
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | November 2024

Mark your Calendars:

Nov. 1: Book Mobile Visit
Nov. 6: Parents' Council Meeting
Nov. 11: Veterans Day
No School
Nov 12-16: Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser
Nov. 15: Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 25: Staff Meeting
No Lunch Bunch
Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving
No School

Looking ahead:

Dec. 4: Kindergarten Open House 2025-26
Dec. 16: Staff Meeting
No Lunch Bunch



Dear DMWS Family,

October was so much fun with visits from the fire department, a field trip to West Point on the Eno for K and Pre-K, school photos, a terrific Fall Gathering and wonderful Halloween Parade! Art activities with pumpkins and leaves have allowed the children to show us their creativity! The children did a wonderful job with the fire drill on October 23- everyone exited the building in 2 minutes 30 seconds.

November looks to be busy as well with Friendship Feasts, cooking activities involving cornbread and pumpkin as well as a focus on thankfulness. Note that we do not have school on November 11 or November 27-29.

As we move into cooler weather, illnesses such as flu and colds tend to increase. Please help us keep our community healthy by getting appropriate seasonal vaccines and keeping sick children home. Unfortunately, the one thing kids love to share is germs!

DMWS still has a few openings in our Pre-K and K programs. If you know anyone looking for a wonderful preschool for their child, be sure to give them my contact information. We are also starting to give tours for the 2025-2026 school year so let your friends and neighbors know.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!

Julie Allen
DMWS Director



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 August 1968, DMWS became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- DMWS is a founding member of DOPA (Durham Orange Preschool Association).
- For the 1965-1966 school year, 5 year olds attended preschool 5 days per week with tuition of \$24/month.
- The loft was added to the Tree House room in the summer of 2000. Mrs. Perkins' husband built it for us.
- In 1960, registration fees were \$5/student and by 1961 had increased to \$10/student.

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 up to 4 makeup days into the school calendar. Use of these makeup days is at the discretion of the Director.

Carpool Reminder

For the Safety of the children, please keep the following in mind:

1. Carpool line is a cellphone free zone.
2. Do not exit your car from the driver's side while your car is in a loading/unloading position. After you pull up to buckle, you may exit your car if needed. Memorial Drive is a city street and is used by many cars daily.

NC Car Seat Safety

North Carolina has specific laws regarding car seat safety for children. These laws are summarized below.

- For birth to 12 months – Infant-only rear-facing car seat
- Ages 1 to 3 years – Rear-facing car seat until the child reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer, then transition to a forward-facing car seat. For most rear-facing seats, often that's 35 pounds or 35 inches. Please check manufacturer information for your specific seat.
- Ages 4 to 7 years – Forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until the child reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the car seat manufacturer, then transition to a booster seat
- Ages 8 to 12 years – A child should remain in a booster seat until they are big enough to fit in a seat belt properly

Kindergarten Open House: Wed Dec 4, 2024 12:15pm

DMWS will hold an Open House for parents to learn more about DMWS kindergarten. There will be an opportunity to see the classroom, speak with the lead teacher, and ask questions.

Please call the office at 919-688-5130 or send an email to julieallen@dmws.org to register for this in-person event. Depending on the number of attendees, a second Open House may be scheduled.

Duke Memorial Christmas Market

The Duke Memorial Christmas Market is a one-day, low-cost holiday shopping event for Durham families with limited financial means. It gives parents an opportunity to give Christmas gifts to their children and honors their dignity by letting them do the shopping themselves. It gives donors a chance to share God's love and experience the true meaning of Christmas. This year, the Christmas Market will be on **Saturday, December 7**.

Our shoppers are families who receive services from our partner agencies such as Urban Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Families Moving Forward, etc. Our partners distribute shopper passes to families (1 pass per child) based on need and circumstance. Any proceeds from the Market go back to the agencies that distribute the Shopper's Passes, a "bonus" gift for everyone involved.

DMUMC has two gift registries you can use to purchase gifts on-line or see what sort of items are needed. Registries can be used in the stores as well. If you shop on-line, gifts will ship directly to the church. If you wish to shop in person, that is great too! Remember that places like Ollie's, Big Lots, and TJ Maxx are great places to get more bang for your donated buck! Dolls, super heroes, block sets, and cars/trucks are all good choices. Any gifts (purchased on-line or in person) should be delivered to the church by November 25. You may either drop off in carline or walk the gifts in to the office. You are welcome to send in items through carline. If you wish to donate money for DMUMC elves to shop for you, you may donate by cash or check to Duke Memorial UMC with "Christmas Market" on the memo line.

You may access registries using these links:

[Target](#)

[Amazon](#)



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TRIANGLE SCHOOL CONSULTING

Parent Workshop:
Navigating Area Schools

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6:00-7:30pm
Southwest Regional Library


Sarah Keiger
Education Consultant

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Are you overwhelmed at the vast number of school options available in this area?

Whether you are new to the area or have a child who is approaching school age, this workshop is for you!

You will learn about the four types of schooling options in the Durham/Chapel Hill area (traditional, magnet, charter, and private), the timelines and deadlines associated with each, get the inside scoop on some of the favorite schools, and more!

Space is limited so snag your seat by signing up at <https://durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/12993415>

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