

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | March 2019



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Mar 1: Book Mobile Visit
- Mar 6: Parents' Council meeting
- Mar 19: DMWS Dining Out at DeeLuxe Chicken
- Mar 21: Storyteller Visit
- Mar 25-29: SPRING BREAK  
No School

## LOOKING AHEAD

- April 6: Spring Carnival & Silent Auction

Dear Parents,

Happy March! This month we will enjoy an in-house science field trip for pre-k, St. Patrick's Day festivities, the storyteller, and special Dr. Seuss activities. It should be a fun month! Remember our spring break will be the last week of March.

Make plans for your children to attend summer camp. Spaces fill on a first come, first served basis - so get those forms in early! Forms have been sent home in your child's folder. Cost is \$180 per week and includes time for lunch.

DMWS has a few spaces left in our program for next year. Please let your friends and neighbors know! We do keep a waiting list for classes that have filled in case children need to withdraw due to moving, etc.

Help us keep our children safe. If you cross the street with your child, please use the marked crosswalk and hold hands with your child. Cell phone use is prohibited in our carpool line. If you enter the building for late arrival, early pick-up or to drop by a special birthday snack for your child's class, please remember to sign in through the office. The log book is beside the "Please Sign In" poster.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,  
Julie



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## Did You Know?

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- + In February, DMWS collected 212 items for the food pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham.
- + DMUMC staff will offer “ashes to go” on Ash Wednesday.
- + A special guest (Gary Boyd) read Dr. Seuss books to our students on February 27. Gary is the husband of teacher Anne Marie Boyd.
- + EMERGE staff presented a workshop to DMWS staff on February 25. The workshop focused on supporting children with sensory processing needs in the classroom.

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## Thanks!

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Many thanks to parents for the “carpool treats” each Tuesday and Wednesday morning in January and February. It was wonderful to find warm beverages and goodies waiting for us as we entered the building after morning carpool on cold and rainy days. We feel so loved!

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## Spring Planting

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Let DMWS Parents’ Council help with your spring planting this year! The PC will be offering a limited selection of spring plants, including bedding plants, hanging baskets and vegetables for sale for those who are interested. These will be delivered to you directly through the school! Look for orders forms coming home with your child soon.




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## DMWS Summer Camp 2019

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Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer 2 weeks of camp. 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.



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## DMWS Openings for 2019-2020

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After registration of returning and new students, many of our classes are full for the fall. There are a few spaces available in the following classes:

2 day 2's  
 3 day 2's  
 2 day 3's  
 3 day 3's  
 5 day pre-k

Please let your friends and neighbors know these spots are now available on a first come/first served basis. Interested families can contact the school at 919-688-5130 or [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) to schedule a tour.

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## Need a new DMWS t-shirt??

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We have DMWS t-shirts for sale, children's & adult sizes & various colors, \$15 each.

Email [traceyvhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:traceyvhawkins@gmail.com) to get yours!

We will have a "spirit week" leading up to our carnival on April 6 and one day will be DMWS t-shirt day, in case you need a new school shirt or a bigger size for your growing kiddos!

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## Donate Travel Sized Toiletries in March

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Hi! My name is Caleb Sublett. My mom, Amanda Sublett, is an assistant in a pre-K class at DMWS. I am 13 years old and a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 400 which meets in northern Durham. I am working toward earning the rank of Eagle Scout. **For part of my project, I will be preparing at least 200 bags of toiletries for the homeless of Durham.**

I am asking the families of Duke Memorial Weekday School, Duke Memorial UMC, local dentists, and my Troop to help me! **Would you be willing to donate TRAVEL SIZED toiletries?** We will be collecting shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and travel size boxes of feminine products throughout the **month of March**. All of these items can be found at the Dollar Tree! I will place a large, labeled bin for donations in the hallway outside of my mother's classroom close to the preschool office. I hope you will join me in reaching out to our community to be a blessing to those in need.



## Spring Carnival 2019

## Dining Out

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

The Spring Carnival will be here before you know it! The work is underway but we would love some more heads and hands as we pull this together. Help make sure the carnival is as fun as can be by participating in the planning!

Please email [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com) and we can help you find a role that works with your available time!



March's Dining Out will be Tuesday, March 19th at Deeluxe Chicken (<https://deeluxechicken.com>) on Broad Street. They will donate 10% of the days sales back to DMWS! Hope to see lots of friends dining out!



## March Fitness Update



This month we will continue to work toward our movement goals to increase our strength and endurance. I will introduce jumping rope, a difficult skill that requires coordination and arm strength beyond most preschoolers. My goal is to create interest and just let the kids handle the ropes. With the help of the classroom teachers, we will do our own Duke Memorial version of double Dutch jumping. We will continue to work on throwing and catching. **Please remember on fitness day to send your student in proper shoes and clothing for safety and ease of movement.**

## The Silent Auction Team Needs Your Help

As we seek, request and gather items and services for the 2019 event and coordinate our internal auction efforts - we need help from fellow parent volunteers!

### Here's How You Can Help:

- + **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 email Bethany Hsia ([bethanyjbrown@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyjbrown@gmail.com)) if you'd like to join our team or with any questions or suggestions.