

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | September 2021

Mark your Calendars:

Sept 7: Parent Orientation
via ZOOM at noon
Sept 8: First day of School
Sept 14: Lunch Bunch
Begins
Sept 15: Parent's Council
Meeting in Whitford Hall at
9:30am
Sept 24: Health Forms
Due
Sept 27 & 28: Individual
Photos

Looking ahead:

Oct 6: Parent's Council
Meeting Via ZOOM at 9:30
am

Dear DMWS Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! The staff at DMWS is excited to partner with your family during your child's preschool experience. Safety of the children and staff is very important to us. Please remember our carpool line is a CELL FREE ZONE. This includes all parking lots. We will conduct daily health screenings in carpool line before children enter the building. All drop-off and pick-up will occur outside. If you are late and miss carline drop-off, please call the school office at 919-688-5130 so a staff member can meet you on the school porch and conduct the health screening.

This fall, the City of Durham Water/Sewer Line Replacement Project may impact traffic patterns in our area. Be sure to carefully note lane closures and traffic shifts. Durham City employees are keeping me up to date with the work that may impact our program and I will update you as information becomes available.

Our classes will be considered "pods" again this year so there will be no mixing of classes. We will continue to split the playground in order to allow for adequate time outside while keeping classes separated. The school will also be using the front lawn as weather permits.

Be sure to check our website www.dmws.org to keep updated on important information and access the 2021-2022 Handbook. You may also choose to pay your tuition by credit/debit card through a secure link on our webpage. The payment link can be found under the ADMISSIONS tab. Payment may also be made by check, money order, or by auto-draft. If you did not receive an auto-draft form by email earlier in the summer, please contact the office.

I look forward to the new school year and am so glad to have you and your child as part of the Duke Memorial Weekday School family. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions.

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Director DMWS
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Julie Allen, Director



Teri Lowder & Dawn Perkins
Kindergarten



Amanda Sublett & Peggy Britt
5 day Pre-k



Blythe Thompson & Chesley Sneed
5 day Pre-k



Heather Cummings & Holly Speight
4 day Pre-k



Leslie Alkins & Stephanie Ferrell
5 day 3's



Necia Joy & Shay Charles
4 day 3's



Nicole Nelson & Jennifer King
3 day 3's



Kathy Mangum & Elizabeth Hayes
5 day 2's



Mary Lee Bailey, Jane Hardin, and
Ann Marie Boyd
3 day 2's



Lynn Llewellyn & Anne Marie Boyd
2 day 2's



Lynnette Mann & Joanne Vance
2 day 2's



Jane Marsilio, Music



Heather Couture, Fitness Teacher



Joe Stevens AKA Mr. Joe
Building Manager

Face Coverings at DMWS

In order to provide a safe environment for both students and staff, we will be wearing face coverings inside the building except when eating. Teachers are required to wear either a regular face covering or one with a clear panel while inside the building and when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained outside. We expect students to also wear face coverings in the building except when eating. Children will not be asked to wear face coverings on the playground. Your child's teacher will communicate more with you regarding this change to school.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Using the funds generously donated by our Parents' Council, DMWS purchased new shelving for our library. These shelving units give us a place to house our expanded collection of books that show diversity. Thank you Parents' Council!
- Church World Service is renting space in the newly renovated lower level of the Sanctuary Building from Duke Memorial UMC. CWS employees park in the row of the parking lot closest to Duke Street.
- DMWS has space available in the 2's, pre-K and kindergarten. Let your friends and neighbors know!
- DMWS pays a living wage of a minimum \$15/hour.
- Former teachers Ms. Kujawa (London) and Ms. Elkins (Budapest) have moved to Europe! They are sharing photos, etc of their experiences with the staff of DMWS.

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.

Carpool Reminders

Carpool helps us get our students in and out of the facility safely and efficiently. Please help us



September Dining out

Our September Dining out will be at Mellow Mushroom on September 27th from 4pm- close. You can dine in, take out or order online. Just mention Duke Memorial to the staff and they will mark the receipt for a part of the sales to be donated to our school!

DMWS is Peanut-free

No Peanuts or peanut butter will be allowed in DMWS classrooms. Children who bring lunches to school for Kindergarten or Lunch Bunch may use other nut butters (cashew butter, almond butter, sunflower seed butter, etc.)

Did you know?

