

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | September 2019

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sept 3: Parent Orientation
- Sept 4: First Day of School
- Sept 9: Carpool Begins
- Sept 10: First Parents' Council Meeting at 9:20am
- Sept 13: Health Forms due and Go Play Save Begins
- Sept 17: Lunch Bunch Begins and Dining Out Night
- Sept 19: Storyteller
- Sept 20: First DMWS Board Meeting at 9:15am

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Oct 1: Parents Council Meeting Bradshaw Room (9:20am)
- Oct 13: Fall Gathering
- Oct 17 & 18: Teacher Work Days - No School!
- Oct 25: Go Play Save Ends



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Dear DMWS Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! The staff at DMWS is excited to partner with your family during your child's preschool experience. Safety of the children and staff is very important to us. Please remember our carpool line is a **CELL FREE ZONE**. This includes all parking lots. If you are walking in or out of our facility with your child, please hold hands at all times and cross Memorial Drive at the crosswalk. If you enter the building after carpool line has ended, please come by the office to sign in. We encourage parents to come to observe their child at any time, but we do ask that you sign in through the office so we are aware of who is in the school at all times. Your child's teacher will share the new door code that allows you to access the building during school hours. All persons who need access to the building have a code so please do not hold the door open to allow others entry. If you forget the code and need to buzz in, you must provide both your child's name and the teacher's name. If you cannot provide that information, you will be asked to walk to the church Welcome Center entrance for admittance.

Be sure to check our website [www.dmws.org](http://www.dmws.org) to keep undated on important information and access the 2019-2020 Handbook. You may also choose to pay your tuition through a secure link on our webpage. The payment link can be found under the ADMISSIONS tab. Payment may also be made by auto-draft. If you did not receive an auto-draft form by email earlier in the summer, please contact the office.

I look forward to the new school year and am so glad to have you and your child as part of the Duke Memorial Weekday School family. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions.

Julie Allen  
Director DMWS  
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**Jane Hardin and Mary Lee Bailey**



**Stephanie Miller and Necia Joy Gooch**



**Amanda Sublett and Stephanie Ferrell**



**Shay Charles and Jenny Walls**



**Peggy Britt and Kelly Jerngian**



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**Lindy Mathis and Cristen Chappell**



**Leslie Alkins and Teri Lowder**



**Chesley Sneed and Blythe Thompson**



**Dawn Perkins and Jodie Dixon**



**Holly Speight and Hilary Virdin**



**Lindy Mathis and Liz Albertson**

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**Jennifer Sykes (Fitness)**



**Julie Allen (Director)**

## 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.

## DMWS is Peanut-free



No peanuts or peanut butter will be allowed in DMWS classrooms. Children who bring lunches to school for Kindergarten or Lunch Bunch may use other nut butters (cashew butter, almond butter, sunflower seed butter, etc).

## September Dining Out



Our first Dining Out will be at Mellow Mushroom at American Tobacco on Tuesday, September 17th, all day!

DMWS will receive 10% of all dine-in and take-out orders when DMWS is mentioned to staff and receipt is placed in the designated location.

## Open House

September 22nd at noon, DMWS is hosting an open house after church for DMUMC to come see the school, the new mural, and take a look around. Any parents and children would be welcome to come.

## Did You Know?

You can help support the school by linking your accounts to DMWS:



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### **A message from the DMWS Parents' Council...**

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Welcome to Duke Memorial Weekday School! We are thrilled to welcome all of the new parents, as well as catch up with those families who are returning.

Getting involved in Parents' Council is a great way to get to know other families at our school, to find out more about upcoming events, and to support your child's school. While we would love to have you serve on the Parents' Council as an officer or committee chair, it is by no means a requirement that you hold a position in order to attend our monthly PC Meetings. All DMWS parents are invited to attend. Our first meeting is **Tuesday, September 10th at 9:20am** in the Bradshaw room on the second floor. If you would like to be involved in any way, show up to a PC Meeting to see what we're all about. Meetings are always kid friendly, so feel free to bring little ones who are not in school!

*We can't wait to get to know you this year!*

Ashley Wojnarski & Heather Couture, Parents' Council Presidents

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### **What is Parents' Council all about?**

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The Parents' Council is an organization of parents that supports Duke Memorial Weekday School. The council's primary functions are to build community within our school and to perform fundraising efforts to support school projects, special programs, and tuition assistance.

