

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2022

Mark your Calendars:

Oct 5 & 6: Fire Truck Visit
 Oct 6: K/Pre-K Field Trip to West Point on the Eno
 Oct 7: Book Mobile Visit
 Oct 11: First teacher breakfast
 Oct 12: Parents' Council Meeting/Jersey Mike's Dining Out
 Oct 17&18- Individual School Photos
 Oct 20: Staff Development - NO SCHOOL
 Oct 21: Teacher Workdays- NO SCHOOL
 Oct 27 Fire Safety House Visit
 Oct 31- Halloween Parade/ Staff Meeting NO LUNCH BUNCH

Looking ahead:

Nov 6: Fall Gathering
 Nov 11: Veteran's Day No School



Dear Parents,

Fall has arrived! At school, we are transitioning into fun fall activities. This month, classes will enjoy special activities with pumpkins, apples, and leaves. Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual [Halloween Parade on October 31](#). 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 health protocols. I have copied a portion of the information from the most recent update of our Board Policy below. It was originally sent to all families in August.

Symptomatic Illness:

- As we prioritize the safety of our DMWS community, you must keep your child home from school if your child is experiencing symptoms of illness including, but not limited to: Fever (100' F or higher), new cough, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.
- To return to school, one of the following measures is required: A negative PCR test, two negative Antigen "at-home" Covid tests performed 48 hours apart, A physician note confirming an alternate diagnosis, or five days exclusion from the onset of symptoms.

On October 20 and 21, we will have teacher workdays. On October 20, our staff will complete training with Emerge on speech and social development challenges resulting from the pandemic. October 21 will give us joint planning time as well as opportunities to prepare for upcoming activities.

Peace,
 Julie Allen
 Director DMWS



DMWS Halloween Parade

This year, the DMWS will have our annual Halloween Parade on **Monday, October 31**. The parade will begin as soon as carline ends and we can get the children organized. We exit the carpool doors and use the sidewalk to “circle the block”.

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn, sidewalk on parking lot side of Memorial Drive 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 costume.



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.

Teacher Appreciation

Tuesday October 11 will be our first teacher breakfast. Be on the lookout for the sign up genius, which will go out in a few days.

In September the Parents’ Council put together a little candy bar for the teachers.



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.

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 been able to purchase several wonderful items over the summer due to the generosity of our Parents' Council. Here are a few of them: Metal Storage Cabinet, Replacement CD/Cassette Player, Headphones for Listening Center, Pop-Up Rocket Play Tent, 2 Lego Space Sets, Chinese New Year Lego Set, 2 Bilibo Minis sets, Additional Rhythm Sticks, Scarves for Music Class, Panda Village Building Set, Little People Camping Set.
- Our classes are cooking! In September, classes made pancakes, friendship cake, mini apple pies, and applesauce!
- DMUMC has created an updated version of Safe Sanctuaries Training for all persons who work with children, youth and vulnerable populations. DMWS staff has completed this training.
- The Durham County Book Mobile has us on their schedule for the first Friday of each month.

October Dine out

The October dining out will be at Jersey Mike's on Wednesday October 12th all day (10am - 9pm). 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 12 • All Day! 10am-9pm



Good goes beyond the sub! Join us **Wednesday, October 12th** in support of **Duke Memorial Preschool**. 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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