students may bring in canned food items **between Feb. 4 and Feb 15**. We will line the hallway with the donations and students will be able to use the cans for math activities before we bag them to be donated. Students love seeing the items fill the hallway!



Send in your Box Tops for Education

Please send your Box Tops in your child's folders soon as we plan to mail them in during the month of February!

