

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | April 2019



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Apr 1-5: Spirit Week

- 1: PJ Day
- 2: Wacky Tacky Day (*PJ Day for T-Th*)
- 3: Favorite Team Day
- 4: Silly Socks and Hat Day
- 5: DMWS T-Shirt Day

Apr 4: Storyteller Visit

Apr 5: Bookmobile Visit

Apr 6: Carnival & Silent Auction

10:00am Performance by the Motley Tones

Apr 11-12: Class Pictures

Apr 15-16: Earth Day/Creation Story in Sanctuary

Apr 16: Dining Out: Blaze Pizza

Apr 18-19: NO School for Easter Holiday

Apr 28: DMWS students invited to sing in Worship

## LOOKING AHEAD

May 1-3: Usborne Book Fair

May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation



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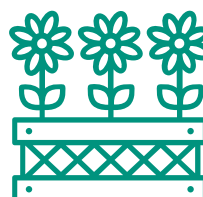
Dear Parents,

Spring is certainly a busy time at DMWS! Our annual Carnival & Silent Auction will certainly be a highlight! We will enjoy Spirit Week leading up to the April 6 th carnival. The children always love dressing in the daily themes- and seeing the teachers participate! To round out the month of April, our students will enjoy visits from the book mobile and the storyteller, field trips, and egg hunts.

DMWS music students (3's-kindergarten) have been invited to sing in Worship on Sunday, April 28. We hope you will be able to join us. The children always add so much to the service.

DWMS is fortunate to have a tuition assistance program. Applications for yearlong assistance are due by May 1 of each year while emergency applications can be submitted any time there is a need. Please contact the office if you would like to apply. All applications remain confidential.

Peace,  
Julie



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## Did You Know?

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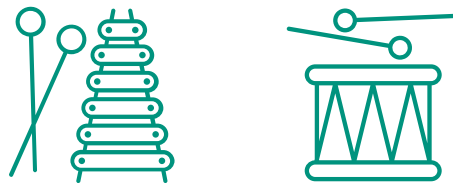
- + Our 4 day 3's recently took a trip to the train station as part of their study of transportation.
  - + DMWS will get new carpet and tile in classrooms this summer.
  - + Meteor Martin brought a fun and educational program about constellations to our pre-k students on March 21.
  - + Our students will learn about the life cycles of butterflies and praying mantises.
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## Free Family Concert

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The Durham Medical Orchestra invites Durham Families to a free concert on **Sunday, April 7 at 3pm** in the Family Life Center of GreyStone Church, 2601 Hillsborough Road. While the concert itself begins at 3pm, there will also be an instrument "petting zoo" on display beforehand where kids can try out various musical instruments. A live magician will be roaming around doing magic tricks and will also be part of the musical program. The orchestra (made up of adult volunteers who work in health, wellness, life sciences and related professions) will be playing kid-friendly music from films that students might know, such as "Beauty and the Beast," "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," "Enchanted," and so forth. And every child will receive a free "educational" booklet with puzzles and games to play introducing the to the instruments of the orchestra and music in general.

The concert is made possible free with grants from WCPE (Classical Station) Radio's Education Fund and the Durham Merchants Association Foundation.




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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.



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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 limited spaces available at all age levels.

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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## Calling for an Excel volunteer!

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Calling for an Excel volunteer! The DMWS Board is looking for someone with Excel knowledge to help the school approximately **3 hours a month** as the board treasurer. You would shadow our current treasurer- Susan Godkin during the 2019-20 school year and serve as treasurer for the 2020-21 school year. Please contact Susan at [susancbyrd@hotmail.com](mailto:susancbyrd@hotmail.com) or Nadine Hoover at [Nadine.hoover@frontier.com](mailto:Nadine.hoover@frontier.com) for more information/ questions.




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## DMWS Carnival and Silent Auction

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It's almost here! Come celebrate spring and our school!  
 DMWS Spring Carnival and Silent Auction  
 Saturday, April 6th  
 10am - 1pm

Games will open after the performance - approximately 10:15am and go until 12:30pm.

Silent Auction will be open until 1:00pm.

### COME HUNGRY!

Kona Pizza and Whit's Frozen Custard will be on hand, serving pizza & dessert!

Forgot to buy a wristband? Please email [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com) ASAP!

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## Spirit Week 2019

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**April 1-5th is Spirit Week!** We want all the kids to get excited about the Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 6th, so let's kick off the week with a little bit of fun!

**MONDAY** (April 1st) - PJ day - wear your pajamas and don't forget sneakers!

**TUESDAY** (April 2nd) - PJ Day for Tu/Th kids, or Wacky Tacky Day!

**WEDNESDAY** (April 3rd) - Favorite Team Day

**THURSDAY** (April 4th) - Silly Socks or Hat Day

**FRIDAY** (April 5th) - DMWS Spirit Day - wear your DMWS tee or school colors from our logo!

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## It's not too late to help!

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Volunteer for a shift! Auction & carnival help needed!

Check out our volunteer sign up to help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48a4ad2ba4f85-spring>

We can use all the help we can get! Please email Parent's Council ([dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com)) if you'd like to join our team or with any questions or suggestions.

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## Last Parent's Council Meeting

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Our last Parents' Council meeting of the year will be held on **May 1st at 9:20am**. We would like to invite all parents to join us for a light breakfast in the Parlor. Just a little thank you for all you have done for the school and your child's classroom this year.

This is also a wonderful way for you to see what the Parents' Council is all about and to voice any concerns or issues you might have with the way things are run. We can't make any changes if we don't know there's a problem. We want to hear from you and we want to get as many people involved as we can. So please consider joining us on May 1st as we wrap up the school year.



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## Dining Out

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Join us for Dining Out on **April 16th** at Blaze Pizza. Eat between 5-8pm and tell the cashier you're with DMWS!

**Address:** 5320 McFarland Dr, Durham, NC 27707

### THANKS

To our friends QShack for donating \$300 to DMWS after February's dining out!



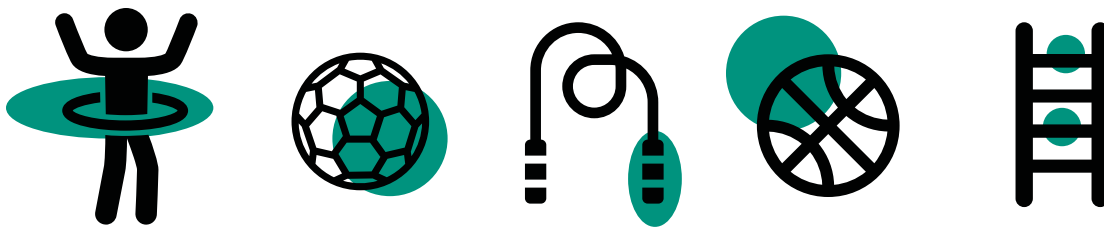
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## April Fitness Update

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April will be a month full of movement. We will go on an "indoor outdoor adventure" by climbing our rock wall, walking on stepping stones, crawling through cave tunnels, and hiking through the forest. All this without leaving Whitford Hall! We will play Hungry Hippos on the scooters, participate in some partner yoga, and do a little weight training. We will play some traditional Easter games such as the egg relay, egg hunt, and egg roll as we approach that holiday. All classes are on track to reach their running goals and pencil stars. I am so happy with their progress.

Thanks for sending your children to school in appropriate shoes and dress. We are almost 100% compliant toward that safety goal. Great job!



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