
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2022

Mark your Calendars:

Dec 6-12: Y'all Need Cookies Sale

Dec 7: Parents; Council Meeting at 9:15am

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

Dec 12: Staff Meeting, all students leave at noon.

Dec 12: Dining Out at El Rodeo from 11am-10pm

Dec 12&13: Christmas Story in the Sanctuary

Dec 14: Listen to Tower Bells

Dec 16: Board Meeting

Dec 21 - Jan 3: Christmas Vacation

Looking ahead:

Jan 4: First Day Back at School in 2023

Jan 16: MKL Holiday- No School

Jan 23 & 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Dear Parents,

December will be a busy month at DMWS! There will be cooking experiences/gift making/art projects as well as the opportunity to hear the church tower bells play and hear the Christmas Story in the Sanctuary.

Planning for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. On December 7, 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 for adults only. In January, we will hold Parent Conferences on January 23 and 24. 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.

Many thanks to our Parents' Council for hosting a wonderful Fall Gathering. The staff is also very grateful for the monthly treats provided for us - we feel so appreciated!

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 2023-2024

Registration for next year officially begins on January 25. In order to hold a spot for 2023-2024 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee. **All registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

During the week of January 17-20, 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 3rd deadline.

Tuition rates and registration fees for 2023-2024 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 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?

- Former DMWS parent Laura Tonkin plays the tower bells for us each December.
- The Durham Orange Preschool Association meeting for November was hosted at DMWS and included a tour of our school for area preschool directors.
- On November 9, we had a fire drill. Our school was able to evacuate the building and arrive at our meeting spot in the dirt parking lot in 2 minutes 33 seconds.
- Due to the generosity of the Parents' Council, we have been able to purchase several Melissa & Doug playsets (Café Barista Coffee Shop, Scoop and Serve Ice Cream Counter, La Patisserie

Free COVID Tests

DMWS has been offered free COVID test kits to distribute to all students and staff for home use. The Durham County Health Department made the tests available to us. Kits will be sent home via students school bags.

Fire Safety Reminders

- When the Durham fire fighters came to DMWS, they reminded the children and staff of the following important guidelines:
- Know at least 2 ways out of each room (if possible)
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Stay low and go under the smoke as you exit
- Before opening a door, feel it for heat. If hot, keep the door closed and use the second way out
- Once outside, go to your family meeting place and call 911 from a cell phone or a neighbor's house
- Practice exit drills at least twice per year.
- Never go back inside for people, pets or things.

December Fundraiser: Y'all Need Cookies

Keep an eye out for more information on the Y'all Need Cookies fundraiser. Cookie kits will be on sale Dec 6 - 12, and the kits will be distributed Dec 15 & 16.

Y'all Need Cookies is a small business run by an ex-DMSW Parent. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yallneedcookies>





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