
THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct 2: Book Mobile Visit
Oct 5 & 6: Individual School Photos
Oct 7: PC Meeting
Oct 7: Fire Truck Visit
Oct 7: Dining Out at Mellow Mushroom
Oct 15: Wild Tails NC visit for Pre-K/K
Oct 16: Coffee & Connection at Can Opener
Oct 18: Fall Gathering
Oct 22: No School Teacher Workday
Oct 23: No School DOPA Conference
Oct 29 & 30: Halloween Parades!

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 11: No School; Veterans Day



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 our first field trip of the year for our K and Pre-K students- Wild Tails NC will bring some animals to us for a visit. We have a photographer taking individual student pictures on October 5 and 6. Look for specific information from your child's teachers.

We are excited to welcome you to drop by school on Sunday, October 18 from 3-5pm. Children can enjoy the playground, 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. Class Dojo and the school website are excellent sources of information.

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
DMWS Director

DMWS 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. 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.

The family of Connie Eva established a scholarship in her memory after she passed away in August 2019 after a brave battle with cancer. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in May 2020 and uses the same need-based criteria as our regular tuition assistance fund. Connie Eva taught kindergarten at DMWS for 27 years until her retirement in May 2017. She involved the students in many engaging activities, including plays that gave the children experience with drama. The DMWS family named the stage in her honor upon her retirement.

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 29, Wilson, Hamlett, and Ludwig will have their own parade. On Friday, October 30 Lowder, Sublett, Thompson, Joines, Couture, and Waldrop 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 the parking lot side of Memorial Drive or the 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.

Trunk or Treat | Wednesday, October 28th | Duke Memorial UMC

Save the Date for Trunk or Treat at Duke Memorial UMC! The church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Wednesday, October 28th at the church. There will be dinner and games provided at 5:30PM and the Trunk or Treating will begin at 6:15PM. All are welcome! For more information contact Katie Diaz (katie@dukememorial.org)

Parent's Night Out at the Polls | Wednesday, October 21st | Duke Memorial UMC

On Wednesday, October 21st, Duke Memorial UMC is hosting an event to help give parents an opportunity to vote. You are invited to drop off children aged 3-5th grade at the church for dinner and fun activities. While the kids are at the church, you are invited to join other adults from Duke Memorial at dinner or go out on your own and then head to the polls for early voting. Drop off is at 5:30PM and pickup is at 7:30PM. [Sign Up Here](#). For more information contact Katie Diaz (katie@dukememorial.org)

October Workdays

DMWS staff will be very busy on October 22 and 23. The staff will work in their classrooms and have age level planning sessions on Oct 22 as well as a general staff meeting. On October 23, we will join other Durham area preschools at Triangle Grace for staff development training. We will have concurrent sessions in order to align the presentations with needs of different age groups. The topics are:

Fostering Social and Emotional Skills in the Classroom

Presented By:

Chris Burkehart from Building Connections

Fine and Gross Motor Skills/Core Strength

Presented By:

Dr. Stefanie Logue, OTD, OTR/L from Simply OT

DMWS is Peanut-Free

No peanuts or peanut butter will be allowed in DMWS classrooms. Children who bring lunches to school for Kindergarten or Lunch Bunch may use other nut butters (cashew butter, almond butter, sunflower seed butter, etc.)

Did You Know?

You can help support the school by linking your accounts to DMWS:  **Harris Teeter**

WANT TO ADVERTISE?

If you have a business you want to promote to the school community, consider an advertisement in the monthly Parents' Press. Quarter page ads are \$10/month.

Email dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com for more information.

Fundraiser Reminder:

Need labels for clothes, jackets, lunchboxes, and more? We have an ongoing fundraiser for the school! 20% back on all purchases through Mabel Labels: <https://mabelslabels.com/fundraising/support>



DINNER | 5:30 PM
TRUNK OR TREATING | 6:15PM - 7:00PM



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DUKE MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

@ THE POLLS

