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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2020

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## Mark your Calendars:

Dec 7/8: Christmas Story on the Sanctuary From Steps

Dec 14/15: Rain dates for Christmas Story

Dec 18: Last day of school for 2020

## Looking ahead:

Jan 4: School Reopens

Jan 18: MLK Holiday- No School

Jan 25/26: Parent Conferences- No School

Jan 27: Registration for 2021-2022 Opens

Dear Parents,

As 2020 comes to a close, the DMWS staff would like to thank you for sharing your dear children with us. We are honored to partner with you during your child's preschool years. We appreciate your cooperation this year as we have needed to implement new protocols.

December is shaping up to be busy! There will be cooking experiences/gift making/art projects as well as the opportunity to hear the church bells play and hear the Christmas Story from the front steps of the Sanctuary Building.

Planning for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. On December 2, DMWS will host a Virtual Kindergarten Open House at noon. Please RSVP to the school office if you plan to attend. In January, we will hold Parent Conferences on January 25 and 26. Teachers will share information about your child's progress. Look for information about conference sign-ups from your child's teacher. If you know of any families who may be interested in our program, please encourage them to schedule a virtual tour of DMWS so they can learn more.

Please remember that our carline is a CELL FREE ZONE. Please refrain from exiting your vehicle into traffic when your car is parked for drop-off or pick-up. Children are unloaded/loaded from the passenger sides of vehicles. Memorial Drive is a city street and unfortunately, many cars speed as they travel by our school.

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday,  
Julie Allen  
Director DMWS



# Important Registration Information for 2021-2022

Registration for next year begins on January 27. In order to hold a spot for 2021-2022 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee of \$75 for returning students (\$85 for new students). **All registration fees are non-refundable.**

During the week of January 19-22, you will receive an application for each of your currently enrolled children through their school folder. Applications for siblings may be requested from the office. Priority for registration is as follows:

- Current Students
- Siblings of current students
- Children of church members/ministerial staff
- Children and grandchildren of DMWS faculty/staff
- Siblings of former DMWS students
- Children and grandchildren of DMWS alumni
- Children of current PMO teachers and DMUMC support staff
- General Public

In order to retain priority, your completed application must be received by the February 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Tuition rates for 2021-2022 will be set by our Board of Directors in December.

Class offerings for each age level are determined by initial enrollment numbers. Typically we are able to offer the following:

- Kindergarten (5 days)
- Pre-k (5 and 4 day classes)
- 3's (5, 4, 3, and 2 day classes)
- 2's (3 and 2 day classes)

If enrollment numbers are sufficient, we may be able to offer a 5 day 2's class.

## DMWS Tuition Payments

Tuition payments are due each month on the first and past due on the tenth. Payment options. Include check, cash, credit card (on-line via website) and automatic draft. Checks and cash payments are encouraged because our school does incur additional fees to process the credit card and ACH payments.

## Remind Texting Service

Remind is a free messaging tool to help education 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)394-2094**. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Ms. Kujawa is a former student who is now teaching with us!
- DMWS students had a fire drill on Friday, October 9. We vacated the building in 2 minutes 47 seconds!
- Durham has plans to add bike lanes to both Gregson and Duke Streets. Restriping is scheduled for summer 2021 and early 2022.
- Our kindergarten students recently completed projects on spiders. They made a video of their work and what they learned.
- The hopscotch area on the playground was recently repainted.