
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | September 2022

Mark your Calendars:

Sept 6: Parent Orientation
Sept 7: First day of School
Sept 12: Lunch Bunch Begins
Sept 23: Health Forms Due
Sept 26: Staff Meeting - NO LUNCH BUNCH

Looking ahead:

Oct 5 & 6: Fire Truck Visit
Oct 6: Field Trip to West Point on the Eno for K, Pre-K

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.

DMWS welcomes three new staff members this year. Caroline Vance will be our new Fitness teacher since Mrs. Couture will now be the lead in our 4 day 3's class. Amy Ludwig joins us as the lead for both the 3 day 3's and 2 day 3's. Her assistants will be new teacher Emily Schieffer (3 day) and Joanne Vance (2 day). We are very fortunate to have these wonderful additions to our staff.

Be sure to check our website www.dmws.org to keep undated on important information and access the 2022-2023 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 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.

Julie Allen
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



Stephanie Ferrell & Leslie Alkins
5 day 3's



Anne Marie Boyd & Heather Couture
4 day 3's



Amy Ludwig & Emily Schieffer
3 day 3's



Amy Ludwig & Joanne Vance
2 day 3's



Kathy Mangum & Lynette Mann
5 day 2's



Anne Marie Boyd, Jane Hardin, &
Mary Lee Bailey
3 day 2's



Lynn Llewellyn & Elizabeth Hayes
2 day 2's



Jane Marsilio, Music



Caroline Vance, 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, the board has decided to adhere to current CDC guidance regarding our exclusion and exposure policy for the 2022-2023 school year. The current guidance recommends that individuals not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines and people at high risk for severe disease wear a well-fitting mask in indoor settings. While DMWS will not require masking for teachers or students, DMWS supports your family's decision with regards to masking.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The DMWS Staff had fire safety training during our workdays. We all had the opportunity to put out a fire!
- This year our Halloween Parade will be on Monday, October 31.
- This year, DMWS will have a student whose grandmother attended DMWS!
- Our Kindergarten and Pre-K are planning field trips for the children. West Point on the Eno and Duke Gardens outings are being planned. They are also working to secure in-house field trips.
- New assistant teacher Emily Schieffer is a former DMWS parent.

DMSW Tuition Assistance

DMWS is pleased to offer tuition assistance to families who demonstrate need. Yearlong assistance can cover up to 50% of a child's tuition. These applications are due by May 1 each year (or at time of enrollment). Emergency assistance applications may be submitted any time a need arises. Funding for tuition assistance is built into the yearly budget with added funds from Parents' Council proceeds each year. The DMWS Board of Directors determines the recipients of our tuition assistance funds. All applications/awards are kept confidential. Families interested in applying for assistance should contact the school office to obtain application forms.

The family of Connie Eva established a scholarship in her memory after she passed away in August 2019 after a brave battle with cancer. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in May 2020 and uses the same need-based criteria as our regular tuition assistance fund. Connie Eva taught kindergarten at DMWS for 27 years until her retirement in May, 2017. She involved the students in many engaging activities, including plays that gave the children experience with drama. The DMWS family named the stage in her honor upon her retirement.

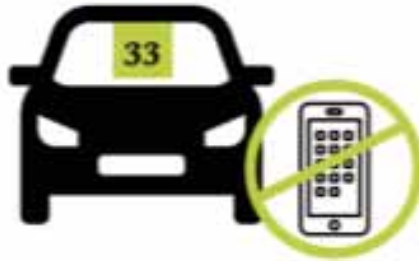
Remind Texting Service

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 by prominently displaying your carpool tag (with the number facing forward) as soon as you enter the side parking lot. Our carline is a cell free zone. Please do not attempt U-turns on either West Chapel Hill Street or Memorial Drive.



