
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2020

Mark your Calendars:

Oct 1 & 2: Individual Picture Days
Oct 8 & 9: Rain Dates for Picture Days
Oct 15 & 16: Teacher Workdays: No school for children
Oct 18-31: Virtual Book Fair
Oct 21: Dining Out at Jersey Mike's on MLK
Oct 28, 29 & 30: DMWS Halloween Parades by class

Looking ahead:



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Dear Parents,

Although the weather still feels like summer, we are transitioning into fall activities. This month, classes are enjoying special activities with pumpkins, apples, and leaves. Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual Halloween Parade on October 28, 29 and 30. More information on this year's parade format is listed later in this newsletter. Your child's teachers will also share specific information related to their particular class.

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 drop-off and 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.

On October 15 and 16, we will have teacher workdays. These days give us joint planning time as well as opportunities to practice safety drills as a staff.

Peace,
Julie Allen
Director DMWS



DMWS Halloween Parades

This year, the DMWS will have 3 Halloween Parades to ensure a small number of people viewing the parade each day. The dates will be Wednesday, October 28 (Speight & Nelson), Thursday, October 29 (Lowder & Charles) and Friday October 30 (Sublett, Thompson, & Ferrell). The parades will begin as soon as carline ends and we can get the children organized.

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. Your child's teacher will let you know the best place to stand to observe the parade and where the class will pose for a group photo. Please note that our two year old classes will not participate for safety reasons, but they will be able to enjoy the parade from the playground.

DMWS Openings

DMWS currently has openings in the following age groups:

3's
Pre-K

If you have friends or neighbors looking for a nurturing play-based preschool, have them contact Julie Allen at julieallen@dmws.org for more information. At this time, all tours are virtual.

October Dining Out

Our Dining Out will be at Jersey Mike's on MLK Parkway on October 22 for all day! 50% of all sales (when DMWS is mentioned) will be donated back to our school. (See Flyer at end of Parents Press).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Due to a generous donation by a DMWS grandparent, we were able to purchase a new changing table with lockable stairs.
- On rainy days this year, DMWS is able to use the Whitford Hall to help “get the wiggles out”.
- Two teachers serve on the DMWS Board of Directors. They are Teri Lowder and Blythe Thompson.
- To help families discuss the coronavirus with their children, CNN has done several Town Halls on COVID-19. There are several videos that can be found on the CNN website. These child friendly segments are co-hosted by Sesame Street characters. One of the musical segments is listed below.
www.cnn.com/videos/health/2020/06/13/entire-june-13-cnn-sesame-street-covid-19-town-hall-part-1-vpx.cnn/video/playlists/entire-cnn-sesame-street-abcs-of-covid-19-town-hall/

Book Fair

It's time once again for the annual Book Fair and this year we will be completely virtual! 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 Scholastic Book Fair!

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.

EAT A SUB, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

FUNDRAISER

October 21 • ALL DAY



Good goes beyond the sub! Join us **Wednesday, October 21st** in support of **Duke Memorial Weekday School**. We're happily donating 50% of sales, so stop by, enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause.

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