

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2019



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Oct 1: Parents' Council Meeting

Oct 2: Fire Truck Visit

Oct 3: Storyteller

Oct 4: Bookmobile Visit

Oct 10: Pre-K, K field trip

Oct 10/11: Book Fair

Oct 13: Fall Gathering

Oct 17/18: NO SCHOOL

Teacher workdays/Staff
Development

Oct 24/25: Individual Photos

Oct 31: Halloween Parade

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 11: NO SCHOOL

Veteran's Day



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Dear Parents,

Although the weather still feels like summer, we are transitioning into fall activities. In October, DMWS will have visits from a fire truck and a storyteller, a field trip to a local farm, and an on-site pumpkin patch for students. Classes are enjoying special activities with pumpkins, apples, and leaves. Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual Halloween Parade on October 31.

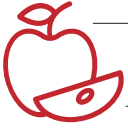
Thank you for following our carpool routines. Please remember that carline is a **CELL FREE ZONE**. Also, remember to prominently display your carpool tag at pick-up by hanging it from your rear view mirror-number facing out. Try to hang it up as soon as you turn into the side parking lot. Remember there is a unique carpool number per family (not per child). If you walk up to get your child, you still must have your carpool tag. When walking across Memorial Drive with your child, please remember to hold his/her hand.

DMWS staff completed CPR/First Aid Training in August. On October 18, we will join with other area preschools for staff development activities. These sessions are energizing and give us great ideas to try in our classrooms.

The Fall Gathering on October 13 will be a wonderful time to meet DMWS families, see your child's classroom and visit the book fair. We look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks to our Parents' Council for sponsoring this event.

Peace,
Julie Allen
Director DMWS





Fall Gathering



Duke Memorial Weekday School's annual fall community building event is right around the corner and we would love for you to be there! It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect and socialize, and for students to show off their classrooms and artwork, and a performance from Happy Dan! This year's Fall Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 13th from 3-5pm.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3-4pm | Classrooms will be open for families to visit! Artwork will be on display in the hallways as well.

4pm | Enjoy a magic show by Happy Dan in Whitford Hall (second floor).

3-5pm | Book Fair will be open for purchases.

More information will be sent home your child's school folder in the next week! We will have CW Coffee Company truck open with coffee and treats for purchase outside by the playground. Also, again this year, we will feature a raffle for a month of tuition!

Classroom Volunteers Update

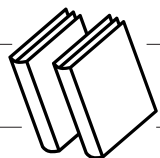
Many many thanks the parents who have volunteered as classroom and carnival/silent auction representatives! Happy to announce that each class has a representative and teacher appreciation is well underway!

We need Spring Carnival & Silent Auction reps in many of the classes. If you are willing to volunteer please email the PC at dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com. Most of the responsibilities for that role will all occur in the spring semester, but we'd like to line up volunteers!

The portion of the Book Fair that occurs during Fall Gathering will need to be staffed by parent volunteers. If you like to participate let us know!!

OPEN POSITIONS UPDATE

We still need a Vice President who will act as President next year. The position of Secretary is also open.



Book Fair

It's time once again for the annual Book Fair, and we need shoppers and volunteers! There will be books for the whole family: toddlers, preschoolers, big kids and parents! There are board books, early reader books, chapter books, character books, books in Spanish, and even activity books. This year we have partnered with Usborne books!

Mark your calendar and we will see you there!

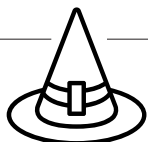
Where: Bradshaw Room (upstairs)

When: Thursday 10/10-Friday 10/11 (before and after drop off)
Sunday, October 13th | During Fall Gathering

We will need parent volunteers to help out as "cashiers" during the Fall Gathering, we will send out a sign up genius in early next week for that.

Questions? Please contact Ashley Wojnarski at dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com

Looking forward to reading with you!



DMWS Halloween Parade



This year, the DMWS Halloween Parade will be on **Thursday, October 31**. Three day 3 students are also invited to participate even though it is not a regular school day for that class. Mrs. Mathis will give her 3's class information about participating.

Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, pass by the playground and walk around the church, finishing up at the school entrance.

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or side parking lot. Please note that our two year old classes will not participate for safety reasons, but they will be able to enjoy the parade from their classrooms.

Please remain outside until the parade is complete. Be sure to take lots of photographs as you watch the parade. Teachers will let the classes pose for group shots at the end of the parade. Also, remember to dress your child in a costume that allows them to walk safely in our parade.

Hello from Parents' Council

Thank you for your enthusiasm for the Parents' Council this year! We are off to a great start with many of our key positions filled and a well attended first meeting in September. We hope that this will continue to be a great time for meeting other parents and supporting our school.

Go Play Save Coupon Books:

Our first fundraiser of the year is in full swing. Thank you to the many who have purchased the Go Play Save books! Our school can earn up to 50% of each book sold so it is any easy way to start our fundraising off right. And the book pays for itself with just a few coupons! **Please make note that the deadline for this fundraiser is October 25th.**

Why Fundraise?

Our fundraisers give back to our school, teachers and community! Money raised throughout the year provides each teacher an allowance to buy extra things for their classrooms and supports yearly teacher appreciation events. Additionally money is provided for facility improvements and some school extras. Finally, the PC fundraisers provide for the Tuition Assistance Fund so that we can support DMWS families who need assistance.

Reminder:

ALL are invited to the monthly Parent's Council meetings, which are usually, the first Tuesday of each month at 9:20! These meetings are kid, coffee, and gym clothes friendly. The meetings are held in the Bradshaw Room (2nd floor) and usually last under an hour. **Upcoming Parents' Council meeting dates are: October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.**

Dining Out

Mark your calendars for October's Dining Out at Picnic on October 24th from 1-8pm. 10% of sales benefit DMWS! Address: 1647 Cole Mill Road, Durham, NC 27705

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Fitness Update

The students have quickly settled into Fitness and are learning our warmup and stretch routine. In our introductory class, we played with the parachute and had a great time. In October, we will work on "Stop, Drop and Roll" for fire safety week. Ask you child to show you the pencil/log roll. We will continue with some Autumn and Halloween activities to begin work on throwing and catching by playing Corn Hole. We will also throw and catch pumpkin balloons. We will finish the month with some ghost bowling and spider ring toss. Thank you for remembering to send your child to school on fitness day with the appropriate and safe shoes and clothes.

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.

Playground Reminder

DMWS shares the playground with PMO. DMWS students use the playground from 9-noon each day while PMO uses it from noon until 12:45pm.

Box Tops for Education

Please feel free to start sending in your Box Tops that you have clipped in with your child's folders or sign up for the app to scan your receipts. Every one helps!



Did You Know?

- On Sunday, September 22 the congregation of Duke Memorial UMC was invited to look at our newly renovated spaces to see the new flooring, paint and fabulous mural.
- DMWS was able to replace some classroom furniture during the summer. We recycled the used pieces by donating them to a preschool for refugee children that will be opening soon.
- DMWS kindergarten has a new computer and computer cart in their classroom.
- DMWS distributed over \$17000 in tuition assistance to families for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Director Julie Allen is the Chair of the Durham Orange Preschool Association for this year.

Meet Jane Marsilio, our new Music Teacher!



Parent Education Opportunity

Emerge Pediatric Therapy is offering Building with Baby, a parent education course on building baby's developmental skills and meeting milestones. The workshop will focus on tummy time, benefits of infant massage, multi-sensory ways to play with your baby and more. Two OT's will lead the workshop and your baby is welcome to attend with you.

WHEN: Saturday, October 19 from 10am-12pm

WHERE: EmERGE Pediatric Therapy, 3905 University Drive, Durham, 27707

COST: \$5 per family for EmERGE families/\$10 for non-EmERGE families (on-site childcare for ages 1+, cost is donation based)

TO REGISTER: call 919-928-0204