
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | November 2022

Mark your Calendars:

Nov 2: Dining Out at Two Roosters 3-5pm

Nov 2 & 3: Fall Gathering snack donation drop off in morning carline.

Nov 3: PC Meeting

Nov 6: Fall Gathering

Nov 11: Veteran's Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL

Nov 23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday, NO SCHOOL

Looking ahead:

Dec 7: Kindergarten Open House 12:15pm, registration required



Dear DMWS Family,

October has been a truly fun month with visits from the fire department, a field trip to West Point on the Eno for K and Pre-K, school photos, and a wonderful Halloween Parade! The teachers also were treated to a fabulous workshop from EMERGE on impacts of COVID on speech and social development in young children.

As we move into cooler weather, illnesses such as flu and colds tend to increase. Our area is also seeing an increase in RSV cases. Please help us keep our community healthy by getting flu vaccines and keeping sick children home. Unfortunately, the one thing kids love to share is germs!

DMWS still has a few openings in our Pre-K and K programs. 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 7 at 12:15pm. This gives parents an opportunity to learn more about our kindergarten program. Additional information will go out soon.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!
Julie Allen
DMWS Director



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.

Did You Know?

- The Durham County Fire Department has been to DMWS 3 times during October to help our students learn about fire safety. On October 5 and 6, fire fighters brought a fire truck and showed us their gear. One of the fire fighters was a DMWS alum! On October 27, the Fire Safety House made a visit for our pre-k and k students.
- Classes have been making pumpkin muffins, apple turnovers, and participating in “veggie tastings”.
- Mrs. Nelson has rejoined our staff as the 2 day 3’s assistant! We are happy to welcome her back.
- Each month, a different classroom is responsible for the hall bulletin board near the carpool doors. It is always exciting for the children to see their work displayed for everyone to enjoy. Many thanks to the Sublett/Britt pre-k students for the October display and to the Thompson/Sneed pre-k class for November.
- All students were able to select a pumpkin at school. Some classes painted them while others glued on faces or used markers. They also weighed and measured them. Pounding golf tees into pumpkins allowed for a fun hand muscle development activity.

Carpool Reminder

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.

DMWS Inclement Weather Policy

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.

Kindergarten Open House: Wed Dec 7, 2022 12:15pm

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 to register for this in-person event. Depending on the number of attendees, a second Open House may be scheduled.

Duke Memorial Christmas Market

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 do the shopping themselves. It gives donors a chance to share God's love and experience the true meaning of Christmas. This year, the Christmas Market will be on Saturday, December 3.

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 two gift registries you can use to purchase gifts on-line or see what sort of items are needed. Registries can be used in the stores as well. If you shop on-line, gifts will ship directly to the church. If you wish to shop in person, that is great too! Remember that places like Ollie's, Big Lots, and TJ Maxx are great places to get more bang for your donated buck! Dolls, super heroes, block sets, and cars/trucks are all good choices. Any gifts (purchased on-line or in person) should be delivered to the church by **November 22**. You may either drop off in carline or walk the gifts in to the office. You are welcome to send in items through carline. If you wish to donate money for DMUMC elves to shop for you, you may donate by cash or check to Duke Memorial UMC with "Christmas Market" on the memo line.

You may access registries using these links [Target](#) and [Amazon](#).



SCHOOL SPIRIT AT TWO ROOSTERS



Put a little team spirit in your evening! Support Duke Memorial Weekday School by joining us for a fundraiser night on Nov 2nd, from 3pm - close at Golden Belt Campus. Bring in this flyer or show us on your phone, or simply tell the cashier you're supporting the cause. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the school. Two Roosters has spirit! How about you?

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