
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | April 2022

Mark your Calendars:

April 6- Parents' Council Meeting
April 13 & 14- Class Picture Days
April 15- No School- Good Friday
April 20- Dining out Kickback Jack's (W. Club Blvd, 4-11pm)
April 22- Board Meeting
April 25 to May 1- Silent Auction
April 28- Field Trip to Duke Gardens (K and Pre-K)

Looking ahead:

May 20- Last day of Lunch Bunch
May 25- Last day of School

Dear Parents,

What a busy spring at DMWS! April will bring a pre-k/k field trip to Duke Gardens, our annual Silent Auction, class photos (taken on the front lawn), and units of study on plants and insects. During April and May, each class will invite parents to a special event. Be sure to read the monthly calendars and weekly updates from your child's class to find details about these and other events.

Thanks for your continued patience during the water/sewer line replacement project in downtown Durham. Traffic patterns in our area have been difficult to navigate lately but the work in our area is almost complete.

DWMS is fortunate to have a tuition assistance program. Applications for yearlong assistance are due by May 1 of each year while emergency applications can be submitted any time there is a need. Please contact the office if you would like to apply. All applications remain confidential.

Peace,
Julie Allen



Continuing Education for DMWS Teachers

DMWS staff stays abreast of best practices in Early Childhood Education by completing training experiences each year. On our March 1 teacher workday, our staff enjoyed a workshop titled *Making Learning Visible: From Observation to Pedagogical Documentation*. This training is recognized by North Carolina as official continuing education credits for teachers.

2022-2023 Openings

DMWS has limited space available in our program for next year. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings. To schedule a virtual or in-person tour, interested families can contact DMWS at julieallen@dmws.org or 919-688-5130. Remember: one of the best forms of advertisement is “word of mouth”!

DMWS Summer Camp 2022

DMWS Summer Camp has a few openings still available! This summer, 3 sessions of camp will be offered . Week 1 will be June 20-24. Week 2 will be July 11-15 and Week 3 will be July 25-29 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 \$185 per week. Camp is open to rising 3's through rising first graders. Contact the office if you need a registration form.

DID YOU KNOW?

- DMWS had a tornado drill on March 7. The children did a wonderful job following their teachers to a “safe place” to get in a turtle position.
- In mid-April, director Julie Allen will participate in staff development with other area preschool directors.
- For St Patrick’s Day, several classes made Leprechaun traps out of recycled materials. While we did not catch any Leprechauns, we did enjoy trying!
- The monthly treats sponsored by the Parents’ Council make the staff feel so loved- many thanks to all the parents (and grandparents) who have sent in items.
- In April, each class will receive a container of caterpillars so they can observe the life cycle of Painted Lady Butterflies.



Quote of the Month

Play is our brain’s favorite way of learning.

- Diane Ackerman

Open Positions for Parents' Council Next Year

Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, the Parents' Council has some vital positions to fill! Would you be interested in being our:

- President
- Vice President (serves as president the following school year)
- Secretary

Please reach out to dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com with any questions and we can go into more detail about what these positions entail. There may be more roles available in the fall, but these are the most important and time-sensitive. Many of the positions are ideal to share with a friend, so grab a buddy and join us April 6th for this month's Parents' Council meeting, where you can learn more!!

Spring Fundraiser is Coming

Our Spring Fundraiser is coming up at the end of this month. Our Virtual Silent Auction and Class Basket Raffle will happen concurrently the week of April 25-May 1. We will send out a link for the Virtual Silent Auction, and will give more details on how it all works closer to its start. We will also send out an order form for raffle tickets for your chance to win one of the 11 class baskets packed full of goodies. Look out for these details in the next few weeks! Friends and family are encouraged to participate, as well. And as always, GOOD LUCK!