
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2024

Mark your Calendars:

- Dec 4: Parents' Council meeting
- Dec 4: Kindergarten Open House (RSVP needed)
- Dec 6: Book Mobile
- Dec 9-13: Duke OT Student Placement
- Dec 11&12: Christmas Story In Sanctuary
- Dec 16: NO LUNCH BUNCH Teacher Meeting
- Dec: 20: Last day of school in 2024!

Looking ahead:

- Jan 6: School resumes
- Jan 20: NO SCHOOL - MLK

Dear Parents,

December is here- what a busy time at DMWS! There will be cooking experiences/gift making/art projects as well as the opportunity to hear the church tower bells play and hear the Christmas Story in the Sanctuary.

Planning for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. On December 4, DMWS will host a Kindergarten Open House at 12:15pm. Please RSVP to the school office if you plan to attend. The Open House is for adults only. In January, we will hold Parent Conferences on January 27 and 28. Teachers will share information about your child's progress. Look for information about conference sign-ups from your child's teacher. If you know of any families who may be interested in our program, please encourage them to schedule a tour of DMWS so they can learn more.

Please remember that our carline is a CELL FREE ZONE. Please refrain from exiting your vehicle into traffic when your car is parked for drop-off or pick-up. Children are unloaded/loaded from the passenger side of vehicles. Also remember that blocking the intersection of Chapel Hill and Duke Streets or the bus stop is unsafe. Durham strives to be a bicycle friendly community so bike lanes must be kept free of cars.

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday,

Julie Allen
Director DMWS



Important Registration Information for 2025-2026

Registration for next year officially begins on January 29. In order to hold a spot for 2025-2026 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee. **All registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

During the week of January 21-24, you will receive an application for each of your currently enrolled children through their school folder. Applications for siblings may be requested from the office. Priority for registration is as follows:

- Current Students
- Siblings of current students
- Children of church members/ministerial staff
- Children and grandchildren of DMWS faculty/staff
- Siblings of former DMWS students
- Children and grandchildren of DMWS alumni
- Children of current PMO teachers and DMUMC support staff
- General Public

In order to retain priority, your completed application must be received by the February 7th deadline.

Tuition rates and registration fees for 2025-2026 will be set by our Board of Directors in December.

Class offerings for each age level are determined by initial enrollment numbers.

We may be able to offer the following:

- Kindergarten (5 days)
- Pre-K (5 and 4 day classes)
- 3's (5, 4, 3, and 2 day classes)
- 2's (5, 3, and 2 day classes)

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.

Remind Texting Service

Remind is a free messaging tool to help education 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)394-2094**. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The DMWS office was housed in our current library space for many years. It then moved to the front of what is now our toy closet and moved to its current location in 1996.
- In 1995, the average wage for a lead teacher was \$7.75/hour with average assistant pay at \$6.50/hour.
- In 1997, the playground was refurbished. The next major renovation of the playground was during the summer of 2023.
- DMWS had multiple kindergarten classes for years. The last time we operated 2 kindergarten classrooms was in the early 1990's.
- Leslie Alkins was chair of our Parents' Council in 2005-2006. We are so glad she became an assistant teacher in 2007.

Partnership with Duke OT Students

DMWS is thrilled to announce a partnership with students in the Occupational Therapy Program at Duke University. As part of their capstone experience, the students end the semester in a community placement so they can apply their knowledge and skills while supporting the Durham community. DMWS is honored to be able to provide a pediatric placement opportunity for these students during the week of December 9-13. Eight students are assigned to DMWS to collaborate with our teachers. We anticipate hosting other OT students in May and during summer camp. What a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other and share insights and strategies that will impact our students!

December Fundraiser: Y'all Need Cookies

Keep an eye out for more information on the Y'all Need Cookies fundraiser sale.



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