
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | March 2025

Mark your Calendars:

March 5: Parents' Council Meeting
March 7: Visit from Book Mobile
March 7: Movie Night
March 20: In House Fields Trip for Pre-K/K
March 24: Staff Meeting
NO Lunch Bunch
March 26: Dining Out at QShack
March 31-April 4: Spring Break
NO School

Looking ahead:

April 11: Dental Health Presentation
April 12: Carnival/Silent Auction
April 14-15: Class Photos

Dear Parents,

Happy March! This month we will enjoy a special movie night, St. Patrick's Day festivities and many spring activities. We will have a tornado drill during National Severe Weather Week (first week of March) as well as a fire drill. The teachers make sure to prepare the children before we do emergency drills so they know what to expect.

Please help us keep our carline safe and efficient by having your car tag clearly visible once you are in the side parking lot. Any person picking up your child will need a car tag- if someone must pick-up your child due to a last minute issue, you can text a photo of the tag to the person. Do not block the bike lane, bus stop or the intersection of W Chapel Hill and Duke Streets. Remember our carline is a cell-free zone.

Make plans for your children to attend summer camp. This year, we are planning 4 sessions of camp. Spaces fill on a first come, first served basis - so get those forms in early! Forms have been sent home in your child's folder. Cost is \$190 per week and includes time for lunch.

DMWS has a few spaces left in our program for next year. Please let your friends and neighbors know! We do keep a waiting list for classes that have filled in case children need to withdraw due to moving, etc.

Peace,
Julie



DMWS Summer Camp 2025

DMWS Summer Camp registration is open! Registration forms have been sent home through school folders. 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. Themes for camp weeks will be announced later.

If you need additional registration forms for siblings, please contact the office.

DMWS Canned Food Drive

Many thanks for participating in our annual canned food drive. DMWS delivered 502 non-perishable items to Urban Ministries of Durham Food Pantry on Friday, February 14. This is our highest total ever! Before the delivery, the children lined our hallway with cans. In addition to sorting activities, they counted, investigated weight, and compared sizes!

Tuition Assistance

DMWS is pleased to offer tuition assistance to families who demonstrate need. Yearlong assistance can cover up to 50% of a child's tuition. These applications are due by May 1 each year (or at time of enrollment). Emergency assistance applications may be submitted any time a need arises. Funding for tuition assistance is built into the yearly budget with added funds from Parents' Council proceeds each year. Donations for tuition assistance are also available from the Connie Eva Scholarship that honors the memory of longtime kindergarten teacher Connie Eva. The DMWS Board of Directors determines the recipients of our tuition assistance funds. All applications/awards are kept confidential. Families interested in applying for assistance should contact the school office to obtain application forms.

2025-2026 Openings

DMWS has completed enrollment of current students and their siblings for fall 2025. There is limited space available at each age level with short waiting lists for specific classes. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings. To schedule a 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”!

Fun Facts from DMWS

- For the 1965-1966 school year, DMWS operated classes for 3's, 4's and 5's (now kindergarten). Enrollment totaled 49 children. By the 1967-1968 school year, DMWS grew to serve 100 children ages 3-5.
- DMWS held its first spring carnival in 1993.
- For our 50th Anniversary, DMWS created a special tote bag/t-shirt design.