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 in the row closest to Duke Street 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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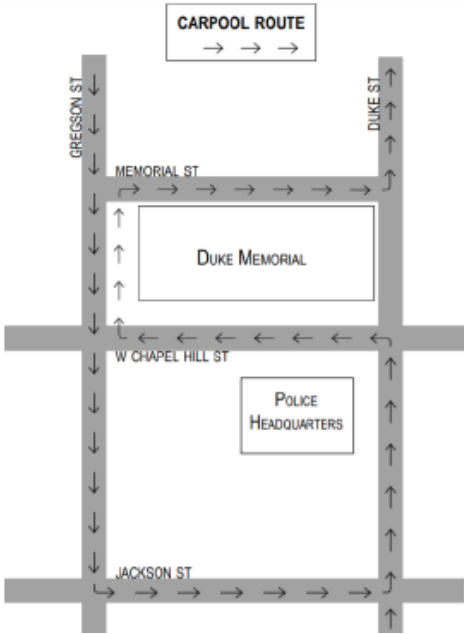
Wait at stop sign for next turn in loading zone. Please have your carpool number displayed.
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There is no left turn into the parking lot. Follow the route around the police station.
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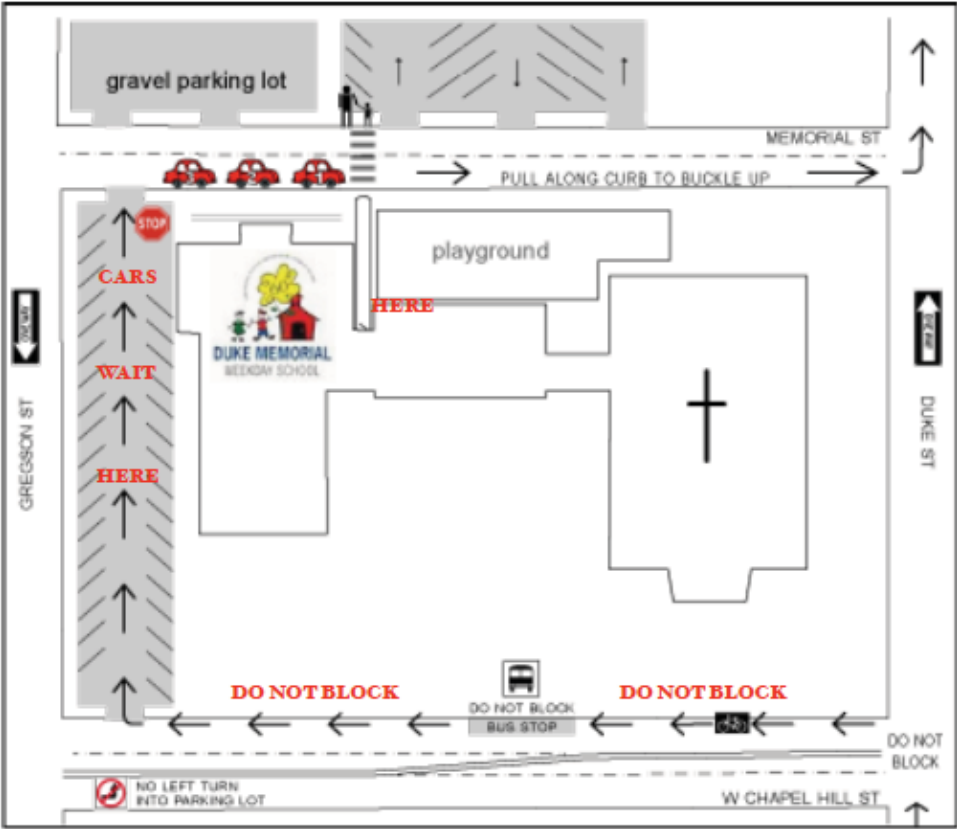
Carpool line occupies the bike lane. **Do not block the bus stop or the Duke St intersection.** If the line is full, repeat the loop around the police station.
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Parents walking to pickup should line up along the sidewalk with their carpool number in hand.
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Use crosswalk at all times. Do not cross between advancing carpool cars.



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