
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | March 2023

Mark your Calendars:

March 2- Parents' Council Meeting
March 3- Book Mobile Visit and Family Movie Night
March 10- Visit by Dentist
March 17- Board of Directors Meeting
March 27-31- Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Looking ahead:

April 7- Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 29- Spring Carnival & Silent Auction

Dear Parents,

Happy March! This month we will enjoy St. Patrick's Day festivities and many spring activities. We will have a tornado drill this month as well as a fire drill. The teachers make sure to prepare the children before we do emergency drills so they know what to expect.

Please help us keep our carline safe and efficient by having your car tag clearly visible once you are in the side parking lot. All persons picking up your child will need a car tag - if someone must pick-up your child due to a last minute issue, you can text a photo of the tag to the person. Blocking the bus stop and the bike lane on West Chapel Hill Street is not permissible. Remember our carline is a cell-free zone.

Make plans for your children to attend summer camp. This year, we are planning 4 sessions of camp. Spaces fill on a first come, first served basis - so get those forms in early! Forms have been sent home in your child's folder. Cost is \$190 per week and includes time for lunch.

DMWS has a few spaces left in our program for next year. Please let your friends and neighbors know! We do keep a waiting list for classes that have filled in case children need to withdraw due to moving, etc.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,
Julie



DMWS Summer Camp 2023 - Applications Available!

Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer 4 weeks of camp. Week 1 will be June 12-16. Week 2 will be June 26-30. Week 3 will be July 10-14 and Week 4 is July 24-28 from 9am-12:30pm. Campers will enjoy a variety of activities including daily music and fitness opportunities. All campers bring a lunch and DMWS provides snack. Tuition for camp is \$190 per week. Camp is open to rising 3's through rising second graders on a first come, first served basis. Applications have been distributed through your child's school folder.

PLEASE NOTE: this year we are extending camp ages to include rising second graders!

DMWS Canned Food Drive

Many thanks for participating in our annual canned food drive. DMWS delivered 438 non-perishable items to Urban Ministries of Durham Food Pantry on Thursday, February 22. Before the delivery, the children lined our hallway with cans. They counted, investigated weight, and compared sizes! Our kindergarten class did an estimation activity and then counted the items for us.

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

2023-2024 Openings

DMWS has completed enrollment of current students and their siblings for fall 2023. There is limited space available at all age levels. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings. To schedule a tour, interested families can contact DMWS at julieallen@dmws.org or 919-688-5130.

Remember : one of the best forms of advertisement is "word of mouth"!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our playground is named in honor of longtime 2's teacher Dotty Ritchie. She taught 2's at DMWS for 30 years.
- Our kindergarten class enjoys a "mystery reader" once a week.
- Our pre-K and K students had a "blast" at the in-house field trip on February 9. A scientist helped us learn about the solar system with hands-on activities.
- Wool E Bull visited our school on Wednesday, February 15. There were lots of high 5's given!

Playground Renovation Update

DMWS is excited to upgrade the playground during the summer of 2023. Installation is planned to occur between the end of our summer camps and the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. The new structures will replace the current wooden structures and the house with the yellow roof. DMWS students will enjoy new slides, tunnels, and climbing opportunities. Playground engineers have planned the structures to be appropriate for our age group. The photo below shows the components for the structures. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the project, contact Julie Allen at julieallen@dmws.org. DMWS is grateful for the generosity of current and alumni families.



Quote of the Month

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
~ William Butler Yates

Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser

Online sales of Double Good Popcorn as a fundraiser for playground renovations. Fundraiser window is February 27-March 2. (PC sent home flyer on Thursday, February 23). See the attached flyer.



**DMWS PARENTS COUNCIL
PRESENTS**

Double Good

**VIRTUAL
POPCORN
FUNDRAISER**

in support of our playground renovation!

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 2

Through our school portal, share and sell delicious Double Good popcorn to friends and family near and far. Our school gets 50% of all sales and the popcorn can be shipped anywhere!

Before the fundraiser begins:

1. Download the Double Good app
2. Enter our event code **IGGZDU** in the app
3. Create your Pop-Up Store

The app is available for free on iOS and Android.

DMWS Family Movie Night Fundraiser

Friday, March 3 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Whitford Hall. (The PC sent this home a flyer on Monday, February 27) See the attached flyer.



DMWS Parents Council Presents

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

in Whitford Hall

Friday, March 3
6:30-8:00pm

PAW Patrol: The Movie

\$10 per family,
includes snacks & drinks

*Children are welcome to wear
PJs and bring blankets for
sitting on the floor!*

*All proceeds benefit our
Playground Renovation*

Dining Out

March 6 at PDQ, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Please mention DMWS or show the flyer attached. (The PC will send home the flyer prior to Dining Out date). See the attached flyer.



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING

Duke Memorial Weekday School



Monday, March 6th
4:00pm – 8:00pm



DINE-IN or DRIVE-THRU. Tell our Team Member you're supporting the organization when you place your order. A portion of your purchase will be donated.

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