*Parents' Council meetings:*

- Meetings usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month, at 9:20am in the Bradshaw room on the second floor.
  - All DMWS parents are invited! Children are welcome. Come as you are and feel free to bring your coffee.
  - Meetings are focused on discussion of community building events, fundraising projects, and general school needs. We would love your suggestions, feedback, and help!
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### **How to get Involved?**

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There are many opportunities to get involved! Sign-up sheets for interested parents are in each classroom during the first few days of school. You can volunteer to become a Parent Representative for your class. You can also come to a meeting and volunteer to serve on one of our committees (see next page). If you can't attend PC meetings, please don't let that stop you from getting involved. Just email Ashley Wojnarski or Heather Couture at [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com).



## Committee Volunteers

We have committees that plan, organize, and run Parents' Council events and the more people we have to serve the better! Committees include:

**Book Fair** (October) – **Chair and members needed.** This committee will just need to help with sales during the Fall Gathing.

**Parents' Press** - Katie Stokes. Members work to compile a monthly newsletter for the school.

**Events Committee** - **Chair and members needed.** This committee plans, organizes and helps staff our Fall Gathering and Spring Carnival community building events.

**Silent Auction** - Bethany Hsia, **co-chair and**

**members needed.** Volunteers help solicit items to be auctioned, pick up donated items, set up the auction display, and clean up. The Silent Auction takes place during the Spring Carnival.

**Hospitality Committee** - Jen Finch & Kat Murray, co-chair and **members needed!** Members organize and manage events such as the parent coffees, teachers' luncheon in December, and meals for teachers during Teacher Appreciation week.

## DMWS Parents' Council Officers for 2019-2020

**Presidents:** Ashley Wojnarski & Heather Couture

**Vice President:** OPEN!

**Treasurer:** Hannah Smith, [hannah.mae.smith@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.mae.smith@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** OPEN!

## Tees & Totes

Interested in getting a DMWS t-shirt for your little people? Need a new DMWS tote for school? E-mail the Parent's Council: [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com).

## A message from the DMWS Board...

### *What does the DMWS Board do?*

The DMWS Board works in partnership with the DMWS Director Julie Allen, supporting the management of the school's day-to-day operations. Through monthly open door board meetings and the work of individuals and committees in-between, the Board is responsible for decisions related to policies, strategy, school leadership, budget management and facility maintenance. In consort with the Director, the Board sets the school's yearly operating budget and reviews requests for tuition assistance. Comprised of DMWS parents and faculty/staff, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church members, and leadership from our facility partners, the Board's work is centered around considering the viewpoints of all constituencies and ensuring the school will continue to thrive.

### *How can I get involved?*

Simply reach out to Loralie Bible (DMWSboardofdirectors@gmail.com) or another current board member regarding your interest and how your unique perspective and set of experiences that can contribute to the governance of our school. Our board serves a variety of functions that requires a variety of skill sets; but the best asset a board member can have is an earnest desire to serve our school and a commitment to the work required. We want to hear from you! Currently, we are looking to fill the finance committee and public relations committee.

## DMWS Fitness 2019-20

Welcome to Fitness Class at Duke Memorial. I am so excited for another year of fun and games with your children. Fitness, a 15-20 minute special class, meets in Whitford Hall once a week. Please check with your regular classroom teacher for the assigned day and time. It is extremely important that students wear comfortable clothes that allow movement and athletic shoes that do not slip and slide.

During the year, we will work to develop physical skills to control objects such as balls, bean bags and hula hoops. Awareness of how the body moves and identification of body parts are also emphasized in addition to self-awareness in relation to other people, objects and space. As the year progresses, we will work on cooperative behavior and taking turns while playing games. Positive self-image and healthy habits will be encouraged.

