

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2023

Mark your Calendars:

- Oct 4: Parents' Council Meeting
- Oct 4 & 5: Fire Truck Visit
- Oct 5: Field Trip to West Point on the Eno for K & Pre-K
- Oct 8: Fall Gathering
- Oct 16 & 17: Individual Photos
- Oct 19 & 20: Teacher Workdays
- Oct 25: Dining out at Jersey Mike's
- Oct 30: 3 day 3 Halloween Parade/Staff Meeting
- Oct 31: Halloween Parade

Looking ahead:

- Nov 2: Fire Safety House Visit (K & Pre-K)
- Nov 10: Veterans Day- No School



Dear Parents,

Happy Autumn! At school, we are transitioning into fun fall activities. This month, classes will enjoy special activities with pumpkins, spiders, and leaves. Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual [Halloween Parade on October 30 and 31](#). Specific information on this year's parade format is listed later in this newsletter. Your child's teachers will also share specific information related to their particular class. Remember, our 2's classes watch the parade but do not dress up.

We are excited to welcome you to drop by school on Sunday, October 8 from 3-5pm. Children can enjoy the new playground, show you their classrooms and then enjoy a show in Whitford Hall at 4pm. Refer to the flyer that came home in your child's folder for more information.

Thank you for following our health protocols. DMWS follows CDC guidelines. I have copied a portion of that information below.

Exclusion for people who test positive for COVID-19:

- People with COVID-19 will be excluded from school for 5 days after the first day of symptoms OR date of positive COVID-19 test, if they have no symptoms.
- People may return to school after 5 days if they have no symptoms and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, but must continue to wear a mask for an additional 5 days to minimize the risk of infecting others. The mask may be removed during sleeping, eating, and drinking.

Individuals who have been exposed should:

- Wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after the last known exposure.
- Be tested on day 5 after exposure unless the person tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
- If the exposed person develops symptoms, he/she should stay home and get tested immediately. The exposed person may also choose to test immediately upon notification of exposure to start isolation period sooner if the test is positive.

Peace,
Julie Allen
Director DMWS



DMWS Halloween Parade

This year, DMWS will have our annual Halloween Parade on two days in order to include all 3's, pre-K and K classes. On **Monday, October 30, our 3 day 3's will have their own parade.** On **Tuesday, October 31st the other 3's classes, pre-K classes and Kindergarten will participate.** Each day, the parade will begin as soon as carline ends and we can get the children organized. We exit the carpool doors and use the sidewalk to "circle the block".

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn, sidewalk on parking lot side of Memorial Drive or side parking lot. Your child's teacher will let you know the best place to stand to observe the parade and where the class will pose for a group photo. Please note that our two year old classes will not participate for safety reasons, but they will be able to watch the parade.

Remember to dress your child in a costume that allows them to walk safely in our parade. We do not allow weapons as part of a costume.



DMWS Openings

DMWS currently has limited openings. If you have friends or neighbors looking for a nurturing play-based preschool, have them contact Julie Allen at julieallen@dmws.org for more information.

October Workdays

DMWS staff will be very busy on October 19 and 20. The staff will complete CPR/First Aid training on Oct 19. As part of the training, we practice adult and child CPR as well as how to use an AED. On October 20, we will spend time in age level planning sessions and working on preparing activities for your children to enjoy.

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.

Playground Reminder

DMWS shares the playground with PMO. DMWS students use the playground from 9-noon each day while PMO uses it from noon until 12:45pm.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Our playground was named in honor of 2's teacher Dotty Ritchie upon her retirement from DMWS after 30 years!
- During the summer, DMWS was able to expand our book collection. Some of the recently purchased titles include: The Way I Feel, Do You Speak Fish?, I Believe I Can, Eyes That Kiss in the Corners, Corn, Leaf Man, Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story, The Way Champs Play, The Word Collector, and Something, Someday.
- Individual photos of the students will be made on the front lawn (weather permitting) on October 16 and 17.
- Our book keeper is Kelly Kovalsky. Three of her children attended DMWS.
- The tower bells are played during the lunch hour about once per week.

October Dine Out

The October dining out will be at Jersey Mike's on Wednesday October 25th all day (10am - 9pm). They are donating 50% of sales to Duke Memorial, mention DMWS at the register or online. Flyer at the end of Parent Press.

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October 25 • All Day! 10AM-9PM



Good goes beyond the sub! Join us **Wednesday, October 25th** in support of **Duke Memorial Weekday School**. We're happily donating 50% of sales, so stop by, enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause.

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