You can help support the school by linking our accounts to DMWS:



Parking at DMWS

Please use the paved parking lot on Memorial Drive if you need to park and walk across the street. The spaces along the fence at the back of the parking lot (marked in yellow on the fence) are reserved for Church World Service employees.

DMWS Carpool Line

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CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL-FREE ZONE AT ALL TIMES. STAY FOCUSED AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.
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Three cars at a time pull along curb for loading.
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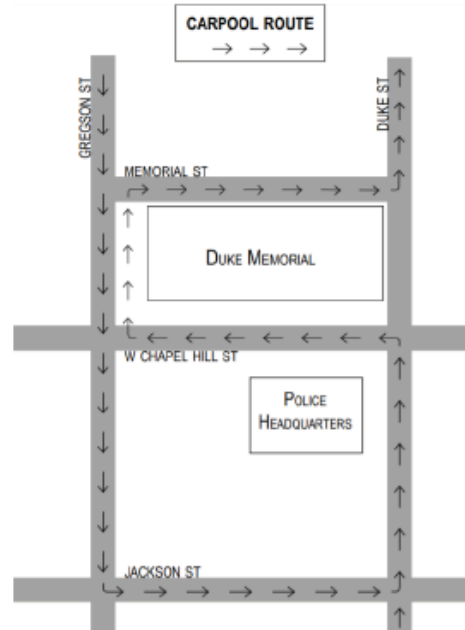
Wait at stop sign for next turn in loading zone. Please have your carpool number displayed.
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There is no left turn into the parking lot. Follow the route around the police station.
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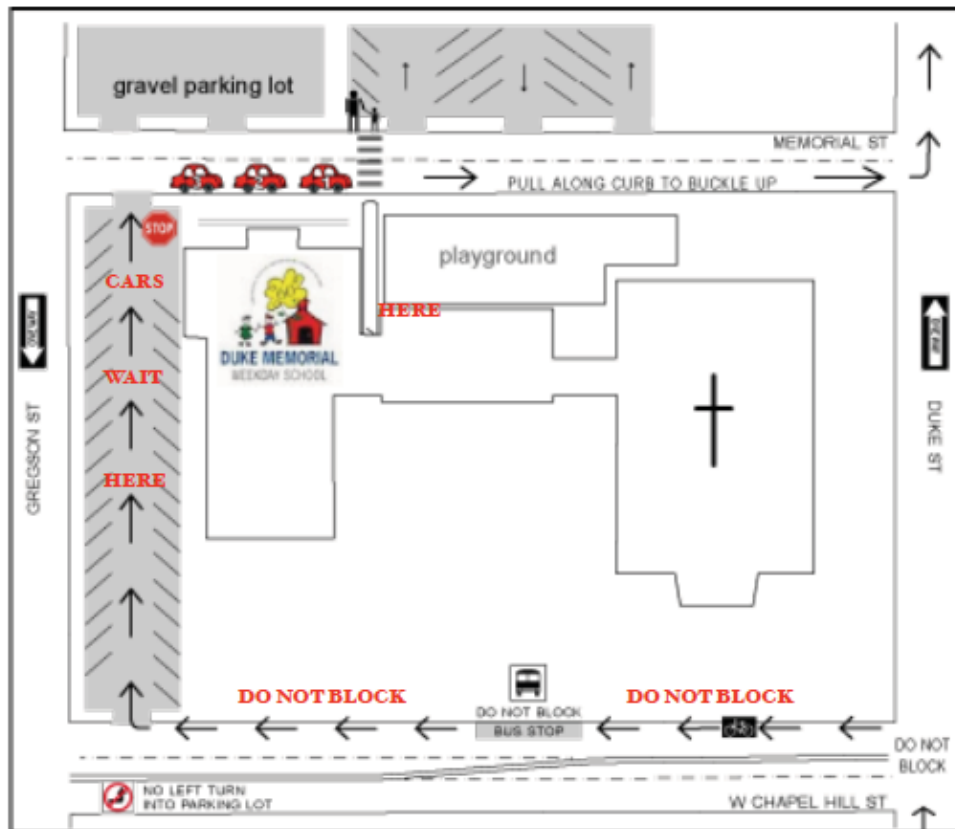
Carpool line occupies the bike lane. **Do not block the bus stop or the Duke St intersection.** If the line is full, repeat the loop around the police station.
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Parents walking to pickup should line up along the sidewalk with their carpool number in hand.
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Use crosswalk at all times. Do not cross between advancing carpool cars.



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