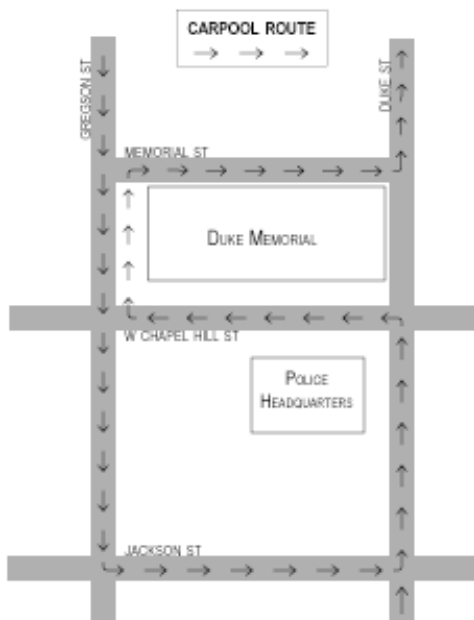
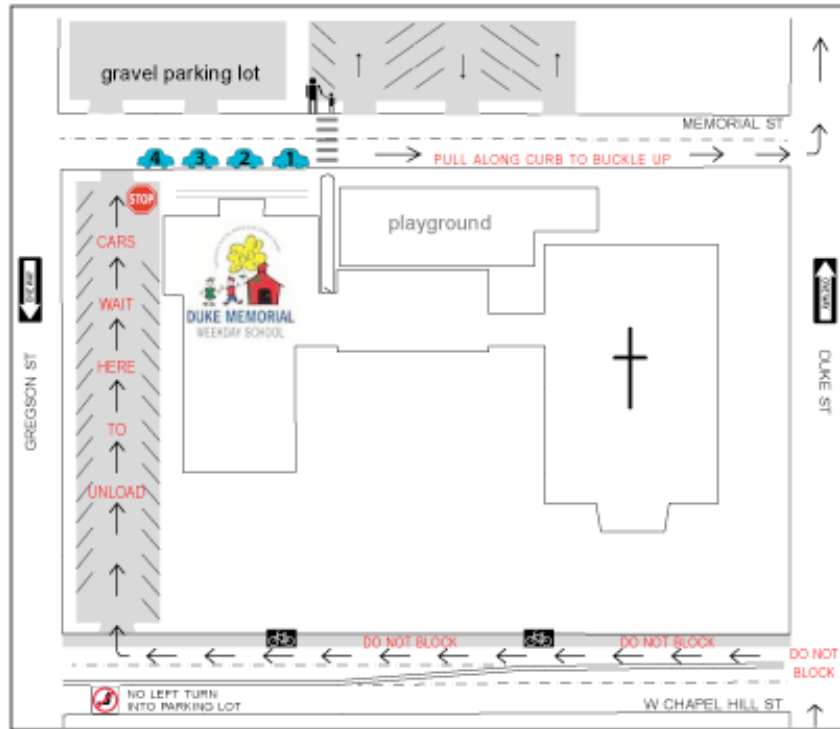
Class begins with an active warm up and stretches followed by an age appropriate activity that introduces a skill. We end with a brief cool down. When possible, I try to coordinate with the classroom teachers and the seasonal themes. Fitness class provides a fun and safe learning environment for all levels and ages. I look forward to a great year with your children. Thank you for sharing them with me!


Jennifer Sykes, *Fitness Instructor*




**DMWS Carpool Line**


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 CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL-FREE ZONE AT ALL TIMES. STAY FOCUSED AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.


 Four cars at a time pull along curb for loading.

 Wait at stop sign for next turn in loading zone. Please have your carpool number displayed.

 There is no left turn into the parking lot. Follow the route around the police station.

 Carpool line is not allowed to occupy the bike lane. **Do not block the bike lane on Chapel Hill St.** If the parking lot is full, circle around the block.

 Parents walking to pickup should line up along the sidewalk with their carpool number in hand.

 Use crosswalk at all times. Do not cross between advancing carpool cars.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Holly Speight and I am the volunteer Box Tops Coordinator at Duke Memorial Weekday School. This year, our goal is to raise \$500. Here are three easy ways you can help:

**Clip** :: Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth \$0.10 when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

**Shop Online** :: Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Top Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Our school can earn eBox Tops® with every qualifying purchase you make, at no additional cost to you.

**Sign up to support our school at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com)**, where you can:

- + See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- + Enter online promotions for chances to win eBoxTops and other prizes
- + Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands

You can also sign up for Box Tops e-mail newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters that include offers from online retailers where you can earn eBoxTops.

With last year's money, sets of Light Stax Illuminated Blocks and items for sensory tables were purchased. To learn more, visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com). Thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,

Holly Speight

*Box Tops Coordinator at Duke Memorial Weekday School*