

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2021

Mark your Calendars:

Oct 1- Book Mobile Visit
(Staff only at this time)
Oct 6- Parents' Council Meeting at 9:15 in Whitford Hall and Zoom
Oct 13- Visit from the Fire Truck
Oct 13- Dining Out at Jersey Mike's (MLK Parkway)
Oct 14- Picture day (Make up from Sept 28)
Oct 14- K and Pre-k Field trip to the Eno
Oct 20- Make Up Picture Day (if needed)
Oct 22- Scholastic Virtual Book Fair Begins
Oct 27 & 28- Halloween Parades

Looking ahead:

Nov 11- Veteran's Day No School



Dear Parents,

Happy Fall! At school, we are transitioning into fall activities. This month, classes will do special activities with pumpkins, apples, and leaves. Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual Halloween Parade on October 27 and 28. More information on this year's parade format is listed later in this newsletter. Your child's teachers will also share specific information related to their particular class. Remember, our 2's classes watch the parade but do not dress up.

Thank you for following our carpool routines. It is certainly challenging with the changing traffic patterns in downtown Durham and we appreciate your patience as the water/sewer replacement is completed. Please remember that carline is a CELL FREE ZONE. Also, remember to prominently display your carpool tag at drop-off and pick-up by hanging it from your rear view mirror- number facing out. Try to hang it up as soon as you turn into the side parking lot. Remember there is a unique carpool number per family (not per child). If you walk up to get your child, you still must have your carpool tag. When walking across Memorial Drive with your child, please remember to hold his/her hand and use the crosswalk.

On October 21 and 22, we will have teacher workdays. On October 21, our staff will complete CPR/First Aid Training. October 22 will give us joint planning time as well as opportunities to practice safety drills as a staff.

Peace,
Julie Allen
Director DMWS



DMWS Halloween Parades

This year, the DMWS will have 2 Halloween Parades to ensure a smaller number of people viewing the parade each day. The dates will be Wednesday, October 27 (3's and Kindergarten) and Thursday, October 28 (Pre-K). The parades will begin as soon as carline ends and we can get the children organized.

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or side parking lot. Your child's teacher will let you know the best place to stand to observe the parade and where the class will pose for a group photo. Please note that our two year old classes will not participate for safety reasons, but they will be able to watch the parade.

Remember to dress your child in a costume that allows them to walk safely in our parade. We do not allow weapons as part of a



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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.

DMWS Openings

DMWS currently has limited openings. If you have friends or neighbors looking for a nurturing play-based preschool, have them contact Julie Allen at julieallen@dmws.org for more information. At this time, all tours are virtual.

Playground Reminder

DMWS shares the playground with PMO. DMWS students use the playground from 9-noon each day while PMO uses it from noon until 12:45pm.

DID YOU KNOW?

- DMWS has just welcomed a new staff member! Evanthea Chamis will work as a 5 day 2's assistant teacher on M-W-F.
- DMWS has limited space available in our school. Let your friends and neighbors know!
- The Parents' Council treated the school staff to a *Make Your Own Trail Mix Bar* in September! It was delicious.
- DMWS has an AED in our school office. The church also has an AED located in the hall near the church office.

October Dine out

The October dining out will be at Jersey Mike's on Wednesday October 13th all day. They are donating 50% of sales to Duke Memorial, mention DMWS at the register or online. Flyer at the end of Parent Press.

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EAT A SUB, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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October 13 • ALL DAY, 10am-9pm



Good goes beyond the sub! Join us **Wednesday, October 13th**

in support of **Duke Memorial Weekday School**. We're happily donating 50% of sales, so stop by, enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause.

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