

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 30 & Oct 1: Fire Truck Visit

Oct 3: Bookmobile Visit

Oct 6 & 7: Individual Picture Days

Oct 9: Pre-K/K Field Trip to West Point on the Eno

Oct 15: Dining Out at Jersey Mike's

Oct 16 & 17: Teacher Workdays-NO School for Students

Oct 24: DMWS 75th Gala

Oct 26: Fall Gathering 2:30-5pm

Oct 27: Staff Meeting-NO Lunch Bunch

Oct 27-31: Week of Excitement

Oct 30 & 31: Halloween Parades

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 11: Veterans' Day-NO



Dear Parents,

Happy Autumn! At school, we are focusing on 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 and have a photographer take individual student pictures.

This year, we are having special activities to commemorate our 75th year as a preschool! While events will happen throughout the year, we will have several special activities in October. On Oct 24, there will be a Gala at Croasdaile Country Club to celebrate our rich history as a preschool and raise funds for Tuition Assistance. Former staff and parents will join current staff and parents for an evening of fun, food, a 50-50 raffle and some wonderful Silent Auction items. Please see the invitation included in this newsletter to RSVP.

We are excited to welcome you to drop by school on Sunday, October 26 from 2:30-5pm. Children can enjoy the playground and a special bounce house from 2:30-4pm, 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.

Please read communications from school and Parents' Council for other special activities.

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 **Thursday, October 30, Couture, Britt, Hamlett, and Ludwig** will have their own parade. On **Friday, October 31, Lowder, Sublett, Thompson, Ferrell, and Wilson** 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 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 Dining Out

The October dining out will be at Jersey Mike's on Wednesday, October 15th all day (10am - 9pm). They are donating 50% of sales to Duke Memorial, mention DMWS at the time of purchase.

1835 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy, Durham

October Workdays

DMWS staff will be very busy on October 16 and 17. The staff will work in their classrooms and have age level planning sessions on Oct 16. On October 17, we will join other Durham area preschools at Epworth UMC for staff development training. The topics are:

Supporting Neurodivergent Children

Presented By: Dr. Stefanie Logue, OTD, OTR/L and Caitlin Burke, MS, CCC-SLP

Early Number Concepts

Presented By: Amy Scrinzi, EdD

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.

DMWS Week of Excitement

In celebration of DMWS, join us **October 27-31** for a week of special opportunities to show school spirit!

Monday, Spirit Day #1 Celebrate DMWS: Wear your DMWS gear or school colors

Tuesday, Spirit Day #2 Celebrate Creativity & Fun: Pajama Day

Wednesday, Spirit Day #3 Celebrate Kindness & Community: Wear clothing to support your favorite local team, school, or business

Thursday, Spirit Day #4 Celebrate Joy: Wear festive Fall/Halloween-inspired or non-costume accessories, unless the child's class is in the parade

Friday, Spirit Day #5 Celebrate Imagination: Wear a fun hat, unless the child's class is in the parade



**75th Birthday Party & Silent Auction
to benefit the Tuition Assistance Fund**

**October 24, 6-9pm
Croasdaile Country Club
3800 Farm Gate Avenue
Durham, NC 27705**

Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Silent Auction

**To secure your tickets or make a donation to our Tuition
Assistance Fund, please visit
[75th Birthday Party Guest Registration](#)
(tickets are \$100 each, event capacity is 150 guests)**

*