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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | November 2020

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## **Mark your Calendars:**

Nov 3- Parents' Council Meeting Whitford Hall and ZOOM  
Nov 4- Book Fair Ends  
Nov 5- Book Mobile  
Nov 11- Veterans Day Holiday NO SCHOOL  
Nov 15- Dining Out at Hog Heaven (Guess Road)  
Nov 24-26- Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL

## **Looking ahead:**

Dec 8- Kindergarten Open House- registration required

Dear DMWS Family,

Autumn is here! DMWS has certainly been a busy place recently. We've had a fire drill, pumpkin and leaf activities, CPR/First Aid training for staff and our annual Halloween Parade X 2! The children have celebrated the change of season with art projects, movement activities and cooking experiences.

Many thanks to all of you for your patience as the church addresses roof issues and the city replaces aging water/sewer lines. Hopefully both projects will be complete soon. In the meantime, be sure to allow yourself plenty of time to reach DMWS for carline.

DMWS still has a few openings, particularly in the 2's program. If you know anyone looking for a wonderful preschool for their child, be sure to give them my contact information.

Parents of our pre-k classes are invited to attend a Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, December 8 at 12:15pm. This gives parents an opportunity to learn more about our kindergarten program. Print information will go out soon.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!

Julie Allen  
DMWS Director



# Remind Texting Service

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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.

## Did you know?

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- On October 14, our pre-K and K classes went on a field trip to West Point on the Eno. They rotated through stations that included making sun prints, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, and a going on a scavenger hunt.
- Ladder Truck 2 and Sparky the Fire Dog visited DMWS for a fire safety presentation on October 13.
- DMWS applied for and received 2 PPP Loans. Both have been fully forgiven.
- The DMWS Board of Directors meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 9:15am.
- Our kindergarten class has been learning about spiders. Did you realize there is a Happy Face Spider?

## Carpool Reminder

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For the Safety of the children, please keep the following in mind:

1. Carpool line is a cellphone free zone.
2. Do not exit your car from the driver's side while your car is in a loading/unloading position. After you pull up to buckle, you may exit your car if needed. Memorial Drive is a city street and is used by many cars daily.

# Kindergarten Open House

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 12:15pm

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DMWS will hold an Open House for parents to learn more about DMWS kindergarten. There will be an opportunity to see the classroom, speak with the lead teacher, and ask questions.

Please call the office at 919-688-5130 or send an email to [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) to register for this in-person event. If you wish to attend virtually, a ZOOM link will be provided after registration. Depending on the number of attendees, a second Open House may be scheduled. All attendees will be required to wear a mask while in the building.

## DMWS Inclement Weather Policy

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The Director will determine if Duke Memorial Weekday School should be open, closed, or operate on a delay in the event of inclement weather or extenuating circumstances, using Durham Public Schools as a guideline.

This means we will not always follow Durham Public Schools.

Factors considered when assessing whether to close, open on time or on a delay include, but are not limited to: teacher availability to fulfill Safe Sanctuaries requirements, the condition of Memorial Drive/sidewalks along Memorial Drive, and timing of the inclement weather event. Parents should check for cancelations/delay information on WTVD and WRAL. Attempts will be made to notify all families by email and Remind text. The decision as to whether or not Duke Memorial Weekday School opens on a delay will be made with the utmost consideration of safety of all of our families and staff members. Duke Memorial Weekday School will build up to 4 makeup days into the school calendar. Use of these makeup days is at the discretion of the Director.

# Thanks for Wearing Your Masks!

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Face Coverings help keep us healthy. Please remember to send your child to school in a mask each day. Note that cloth masks should be washed regularly.

## *How to clean your mask*

### **Washing machine**

- You can include your mask with your regular laundry.
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask.

### **Washing by hand**

- Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing, may not be suitable for disinfection.
- Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
  - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) of 5.25%–8.25% bleach per gallon of room temperature water or
  - 4 teaspoons of 5.25%–8.25% bleach per quart of room temperature water
- Soak the mask in the bleach solution for 5 minutes.
- Discard the bleach solution down the drain and rinse the mask thoroughly with cool or room temperature water.
- Make sure to completely dry the mask after washing.

## *How to dry your mask*

### **Dryer**

- Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry.

### **Air dry**

- Lay flat and allow to completely dry. If possible, place the mask in direct

## October Teacher Workdays

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Each fall, our school includes 2 teacher workdays in our calendar. These days are a valuable time to learn and work collaboratively. On October 21, teachers participated in CPR/First Aid training. On October 22, our staff met as age levels to plan activities for the children and worked hard to get curriculum ready for the upcoming months. We also practiced a lock down drill. Our teachers will have in-house staff development training in the spring.

## DMWS Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

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The DMWS Scholastic Virtual Book Fair is open from now until November 4th! Please visit our school's Scholastic Homepage to complete your shopping order: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=dmws>



# Duke Memorial Christmas Market

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The Duke Memorial Christmas Market is a one-day, low-cost holiday shopping event for Durham families with limited financial means. It gives parents an opportunity to give Christmas gifts to their children and honors their dignity by letting them to do the shopping themselves. It gives donors a chance to share God's love and experience the true meaning of Christmas.

However, given the ongoing nature of Covid, the market will again look very different due to Covid this year. We will again package gifts based on children's requests and deliver them to our partner agencies, at no cost to the shopper. These fulfillment events will occur December 4th and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our shoppers are families who receive services from our partner agencies such as Urban Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Families Moving Forward, etc. Our partners distribute shopper passes to families (1 pass per child) based on need and circumstance.

Any proceeds from the Market go back to the agencies that distribute the Shopper's Passes, a "bonus" gift for everyone involved.

DMUMC has a gift registry at Target. <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?type=CHARITY&registryId=855cc0ee-8934-11eb-a9fd-6a832c93935b&regMode=REGST&registrant=true>

You can use the registry online and in stores. If you use the gift registry, you can ship your gifts directly to the church. If you still want to shop in person, that's okay too! Remember that places like Ollie's, Big Lots, and TJ Maxx are great places to get more bang for your donated buck! Our Giving Guide can be downloaded from the web and is great for ideas on the fly! Dolls, super heroes, block sets, and cars/trucks are all good choices. All gifts purchased online (whether from registries or elsewhere) should be delivered to the church by Nov. 30th. Gifts may be sent to DMWS via carline. Donate cash or checks to Duke Memorial UMC with "Christmas Market" in the memo line. Our elves will do the shopping for you!



DMWS PARENTS' COUNCIL PRESENTS

# 2ND ANNUAL BAKELESS BAKE SALE!

*A Fundraiser for DMWS's Tuition  
Assistance Fund*

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2021

Save time, effort, and clean-up!  
In place of spending money on  
ingredients, we ask for direct  
donations (\$25 suggested)

This year we will also compile a  
cookbook!

Families may send recipes to be  
included. All donating families will  
receive the Digital Cookbook. Print  
copies will be available for sale after  
the fundraiser. Makes a great gift for  
the holidays!