
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2021

Mark your Calendars:

Dec 1: Parents; Council Meeting at 9:15am
Dec 3: Book Mobile
Dec 3: Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser ends
Dec 8: Kindergarten Open House 12:15pm RSVP required
Dec 13 & 14: Christmas Story in Sanctuary
Dec 14: Dine Out at Pop's Backdoor Pizza
Dec 17: Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 20-31: No School

Looking ahead:

Jan 3: School Reopens
Jan 17: No School MLK Day
Jan 24 & 25: Parent Conference Days

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of 2021, the DMWS staff would like to thank you for sharing your dear children with us. We are honored to partner with you during your child's preschool years. We appreciate your cooperation this year as we have continued protocols regarding COVID and navigated not only roof construction on the church but also water/sewer line replacement in our area. We appreciate your flexibility and patience.

December is shaping up to be busy! There will be cooking experiences/gift making/art projects as well as the opportunity to hear the church bells play and hear the Christmas Story in the Sanctuary.

Planning for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. On December 8, DMWS will host a Kindergarten Open House at 12:15pm. Please RSVP to the school office if you plan to attend. The Open House is offered both in person and via ZOOM. In January, we will hold Parent Conferences on January 24 and 25. Teachers will share information about your child's progress. Look for information about conference sign-ups from your child's teacher. If you know of any families who may be interested in our program, please encourage them to schedule a tour of DMWS so they can learn more.

Please remember that our carline is a CELL FREE ZONE. Please refrain from exiting your vehicle into traffic when your car is parked for drop-off or pick-up. Children are unloaded/loaded from the passenger side of vehicles.

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday,
Julie Allen
Director DMWS



Important Registration Information for 2022-2023

Registration for next year begins on January 26. In order to hold a spot for 2022-2023 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee of \$75 for returning students (\$85 for new students). **All registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

During the week of January 18-21, you will receive an application for each of your currently enrolled children through their school folder. Applications for siblings may be requested from the office.

Priority for registration is as follows:

Current Students

Siblings of current students

Children of church members/ministerial staff

Children and grandchildren of DMWS faculty/staff

Siblings of former DMWS students

Children and grandchildren of DMWS alumni

Children of current PMO teachers and DMUMC support staff

General Public

In order to retain priority, your completed application must be received by the February 4th deadline.

Tuition rates for 2022-2023 will be set by our Board of Directors in December.

Class offerings for each age level are determined by initial enrollment numbers. We may be able to offer the following:

Kindergarten (5 days)

Pre-k (5 and 4 day classes)

3's (5, 4, 3, and 2 day classes)

2's (5, 3, and 2 day classes)

DMWS Tuition Payments

Tuition payments are due each month on the first and past due on the tenth. Payment options include check, cash, credit card (on-line via website) and automatic draft. Checks and cash payments are encouraged because our school does not incur additional fees to process the credit card and ACH payments.

Remind Texting Service

Remind is a free messaging tool to help education 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)394-2094**. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In November, several classes made their own butter!
- During their recent study of Community, our Kindergarten class created their own community.
- Julie Allen has been attending webinars hosted by the Harvard Graduate School of Education to learn more about trends in preschool education.
- Some 2's classes have done nature walks around the campus to collect "treasure".
- It is not too late to register for Lunch Bunch. If you are interested in adding your child, please contact the office.
- Photographer John Elkins thought the Bakeless Bake Sale was a great idea and generously donated.