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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | March 2026

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## Mark Your Calendars

March 4: Parents' Council Meeting

March 6: Book Mobile Visit

March 13: Movie Night

March 20: Board of Directors  
Meeting

March 23: Staff meeting - No Lunch  
Bunch

## Looking Ahead

March 30-April 6: Spring Break

April 9: In house field trip k/pre-k

April 11: Spring Carnival and Silent  
Auction

April 13 & 14: Class Picture Days



Dear Parents,

Happy March! This month, DMWS will enjoy St. Patrick's Day festivities and many spring activities. There will be 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. Our community enjoyed a fabulous spaghetti dinner together on February 22. Following up on that event, our wonderful PC will sponsor a movie night on March 13. I hope your family will be able to join us.

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 5 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 2026

DMWS Summer Camp registration is open! Registration forms were 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.

## DMWS Canned Food Drive

Many thanks for participating in our annual canned food drive. DMWS delivered 287 non-perishable items to Urban Ministries of Durham Food Pantry on February 19. Before the delivery, the children lined our hallway with cans. In addition to sorting activities, they counted, investigated weight, and compared sizes! (We even measured Mrs. Hardin's height in cans.)

## March Dine-Out Fundraiser

Our next Dine-out event will be Tuesday, March 10 at Chipotle from 4-8pm. Dine-outs helps Parents' Council raise funds to support our teachers and contribute to tuition assistance. We hope you enjoy a good meal and fellowship with other DMWS families. Chipotle Mexican Grill 2608 Erwin Rd, Durham

## 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.

## 2026-2027 Openings

DMWS has limited space available in our program for next year. We currently have a few spots open for 3 year olds. For classes that are currently full, DMWS keeps a waiting list. Please let your friends and neighbors know we have openings. To schedule a person tour, interested families can contact DMWS at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) or 919-688-5130. Remember: one of the best forms of advertisement is “word of mouth”!

## DMWS is Hiring!

DMWS is looking for new additions to our wonderful staff. To inquire about options for employment for the 2026-2027 school year, contact the director at [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org).



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