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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2023

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## Mark your Calendars:

Feb 1: Parents' Council Mtg

Feb 3: Initial Registration  
Deadline to retain Priority for  
2023-2024

Feb 6-17: DMWS Canned Food  
Drive

Feb 9: In House Field Trip for  
Pre-K and K

Feb 20 & 21: NO SCHOOL  
Teacher Workdays/Staff  
Development

Feb 28: Dining out at  
Pomodoro Italian Kitchen lunch  
& dinner

## Looking ahead:

March 27-31: Spring Break

Dear Parents,

February is such an exciting time at DMWS! The children love to share Valentines with their classmates. To show love to our community, DMWS will have a canned food drive to benefit the food pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. *Be sure to turn in all applications with the registration fee by February 3 to retain priority in the registration process.* Let your friends and neighbors know we are enrolling for the fall. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

Many thanks to our Parents' Council for a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner! It was delicious and so much fun. We appreciate parent support of our program.

Our staff enjoyed conferencing with you in late January to share information about each child's progress. If you wish to schedule an additional conference later in the year, please contact your child's teacher.

On February 21, DMWS staff will have staff development training by Community Partnerships. The training will focus on bringing books to life. The staff is excited to explore ideas on bringing books to life in our classrooms.

Calling all summer campers! DMWS will offer 4 sessions of camp for children who are rising 3's through rising second grade! Camp runs 9am-12:30pm daily. Applications will be sent home in late February.

Peace,  
Julie

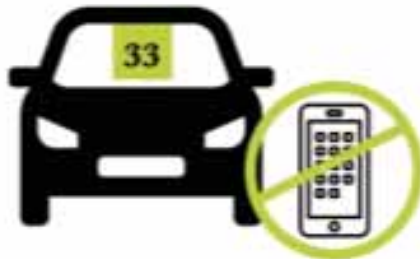


## DMWS Tuition Payments

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.

## Carpool Reminders

Carpool line 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. It is easiest for us to see the number if the carpool tag is hanging from your rearview mirror. Our carline is a cell free zone. Please do not attempt U-turns on either West Chapel Hill Street or Memorial Drive.



## 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.

## Find us on Google and Review!

Hey DMWS Families- We all love our school and our teachers, so we need your help sharing that with the Durham community to air with recruitment to our school We want to continue to keep our classes full with happy, fulfilled kids. By filling out google reviews you can help the school's marketing effort and share our own experiences with families throughout the Triangle. Parents have so many choices when it comes to choosing schools for kids- help them see why we all love Duke Memorial Weekday School!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Riverside Strings students visited us on January 12 for a concert. We heard lots of songs like "Twinkle, Twinkle", "Old MacDonald" and "Yellow Submarine"!
- Generous grandparents (past and present) have donated \$5100 toward the renovation of the playground.
- Mrs. Marsilio has sent home cards with songs and chants your children practice in music class.
- DMWS has a limited supply of additional COVID testing kits to distribute on behalf of the Durham County Health Department. Contact the office if you want a testing kit sent home

## 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.

## Dining Out

February's dining out will be at **Pomodoro Italian Kitchen** on Tuesday February 28th. 10% of sales for the day will go to Duke Memorial (dine in and take out). They are open from 11:00am to 9:30pm.



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## DMWS Summer Camp 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer 4 weeks of summer camp this year for children who are RISING 3's through RISING 2nd graders (note the addition of camp for rising 2nd graders).

June 12-16

June 26-30

July 10-14

July 24-28

Camps run 9-12:30 daily. Cost is \$190/week. Campers will enjoy a variety of activities including music and fitness opportunities. All campers bring a lunch. DMWS will provide snack. Look for applications in your child's folder in late February.

## DMSW Canned Food Drive

Each February, DMWS sponsors a canned food drive to support the Food Pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. This year, students may bring in canned food items between Feb. 6 and Feb 17. We will line the hallway with the donations and students will be able to use the cans for math activities before we bag them to be donated. The children love seeing the items fill the hallway. Thanks for your support!

## Playground Renovation

For the past few years, DMWS has been exploring options to upgrade our playground. After work with professional playground engineers, we are almost ready to unveil the design! Look for more information on the renovation in mid-February. In the meantime, if you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the project, contact Julie Allen at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org). We have recently had contributions totaling \$5100 made by alumni grandparents and current grandparents. DMWS is grateful for the generosity of current and alumni families.

## Parents' Council Playground Fundraiser

Double Good Popcorn

Date: Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 3

More details to follow

## Thank you from your Parents' Council

Thank you to the DMWS community for making our Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner a success. We are grateful for the time we shared together as a DMWS Family. We would like to thank our parent volunteers, teacher volunteers, community sponsor (Whole Foods of Durham), parents who donated to the event, DMWS Director Julie Allen, and everyone who supported our fundraising efforts. Your support benefited our goal of purchasing new playground equipment for our students. Strong communities build strong schools; this is evident at Duke Memorial Weekday School.