
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | May 2021

Mark your Calendars:

May 11: Dining out at Freddy's
May 17: Spirit Week-PJ Day
May 18: Spirit Week-Wacky Tacky Day
May 19: Spirit Week-Favorite Team Day
May 20: Spirit Week-Silly Socks/Silly Hat
May 21: Spirit Day- DMWS Day
May 21: Last Day of Lunch Bunch
May 26: Last Day of School for Students

Looking ahead:

June 21-25: Camp Week 1
July 12-16: Camp Week 2
Aug 2-6: Camp Week 3

Sept. 7: Parent Orientation
Sept 8: First Day of School for Students

Dear DMWS Families,

As we come to the close of this school year, I would like to thank you for sharing your sweet children with us this year. The DMWS staff appreciates the faith you showed by enrolling your children in preschool during a challenging time. We appreciate how you have adapted to necessary changes. Hopefully, next school year will be a step closer to "normal" with field trips, age level activities, and school wide gatherings. As recommendations from NCDHHS evolve, we will modify our policies and inform you of any changes.

Many thanks to our wonderful Parents' Council for their work in making the annual Silent Auction/Raffle such a terrific success. The items and gift baskets were amazing!

Please let your friends and neighbors know that DMWS continues to enroll children until classes are filled. We also keep a waiting list in case spots open during the summer. Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement!

Summer Camp spots are still available, so book your child's spot if you haven't already done so. Weeks offered are: June 21-25, July 12-16, August 2-6. Contact the school office if you need a registration form.

Enjoy your summer!
Julie



DMWS Summer Camp 2021- Important Update

Current summer camp enrollment will allow us to offer separate classes for rising first graders and rising kindergarteners this year for the first time during Camp Weeks 1 and 2. Usually, those ages are combined. Mrs. Lowder and Mrs. Perkins will be leading the rising first grade class.

Camp will be a great opportunity to continue to reinforce important kindergarten skills as the children look forward to first grade in the fall.

We have limited openings all 3 camp 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. Children bring their own lunches and we will provide snack. 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. Contact the office if you need a registration form.



DMWS Fitness Teacher

DMWS is looking for a new Fitness Teacher to start in the fall! Hours are 8:30am-12:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. Responsibilities include planning and implementing age appropriate gross motor development activities for children ages 2-kindergarten. Interested applicants should submit a resume to Julie Allen at julieallen@dmws.org.

Quote of the Month:

The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.

~ Maria Montessori

Diversity Book Fund

Thanks to the generosity of DMWS families and DMUMC church members, the Diversity Book Fund drive raised \$843. Donations are still being accepted if you would like to contribute. Here is a partial list of books recently purchased.

- *Hello Goodbye Dog*
- *Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children*
- *Dad, Who Will I Be?*
- *Mae Among the Stars*
- *Whose Hands Are These?: A Community Helper Guessing Game*
- *I See Things Differently: A First Look at Autism*
- *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*
- *Yoko*
- *All Are Welcome*

Did you know?

- During a unit on birds, the Kindergarten class dissected owl pellets.
- In honor of Earth Day, classes made small planets for art, used recycled materials to create various items, and discussed ways to be kind to our planet. Some classes also studied the water cycle.
- On nice weather days, you may find a lunch bunch class eating on the front lawn.
- DMWS now has a searchable “card catalog” of books in our library. Many thanks to Grace Lowder and Blythe Thompson for keeping our library up to date and easy for the staff to use.
- The Kindergarten class put in a “kinder garden” in the plant beds near the school entrance.

PMO

Duke Memorial Parents' Morning Out (PMO) enrollment is currently open at Duke Memorial Parents' Morning Out (PMO) for the 2021-2022 school year. 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.

Teacher Appreciation/Spirit Week: May 17-21

Teacher Appreciation:

We have a great week planned celebrating our wonderful teachers. The hospitality committee will be providing a combination of breakfasts and lunches to the teachers that week. Look for more information in an upcoming email on how you can help!

Spirit Week:

Monday: PJ Day- wear your pajamas!

Tuesday: PJ Day for T/TH kids or Wacky Tacky Day!

Wednesday: Favorite Team Day

Thursday: Silly Socks or Hat Day!

Friday: DMWS Spirit Day- wear your DMWS tee or school colors from our logo!



May's Dining Out

This month's dine out will be at **Freddy's in Patterson Place 15-501** (3303 Watkins Road , Durham, NC 27707) on **May 11, 5-8pm**. This is for drive thru only and please mention DMWS when ordering!



HUGE THANK YOU!

We want to thank the following businesses from Durham and surrounding areas for offering items to our Silent Auction and Class Baskets. Many of these are small businesses and families associated with Duke Memorial Weekday School. We were successful in raising funds for our school because of their generosity!

Aloft Hotel
Carrie Richardson of CR2F
Bowerbird Flowers and Apothecar, Bull
City Ciderwork,
Bull City Gardens
Bull City Solera and Taproom
Barefoot Studio
Scuppernong Tees
Durham Bulls Baseball
Eastcut Sandwich Bar
Julie Kent
Greensboro Science Center
Kustom Kreations
Nose Candy Candles
Joe Van Gogh Coffee
Marbles Museum

Sid and Julie Allen
Bandit's Threads
Meraki
Monuts
Museum of Life and Science
Namu
Nantucket Grill
Ninth Street Bakery
Orange County Sportsplex
The Produce Box, Dynamic Expression
Valley Brook Farms
Wellville Massage and Healing Arts
Scrolling for Sanity
Bare Wood & Crafts
Y'all Need Cookies
Burn Boot Camp - North Durham
Jewish Community Center