
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2025

Mark your Calendars:

Feb 2: Spaghetti Dinner
Feb 3-14: Canned Food Drive
Feb 5: Dining Out
 Pop's Back Door &
 Tutti Fruitti
Feb 7: Book Mobile Visit
Feb 7: Registration Deadline to
 retain priority status
Feb 17 & 18: Teacher Workday,
 Staff Development
Feb 21: Board Meeting
Feb 26: Dining Out
 Lakewood Social

Looking ahead:

March 7: Movie Night at DMWS

March 31-April 4: Spring Break



Dear Parents,

February is here! We have so many experiences planned for your children: Valentine exchanges, shadow exploration, activities to explore our senses, etc. To show love to our community, DMWS will have a canned food drive to benefit the food pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. More details about the nonperishable food drive can be found later in this newsletter.

Many thanks to our Parents' Council for planning a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner for our community! We look forward to having a meal together and enjoying some special music on February 2.

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.

Please remember that our playground is shady and therefore quite cold in the winter. Hats, mittens and warm coats (all labeled) are needed to help the children enjoy their time on the playground each day.

Peace,
Julie

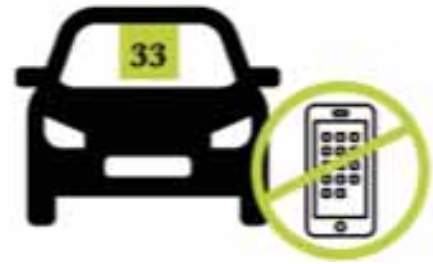


DMWS Tuition Payments

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!

Fun Facts from DMWS

- In celebration of our 50th Year, DMWS created a cookbook with recipes from DMWS staff and families.
- For 2001-2002 school year, kindergarten tuition was \$220/month.
- For our 60th anniversary, DMWS had an ice cream party with face painting. We also planted the butterfly bush on the playground.

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

DMWS Summer Camp 2025 - 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 9-13

June 23-27

July 7-11

July 21-25

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. 3 and Feb 14. 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. Last year we collected 457 nonperishable items- wonder if we can surpass that number this year? Thanks for your support!

Important Registration Information for 2025-2026

Registration for next year is underway! In order to hold a spot for 2025-2026 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee of \$75 for returning students (\$85 for new students). **All registration fees are non-refundable.**

In order to retain priority, your completed application must be received by the February 7th deadline. After this date, enrollment will be first come first served.

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

Monthly Tuition rates for 2025-2026

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

Two's	Three's	Four's and Kindergarten
2-day 2's - \$230	2-day 3's - \$280	4-day pre-k - \$385
3-day 2's - \$290	3- day 3's - \$330	5-day pre-k - \$415
5-day 2's - \$395	4-day 3's - \$365	Kindergarten - \$460
	5-day 3's - \$400	

Supply Fees are \$125 per student in the 2's/3's. For our pre-k and k students, the Supply Fee will be \$155 and will also include the yearly field trip fee. Supply fees are due by May 9. May 2026 tuition is due by March 7. Our book keeper will send reminder invoices for each payment.