
THE PARENTS' PRESS

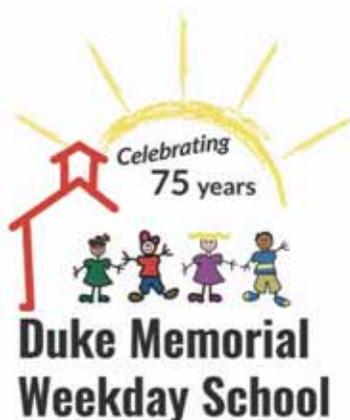
Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2025

Mark Your Calendars

- Dec 1 & 2: Christmas Story in the Sanctuary
- Dec 3 & 10: Kindergarten Open House for 2026-27 (RSVP needed)
- Dec 3: Parents' Council Meeting
- Dec 8-12: Duke OT Students Visit
- Dec 12: Book Mobile
- Dec 15: Staff Meeting - No Lunch Bunch
- Dec 17: Tower Bells Concert
- Dec 19: Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec 22-Jan 2: Holiday Break

Looking Ahead

- Jan 5: DMWS Resumes
- Jan 19: MLK Jr Holiday - No School



Dear Parents,

Can you believe December is here? DMWS will be a busy place this month! 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. Ten Duke OT students will join us during the week of December 8-12 for their capstone experience.

Planning for the 2026-2027 school year is underway. On December 3 and 10, DMWS will host Kindergarten Open Houses 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 26 and 27. 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 2026-2027

Registration for next year officially begins in January. In order to hold a spot for 2026-2027 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 20-23, 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 6th deadline.

Tuition rates and registration fees for 2026-2027 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?

- DMWS enjoys a Tower Bells Concert each December. Former DMWS parent and church member Laura Tonkin treats Durham to a concert on Wednesdays and will give us a special holiday concert on December 17.
- Our music classes recently were able see inside an upright piano and learn how it makes sounds.
- The Durham County Book Mobile visits DMWS monthly.
- DMWS hosts open houses for prospective Kindergarten parents each December and open houses for prospective 2's and 3's families each January. While we do not offer Pre-K open houses, tours for all age levels are available by appointment.

December Fundraiser: Y'all Need Cookies

If you enjoyed the cookies at the Fall Gathering, get ready for our annual Holiday Cookie Sale with Y'all Need Cookies! The sale will take place December 3rd-12th, with delivery on December 18th and 19th. Be on the look out for more details about placing orders.



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