
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | May 2023

Mark your Calendars:

May 4: Parents' Council Meeting in Whitford Hall

May 5: Book Mobile Visit

May 15-19: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16: Dining out at The Loop

May 19: Board Meeting

May 19: Last Day of Lunch Bunch

May 22: Teacher E-O-Y Luncheon

May 22: Field Day for K/Pre-K

May 23: Water Day for K/Pre-K

May 24: Last Day for Students

Looking ahead: Summer Camp Weeks:

June 12-16

June 26-30

July 10-14

July 24-28

July 31-Aug 4 Surprise Week

Sept 5: Parent Orientation

Sept 6: 2023-2024 School Year Begins for Students

Dear DMWS Families,

As the 2022-2023 school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for sharing your sweet children with us. The DMWS staff has enjoyed watching your children learn and grow. We will certainly miss the children moving to other schools next year.

Many thanks to our wonderful Parents' Council for their work in making the annual Silent Auction/Raffle such a terrific success. The items and gift baskets were amazing! The monies raised by our Parents' Council support our Tuition Assistance Fund and enable us to make special purchases such as the caterpillars for each class, new toys, and special art supplies. This year, they have worked overtime to help raise additional funds for our playground renovation. Look for information about a Grand Opening for the playground in late summer.

Please let your friends and neighbors know that DMWS continues to enroll children until classes are filled. We also keep a waiting list in case spots open during the summer. Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement!

Summer Camp spots are still available, so book your child's spot if you haven't already done so. More information on camp weeks is found later in this newsletter. Contact the school office if you need a registration form.

Enjoy your summer!

Julie



Teacher Appreciation Week: May 15-19

DMWS will celebrate Teacher appreciation week May 15th-19th. Let's shower our teachers with some of their favorite goodies!

- Monday, May 15: Give your teachers a flower (bring in 1 flower for each teacher)
- Tuesday, May 16: Give your teachers a card (handmade cards are a teacher's favorite)
- Wednesday, May 17: Give your teachers their favorite type of candy bar or piece of candy (using Favorite Things List)
- Thursday, May 18: Give your teachers a school supply (this can be coordinated by Class Parents or by using Teachers' Wish List)
- Friday, May 19: Give your teachers their favorite salty snack (using Favorite Things List)

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 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"!

DMWS Summer Camp 2023

DMWS Summer Camp has a few openings still available! This summer, 4 regular sessions of camp will be offered for children rising 3's through rising second graders. (Plus a SURPRISE WEEK of Camp July 31-August 4.) 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. Contact the office if you need a registration form for either regular camp weeks or the Surprise 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Tomasello Lab from Duke University has partnered with us on a research study involving 3 year olds. The Tomasello lab is a developmental psychology lab which focuses on children's social and cognitive skills. Parents of 3's were offered the option for their child to participate.
- A dentist visited us on April 21 and talked about dental health with our 3's, pre-k and k classes.
- The new playground equipment is currently scheduled for delivery and installation the week of August 7!
- Mrs. Allen has been involved in School Safety Preparedness Training this spring. Topics have included protocols for environmental threats (tornado/earthquake/etc) and security threats.

May Dining Out

May's dining out will be at **The Loop** on Tuesday May 16th. From 4:00pm to 9:00pm. **Be sure to Mention DMWS!**

The Loop

1116 Broad St.

Durham, NC 27705



THE LOOP
TOSS GRILL BAKE SHAKE LOOP LOVE YEAH



Quote of the Month

Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.

~Marilyn Jager Adams

Barefoot Books

Did you have a chance to check out the incredible Barefoot Books selection during the Spring Carnival/Silent Auction? If not, there is still time to shop online at

https://www.barefootbooks.com/shop/?affiliate_code=000-2y6m-23890.



DMWS will receive a portion of the proceeds from book orders made through the aforementioned link. Take a look at these books. They are sure to please all ages.

Thank You from Your DMWS Parents' Council

Thank you to all for joining us in our biggest fundraiser of the year, DMWS's Spring Carnival and Silent Auction. We enjoyed celebrating DMWS as a school community and had lots of fun playing games, having our faces painted, jumping in the bouncy house, and much more. We will have a fundraiser total to share with you soon. Congratulations to Class Basket winners! If Silent Auction winners have not collected their winnings, this can be coordinated with DMWS Parents' Council. Feel free to reach out to dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com for scheduling payment and item(s) pickup.

