

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2024

Mark your Calendars:

- Oct 2: Parents' Council Meeting
- Oct 3: NO SCHOOL
(Teacher Workday)
- Oct 4: NO SCHOOL
(Staff Development)
- Oct 9 & 10: Fire Truck Visit
- Oct 10: Field Trip to West Point on the Eno for K & Pre-K
- Oct 13: Fall Gathering
3-5pm
- Oct 14 & 15: Individual Picture Days
- Oct 18: DMWS Board Meeting
- Oct 23: Dining out
(Jersey Mikes)
- Oct 28: NO LUNCH BUNCH
(Staff Meeting)
- Oct 30: 3 day 3's Halloween Parade
- Oct 31: Halloween Parade

Looking ahead:

- Nov 11: NO SCHOOL
(Veteran's Day)

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. We will also have a visit from the Durham Fire Department to help us learn about fire safety.

Of course, the highlight of October will be our annual Halloween Parades 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 13 from 3-5pm. Children can enjoy the playground, show you their classrooms (3-4pm) and then enjoy a show in Whitford Hall at 4pm. More information about the event and associated tuition raffle will be coming from the Parents' Council.

Many thanks to you for fulfilling teacher wish lists, sending in special snacks for teachers, and helping us get the year off to a great start!

Peace,

Julie Allen
Director DMWS



DMWS Halloween Parade

One of the highlights of the school year is our annual **Halloween Parade!** This year, DMWS will have parades on two days in order to include all 3's, pre-K and K classes.

On **Wednesday, October 30, our 3 day 3's** will have their own parade. On **Thursday, October 31 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 **2 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 has limited space available in our program for pre-K and K students. For classes that are currently full, DMWS keeps a waiting list. Sometimes, spaces open up during the school year. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings.

To schedule a person 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"!

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.

October Workdays

DMWS staff will be very busy on October 3 and 4. The staff will work in their classrooms and have age level planning sessions on Oct 3. On October 4, we will join other Durham area preschools at Epworth UMC for staff development training by Community Partnerships. The training session is called:

“Bringing Books to Life: Themes and Activities Based on Books Kids Love (focus on feelings)”

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1975, DMWS added classes for 2.5 year olds.
- In 1976, DMWS began accepting 2 year olds.
- In the 1960's, classes often had 20+ students in the 4's and 5's classes.
- Carpool maps can be found from as early as the 1968 handbook.
- For a few year in the 1970's, DMWS employed a speech pathologist as a staff member.

October Dining Out

The October dining out will be at Jersey Mike's on Wednesday October 23rd all day (10am - 9pm). They are donating 50% of sales to Duke Memorial, mention DMWS at the time of purchase.

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