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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | April 2023

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## Mark your Calendars:

April 3: PC Meeting  
April 5: Field Trip for K & Pre-K  
**April 7: Good Friday No School**  
April 10: Visit by Musicians  
April 17 & 18: Class Photos  
April 20: Field Trip for K & Pre-K  
April 21: Visit by Dentist  
April 24: No Lunch Bunch/  
Playdate at Burch Park  
April 29: Carnival/Silent Auction

## Looking ahead:

May 4: Final Parents' Council Meeting for the 2022-2023 school year

May 24: Last Day of School

September 5: Parent Orientation  
September 6: First Day of 2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parents,

Spring is a busy time at DMWS! April will bring pre-k/k field trips to see a show at the Carolina Theater and to Duke Gardens, our annual Silent Auction, class photos (taken on the front lawn), and units of study on plants and insects- including the opportunity to see the life cycle of a painted lady butterfly! During April and May, each class will invite parents to a special event. Be sure to read the monthly calendars and weekly updates from your child's class to find details about these and other events.

Thanks for your cooperation in following our carpool procedures. Our protocols have been developed with safety and efficiency in mind. Please do not block the bike lane/bus stop on West Chapel Hill St and remember to always have your carpool number with you as you pick up.

DWMS is fortunate to have a tuition assistance program. Applications for yearlong assistance are due by May 1 of each year while emergency applications can be submitted any time there is a need. Please contact the office if you would like to apply. All applications remain confidential.

Peace,  
Julie Allen



## 2023-2024 Openings

DMWS has limited space available in our program for next year. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings. To schedule an in-person tour, interested families can contact DMWS at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) or 919-688-5130. Remember: one of the best forms of advertisement is “word of mouth”!

## DMWS Summer Camp 2023

DMWS Summer Camp has a few openings still available! This summer, 4 sessions of camp will be offered for children rising 3’s through rising second graders. Week 1 will be June 12-16, Week 2 will be June 26-30, Week 3 will be July 10-14 and Week 4 will be July 24-28 from 9am-12:30pm. Children bring their own lunches and we will provide snack. Campers will enjoy a variety of activities including daily music and fitness opportunities. Tuition for camp is \$190 per week.

## DMWS is Hiring!

Our fitness teacher, Caroline Vance, has taken a full-time position at a local dance studio and will not be back with us in the fall. We will miss her! If you (or someone you know) would be interested in the fitness teacher position, please contact the director at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

- DMWS students exited the building in 2 minutes 32 seconds during our March 7 Fire Drill. Impressive!
- In March, several classes learned about dinosaurs. Activities included digging for dinosaur bones, breaking open dinosaur eggs, and making dinosaur prints.
- Science is integrated into the curriculum - several classes have exploded volcanoes and the Kindergarten class recently made “rain” as part of their study of weather.
- Sneaky Leprechauns visited DMWS and left us some gold! We set lots of creative traps but did not catch any Leprechauns this year.

# SURPRISE!!!!

DMWS is excited to announce a bonus 5th week of summer camp! It will be the week of July 31 - August 4. DMWS teachers are generously donating their time so that all proceeds from this week of camp go directly toward the playground renovation. Enrollment forms go home in folders in early April. Camp is open to children who are rising 3's to rising second graders. Space is limited so sign up early! If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the project, contact Julie Allen at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org). DMWS is grateful for the generosity of current and alumni families.



## Spirit Week - DMSW Spirit Days!

Join us as we celebrate DMWS and the countdown to our Spring Carnival/Silent Auction

- Monday (April 24): PJ Day - wear your pajamas and don't forget sneakers
- Tuesday (April 25): Wacky Tacky Day
- Wednesday (April 26) Crazy Hair Day or Hat Day
- Thursday (April 27): Silly Socks Day
- Friday (April 28): DMWS Spirit Day - wear your DMWS tee or school colors from our logo (red and yellow)

## Spring Carnival/Silent Auction:

Duke Memorial Weekday School's biggest fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. DMWS is looking forward to our annual Silent Auction that is held in conjunction with a fun-filled Spring Carnival. Children will enjoy Spring Carnival games in the classrooms and on the playground while our Silent Auction will take place in Whitford Hall. There will be fun for all; which will include face painting and a bouncy house. We didn't forget about the hungry carnival goers; Italian Ice and pizza will be for sale.

Do you have gifts and talents that you would like to share with the DMWS community? If so, we would be delighted if you consider sharing your time and talents for our annual Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating to DMWS's Silent Auction, please contact Duke Memorial Weekday School's Parent Council at [DMWSparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:DMWSparentscouncil@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Quote of the Month

Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.

-Fred Rogers

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## Advertisements

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### Dogwood Photography Co

My name is Lacy Uthe & I re-launched my photography business this past fall! Both of my kids are in Duke Memorial's PMO, and one of mine will be joining DMWS in the fall! I offered fall minis last year and they were a hit. So I figured I would offer Spring Minis in April. This is for anyone that wants professional photos done! My degree is in Communication & Photography from Meredith College. I interned with a photographer on the Outer Banks for 3 summers and I interned with a photographer in Raleigh. I will be offering Mini Sessions on April 23 & 29th in the RDU area. The sessions are 20 minutes long and only \$190. You will receive 30-40 images.

If you want to see any of my work, my Instagram is [@dogwoodphoto\\_co](#). I also have a [facebook page](#) and [website](#). Here is the [link for signs-up!](#) Email me at [lacyuthe@gmail.com](mailto:lacyuthe@gmail.com) for other inquiries or questions. I look forward to working with some of you!

## WANT TO ADVERTISE?

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