THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2021

Mark your Calendars:

Feb 3: Parents' Council

Meeting

Feb 4: Priority Registration

Deadline

Feb 12: Early Bird Donuts

Fundraiser

Feb 18-19: Canned Food Drive

Feb 16: Dining Out at Chipotle

Looking ahead:

March 1 & 2- Teacher workdays and Staff Development

Dear Parents,

February is such an exciting time at DMWS! The children love to share Valentines with their classmates. To show love to our community, DMWS will have a canned food drive to benefit the food pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. Be sure to turn in all applications with the registration fee by February 4 to retain priority in the registration process. Let your friends and neighbors know we are enrolling for the fall. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

Calling all summer campers! DMWS will offer 3 sessions of camp for children who are rising 3's through rising first grade. Camp dates are June 21-25, July 12-16 and August 2-6 runs 9am-12:30pm daily. Applications will be sent home in late February.

Mark your calendars with the following important dates; March 1 and 2 = Teacher Workdays (training and group planning sessions)

March 29-April 2= Spring Break

Peace, Julie





DMWS Summer Camp 2021- SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer 3 weeks of camp this summer. You will be able to sign up for one, two or three weeks. Week 1 will be June 21-25. Week 2 will be July 12-16 and Week 3 will be August 2-6 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. Look for applications in your child's folder in late February.

DMWS Canned Food Drive

Each February, DMWS sponsors a canned food drive to support the Food Pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. This year, students may bring in canned food items between Feb. 8 and Feb 19. We will line the hallway with the donations and students will be able to use the cans for math activities before we bag them to be donated. Students love seeing the items fill the hallway. Thanks for your support!

WELCOME TO DMWS!

Morganne Elkins has recently joined our staff as an assistant teacher to Ms. Kujawa in 3 day 2's and 2 day 2's. Ms. Elkins has a background in art and education. She has attended school and worked in both the United States and abroad. DMWS is excited to add Ms. Elkins to our staff.

PMO

Duke Memorial Parents' Morning Out (PMO) will begin enrollment on February 22, 2020. PMO's mission is to create a compassionate, safe, and nurturing Christian environment for infants, toddlers and their parents. Our program operates Monday- Friday from 9:15 am- 12:45 pm. PMO accept children 8 months old- 3 years old (Children that turn 3 yo before August 31, 2020 are ineligible for enrollment). Your child can attend PMO for up to three days/week. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, reach out to Annie Barrow at annie.pmo@dukememorial.org.

DMWS Book Fund

One of the cornerstones of the philosophy of DMWS is a commitment to diversity. In the past, books for young children that depict diversity have been difficult to find. Luckily this is now changing and DMWS would like to add a wide range of books representing diversity to our library. The DMWS Board of Directors decided to ask our parents to contribute to a "book fund" to be used to purchase a wide range of children's books that depict our diverse world. Since Duke Memorial United Methodist Church is focusing more on diversity, the congregation is being invited to join us in this effort.

A common time for schools to celebrate books and reading occurs yearly in early March when educators celebrate Read Across America Day. To coordinate with Read Across America Day (March 2), we are asking parents and church members to donate money to our Book Fund. Checks can be made out to DMWS and returned to school via your child's school bag or mailed to us at

DMWS 504 West Chapel Hill St Durham, NC 27701

Spring Virtual Silent Auction

The Spring Virtual Silent Auction will be here before we know it! While the date has not yet been determined, we are seeking help from our DMWS community.

Here's How You Can Help:

- + JOIN our auction planning team (we're nice and it's really pretty fun not to mention it is a BIG fundraiser for our school).
- + DONATE an item or service to the auction.
- + SUGGEST individuals or businesses who may be able to donate an item or service and CONNECT us.

Please feel free to contact Parents Council at dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com.

Early Bird Donuts

We are so happy to announce that we will be partnering with Early Bird Donuts on Erwin Road on February 12th for a special Valentine's Day mixed dozen fundraiser. Please be on the lookout for an email from the Parents' Council with details and ordering instructions!



February Dining Out

Hi families! Our February Dining Out fundraiser night will be at **Chipotle** (Patterson Place, 15-501 in Durham). Please see the flyer and details below.

Just a quick note about this- Chipotle requires that our event bring in at least \$150 in total sales before they will donate 33% back to our school!

This seems like an easy target to hit, but last year when we attempted, we fell short! If just 6 families spend at least \$25 on dinner, we should hit the goal, I'm hopeful that way more will participate! Chipotle has easy online ordering, and those orders will count for our school!

Use the code **DF36JRB** for online orders & show the attached flyer at the register!

Please see details below, let me know if you have questions or if you have ideas for other places that would partner with us for dining out!

Kristen Scarbro, dining out coordinator



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Duke Memorial Weekday School. Just come in to the Chipotle at **3219 Watkins Rd Ste 100** in Durham on **Tuesday, February 16th** from **4:00pm** to **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Duke Memorial Weekday School.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code DF36JRB before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.