
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | April 2026

Mark Your Calendars

April 7: Return from Spring Break
April 8: Parents' Council Meeting
April 9: Mad Science Show for Pre-K/K
April 11: Spring Carnival & Silent Auction
April 13 & 14: Class Picture Days
April 16: In-House Field Trip for Pre-K/K
April 24: Board Meeting
April 27: No Lunch Bunch-Staff Meeting
April 28: Dental Health Visit
April 30: Wild Tails NC visit for Pre-K/K

Looking Ahead

May 20: Last Day of School



Dear Parents,

April promises to be a busy time at DMWS! Plans include in house field trips for K and Pre-K children, our annual Carnival/Silent Auction, class photos (taken on the front lawn), and units of study on spring, plants, recycling, and insects—including the opportunity to see the life cycle of a painted lady butterfly! During April and May, each class will invite parents to a special event. Be sure to read the monthly calendars and weekly updates from your child's class to find details about these and other events.

All 5 weeks of summer camp are almost full so if you want a spot for your child, please don't wait to sign up. Enrollment for fall 2026 has gone very well. There are limited spaces available for 3 year olds with waiting lists for other age groups.

DWMS is fortunate to have a tuition assistance program. Applications for yearlong assistance are due by May 1 of each year while emergency applications can be submitted any time there is a need. Please contact the office if you would like to apply. All applications remain confidential.

Peace,
Julie Allen



Spirit Week Is Here!

Join us as we celebrate DMWS Spirit Week leading up to the Spring Carnival and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 11.

April 7: Wacky Tacky Day

April 8: PJ Day

April 9: Crazy Hair or Hat Day

April 10: DMWS DAY (Wear your school shirt!)

Spring Carnival & Silent Auction on April 11th

The Spring Carnival and Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser hosted by Parents' Council. All proceeds are used to support our school, teachers, and tuition assistance. All are invited to celebrate our school community with carnival games, outside play, special treats, raffles, and silent auction. Hope to see you there!

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.

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 or 919-688-5130. Remember: one of the best forms of advertisement is “word of mouth”!

Fine Motor Development at Home

Promoting fine motor development is an important part of the preschool experience. In addition to using crayons at home, here are some easy ideas for you to try with your child.

- Play Dough—squish it, roll it, use cookie cutters
- String beads/pasta/Cheerios on pipe cleaner or string (tape down one end first!)
- Paint with Q Tips, feathers, etc
- Use spray bottle to water plants
- Tear construction paper and glue it on paper
- Use hole puncher
- Sidewalk chalk
- Stickers
- Practice zippers/snaps/velcro/buttons
- Build with blocks
- “Cut the grass” with scissors
- Sand or flour in a shallow tray—with a finger you can draw shapes, write letters/numbers and shake gently to reset
- Kid safe tongs to transfer pom-poms/cotton balls/etc into containers

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.



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