
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2026

Mark Your Calendars

- Feb 2-13: DMWS Canned Food Drive
- Feb 4: Parents' Council Meeting
- Feb 6: Book Mobile Visit
- Feb 6: Deadline for Priority Registration for Fall 2026
- Feb 11: Dine-Out at Alpaca
- Feb 16: Teacher Workday- No School for Students
- Feb 17: Staff Development- No School for Students
- Feb 19: In-House Field Trip for K & Pre-K
- Feb 20: Board Meeting
- Feb 22: Spaghetti Dinner

Looking Ahead

- March 13: Family Movie Night
- March 30: Spring Break Begins
- April 7: Students Return
- April 11: Spring Carnival
10am-1pm



Dear Parents,

February is here! After a cold January, I am certainly hoping for an early spring! DMWS has so many experiences planned for your children this month- 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 entertainment on February 22. There may even be a special dessert as we continue to celebrate our 75th year!

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

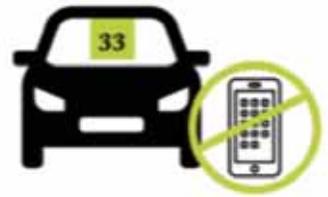


DMWS Tuition Payments

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.

Spaghetti Dinner Moved to February 22

Hey DMWS Families: We welcome you to our Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 22nd from 5-6:30pm in Whitford Hall. Enjoy a meal with other families or order a family meal for take-out. [Click here to RSVP and Pre-Order Take-Out.](#)

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 up to 4 makeup days into the school calendar. Use of these makeup days is at the discretion of the Director.

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. 2 and Feb 13. 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 502 nonperishable items(our highest total ever!)-wonder if we can surpass that number this year? Thanks for your support!

DMWS Summer Camp 2026 - SAVE THE DATE

DMWS Summer Camp registration opens in late February! Registration forms will be sent home through school folders. This summer, DMWS will offer **5** weeks of camp for children who are **RISING 3's through RISING 2nd graders.**

June 8-12
June 22-26
July 6-10
July 20-24
July 27-31

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.

Important Registration Information for 2026-2027

Remember that to retain priority in the registration process, you must submit the form by February 6. After this date, enrollment will be first come first served. In order to hold a spot for 2026-2027 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.**

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

Notifications about registration status will go out during the week of February 9-13.

Monthly Tuition rates for 2026-2027

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

Twos	Three's	Four's and Kindergarten
	2-day 3s - \$285	
2-day 2s - \$235	3-day 3s - \$335	4-day Pre-K - \$390
3-day 2s - \$295	4-day 3s - \$370	5-day Pre-K - \$420
5-day 2s - \$400	5-day 3s - \$405	Kindergarten - \$465

To retain your spot, May 2027 tuition will be due by March 6

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 10. Our book keeper will send reminder invoices for each payment.

Traveling Day Camp at Duke Memorial

Monday, July 6th - Friday, July 10th

Looking for camp options for children older than rising second graders during the DMWS July 6-10 week? Please see the following opportunity from DMUMC.

Children are invited to join us this Summer for a week of fun, faith, and friends as Camp Chestnut Ridge brings camp to Duke Memorial. Throughout the week campers will gather at the church to sing songs, play games, make crafts, do science experiments, and learn about Jesus. Lunch and snacks are provided throughout the week. One of the days we will even head out to visit camp!

Email katie@dukememorial.org to be added to the list for registration!



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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!