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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | March 2021

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## Mark your Calendars:

Mar 1 & 2: Teacher Workdays/  
Staffs Development  
Mar 3: Parents' Council  
Meeting  
March 29- April 2: Spring Break

## Looking ahead:

April 7: Parents' Council  
Meeting  
April 20-25th: Virtual Silent  
Auction

Dear Parents,

Happy March! This month we will enjoy St. Patrick's Day festivities and many spring activities. We will have a tornado drill this month and a fire drill. DMWS is celebrating *Read Across America Day* by inviting our families and DMUMC members to contribute to our Diversity Book Fund to expand our library holdings. If you would like to donate, please send your donation through your child's school bag or give it to a staff member during carpool.

Make plans for your children to attend summer camp. This year, we are planning 3 sessions of camp. Spaces fill on a first come, first served basis - so get those forms in early! Forms have been sent home in your child's folder. Cost is \$180 per week and includes time for lunch.

DMWS has a few spaces left in our program for next year. Please let your friends and neighbors know! We do keep a waiting list for classes that have filled in case children need to withdraw due to moving, etc.

On March 1, our staff will have a day of planning and time for age level meetings. On March 2, our 2's and 3's teachers will attend a virtual workshop on *Science in the Outdoor Classroom* while Pre-K and K staff will attend *The Magic of Board Games*. Ongoing staff development is important as we strive to offer an excellent play based experience for your children.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,  
Julie



## DMWS Summer Camp 2021

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. Applications have been sent home in your child's folder.

## DMWS Canned Food Drive

Many thanks for participating in our annual canned food drive. DMWS delivered 254 non-perishable items to Urban Ministries of Durham Food Pantry on Monday, February 22. Before the delivery, the children lined our hallway with cans. They counted, investigated weight, and compared sizes.

## Tuition Assistance

DMWS is able to offer tuition assistance to families who demonstrate need. Yearlong assistance applications are due by May 1 of each school year while emergency assistance applications may be submitted as the need arises. Applicants may pick up applications in the school office. The DMWS Board of Directors determines recipients at the May board meeting. All applications/awards are kept confidential.

## 2021-2022 Openings

DMWS has completed enrollment of current students and their siblings for fall 2021. There is space available in our 2's, 3's, and Kindergarten programs. Our Pre-K has a short waiting list. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings. To schedule a virtual tour, interested families can contact DMWS at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) or 919-688-5130. Remember: one of the best forms of advertisement is "word of mouth"!

## 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

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504 West Chapel Hill St  
Durham, NC 27701

## Quote of the Month:

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.

~ Fred Rogers

# DMWS Silent Auction

Spring will come...and so will the virtual DMWS Silent Auction, in late April!

**WHEN:** From noon on Tuesday April 20th through noon on Sunday April 25th

**WHERE:** VIRTUAL! On an auction website. Links to be provided closer to event

**WHY:** This is the most profitable yearly fundraiser for our school. Funds raised by the Parents' Council directly enrich our children's experience at DMWS by funding classroom books, craft supplies, special items such as classroom furniture and the gathering drum and by providing tuition assistance.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP!:**

Parents' Council will seek donations, but our success would skyrocket if each family at our school would contact one business they love to request participation via a donation. In the past, some of our families have generously submitted donations from their own businesses. Although many local businesses have been challenged by the pandemic, they continue to rely on new patrons; our auction is a great opportunity for all of the families at our school to discover them! A modestly sized gift card/service/item donation is immensely helpful.

## **CONTACT:**

Please email Holly O'Sullivan (auctionholly2021@gmail.com) with questions, or to let her know if you are able to help by requesting or providing a donation. Holly can provide a PDF letter customized a specific business.

Thank you for reading, and for your support of our school!

DMWS Parents' Council

## **Ideas for Auction Donation Requests**

If you have a good relationship with the owners/staff at any businesses, consider requesting a donation of a gift card/service. Any donation is so helpful! Thank you!

- \*Autoshops
- \*Bakeries
- \*Beer/wine bars or retail shops
- \*Car wash/detailing
- \*Coffee/tea shops
- \*Dry Cleaning
- \*Florist
- \*Framing/Art Supply retailer
- \*Garden Centers
- \*Gift shops
- \*House Cleaning services
- \*Hotels/B&B's
- \*Local Grocers/Food Co-ops
- \*Party Supply/Decor
- \*Personal training
- \*Pet Grooming/Boarding
- \*Photography
- \*Playspaces (some are offering socially distanced options e.g. Notasium)
- \*Restaurants
- \*Salons (Hair, Nails)
- \*Spa/Massage
- \*Specialty Fitness classes (Yoga, Boot Camp, Pilates, Cycling, etc)
- \*Toys (NEW and unopened only)

## Open Positions for Parents' Council Next Year

Looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year, the Parents' Council has some vital positions to fill! Would you be interested in being our:

**Vice President** (serves as president the following school year)

Please reach out to [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com) with any questions and we can do into more detail about what these positions entail. There may be more roles available in the fall, but these are the most important and time-sensitive. Many of the positions are ideal to share with a friend, so grab a buddy and join us March 10th for this month's Parents' Council meeting, where you can learn more!!

## March Dining Out

Hi families! Our February Dining Out fundraiser night will be at **The Loop** (1116 Broad Str in Durham) on March 16, 4-8 pm. They will donate 10% of the sales back to DMWS! Please mention DMWS when ordering!

**Dining out update:** Thank you so much to our DMWS for participating in our two events for February- Early Bird Donuts and Chipotle. We sold 36 dozen donuts which gives \$120 back to DMWS. We also hit our goal at Chipotle to get \$114 back to DMWS!!!



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# Y'all Need Cookies & DMWS Spring Fundraiser

20% of sales donated to DMWS Parent Council

Fun activity for Spring Break!

Delivered to DMWS during carline pick up Thursday, March 25th and

Friday, March 26th, 12:00 or 12:50pm

Please complete order form here: <https://forms.gle/cCubmgcUUCRNQJWEA>

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\*Cookies are prepared in a home kitchen with known allergens. Cookie ingredients: eggs, butter, sugar, flour, vanilla paste, meringue powder, powdered sugar, corn syrup, glycerin, vanilla extract, FD&C colors.



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