THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2024

Mark your Calendars:

Feb 2: Book Mobile Visit & Deadline for Priority Status in Registration

Feb 4: Spaghetti Dinner

Feb 5-16: Canned Food Drive for UMD

Feb 5: Dentist Visit

Feb 7: PC Meeting Whitford Hall

Feb 12: In-House Field Trip for pre-K/K

Feb 19: Teacher Workday

Feb 20: Staff Development & Dining Out at Chipotle

Looking ahead:

March 8: Family Movie Night in Whitford Hall
March 25-29: Spring Break
April 13: Spring Carnaval

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.

Many thanks to our Parents' Council for planning a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner for our community! The meal was prepared by former and current parents. We had such a great time having a meal together and enjoying some special music on February 4.

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 20, DMWS staff will have staff development training by Community Partnerships. The training will focus on identifying development concerns and having crucial conversations with parents. The February 19 workday will give the staff an opportunity to have age level meetings and plan for the last few months of the school year.

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. Spots are first come first served.

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?

- Each year, our Kindergarten Class celebrates the 100th day of school with special projects.
- In fitness, the classes "ice skated" as an activity.
- Pre-K and K students enjoy several field trips throughout the school year. Some are in the Durham community (ex. Duke Gardens) and some are in-house featuring musicians or scientists.
- Additional carpool tags may be requested from the office at any time.

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

Dining Out

February's dining out will be at **Chipotle at Southpoint Mall** on Wednesday February 20th.

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DMWS Summer Camp 2024 - SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer **4** weeks of camp for children who are **RISING 3's through RISING 2nd graders.**

June 24-28

July 15-19

July 22-26

July 29-Aug 2

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. Themes for camp weeks will be announced later.

DMWS 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. 5 and Feb 16. 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!