



The Parents Press

Duke Memorial Weekday School

November 2012



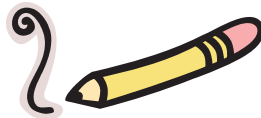
Mark Your Calendar!

- Canned Food Drive: Nov 5—9
- Kindergarten Play: Nov 14
- Thanksgiving Holiday (no school!): Nov 21—23
- Kindergarten Open House: Nov 27
- Dining Out: Nov 27 @ Rudino's (N. Pointe Dr.) — 6-9pm
- Winter Holiday (no school!): Dec 19—Jan 2
- Carnival & Silent Auction: Mar 2
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20)
 - November 7
 - December 5
 - January 9
 - February 6
 - March 6
 - April 3
 - May 1



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From the Desk of...

Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents,

Happy Fall to everyone!!! We are very busy around the Weekday School! Lots of fun pumpkin activities... baking pumpkin pies and muffins, decorating jack-o-lanterns and having our very own pumpkin patches! You can always tell that Fall is officially here when we start hearing the Kindergarten practicing for their annual Thanksgiving play. This year the play will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 11:00 in Whitford hall.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Gathering such a success! The Raffle had lots of people at the edge of their seats with all of the great prizes. The Book Fair offered lots of great books for young and old alike. Thank you to everyone who donated spare change. We are able to provide \$347.00 in free books to Duke Child Life Services because of everyone's generosity.

We will have a **Kindergarten Open House** on Tuesday, November 27th from 9:30- 10:15. If you are the parent of a four year old or have friends that may be interested, please join us. We ask that siblings not come since space is limited, and it is a normal school day for our Kindergarten class.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Susan Grubbs

DMWS Director





Our Growing Kindergarteners

By: Anna Havens



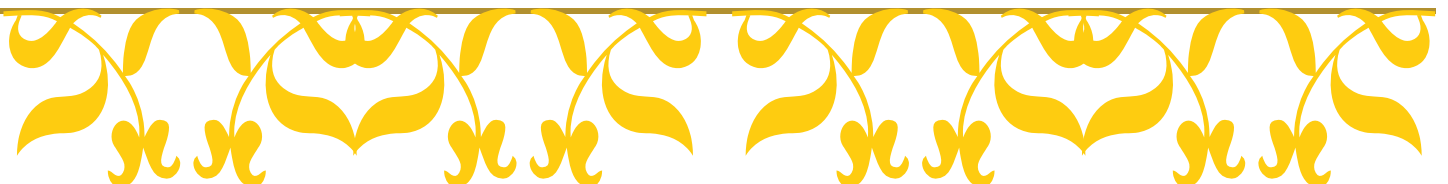
Fall is in the air. It is my favorite season by far. And this year not only I am getting to watch the tell-tale signs of the change of season but I am able to witness the great changes in our little children growing into Big Kindergarteners.

No longer are the children spending the whole day having fun with friends, but they are growing into curious, eager learners. When I walked in the room the other day, the children were all hard at work. They were seated in their learning position and quietly cutting and assembling a dog. It was truly a sight to behold.

At least once a day I am amazed by what I learn from my Kindergartner. There is no doubt that they are learning (a lot by the way), but Ms. Eva and Ms. Perkins are making sure that they are learning to learn on their own. This is achieved through firsthand experience, which is abundantly available in this Kindergarten classroom.

This past week is a great example of the active learning that goes on in their classroom. Not only did Kindergarten go on their first field trip of the year to visit Farmer Mark at Waller Family Farm, but they were also visited by some fire fighters. At the farm the children and the parents were educated about the workings of the farm. Everyone learned about growing strawberries, how many eggs a chicken lays a day, cows and many other useful farm and life lessons! Before they left they were able to pick a pumpkin that they then decorated beautifully in class. The next day the fire fighters gave a tour of the truck and briefed the children on fire safety. Each child sat quietly, listened intently and was able to answer the questions the fire fighters asked.

I am eager to continue watching these children change and grow with the seasons.





LOOK WHAT'S COOKIN' !!

The Parent's Council is publishing a cookbook that will be sold as a fundraiser and we need recipes from DMWS families, friends, and staff.

Do you have any favorite tailgating recipes, foolproof appetizers, scrumptious breakfast menus, or kid-approved dinner entrées? If so, we'd love for you to share them with us. We encourage all types of recipes, including ones that children can make.

Recipe Categories: Appetizers & Beverages * Soups & Salads * Main Dishes
Vegetables & Side Dishes * Breads & Rolls * Desserts * This & That

How can you submit a recipe for publication?

- 1) Print a copy of your recipe and return it in your child's school bag**
- 2) Email your recipe to ashacpatel@gmail.com**

Don't forget to include: Name of dish, all ingredients, cooking/prep time, serving size, and your name so we can give you credit at print time

All recipes must be received by **December 1st**. Cookbooks will be available in Spring 2013.

Support TEAM JAKE in the
Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes
for Jake Ward in the 5-day 4-olds in Lou Bray's class.

at Chick-fil-A
Renaissance Village (behind Target)
Nov 7 from 5 - 8 pm

Donate via visiting Chick-fil-A on Nov 7
or by going to www.tinyurl.com/c8z2kwp.

When you order be sure to say "we are supporting Team Jake!"

A portion of sales proceeds from dine-in and drive-thru
will support Team Jake during this time period.



From the Fall Gathering Raffle Committee...

A HUGE Thank You to all of you who supported the DMWS Fall Raffle. We are happy to report over \$700 was raised!



We could not have done it without the generosity of several Duke Memorial Weekday School parents. Thank You to the following people and businesses



for their kind donations: Emily McGregor- The Retreat; Katie Henderson- Mellow Mushroom; Ashley Smitherman- Inside Out Body Therapies; Rebecca Roper- Duke Football; Jamie Spatola- Duke Basketball; Kristyn Lewis- *How Lucky You Are*; Morgan Rutherford- Stella and Dot.

Also, please support the following businesses who donated to the raffle: Tyler's Taproom; Toast; Six Plates; Local Yogurt; NC Zoo; NC Museum of Life and Science

Thanks, Katie Hanczaryk and Susan Salier-Ward (2012 Fall Raffle Co-Chairs)

Giving Tree 2012

Dear DMWS Families,

As the holiday season approaches, we are preparing for our traditional annual Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is our way to give back to our community and foster the sharing spirit of the holiday season in our children.

The year we are partnering with the Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to provide families and their children with Christmas gifts that they would not otherwise be able to afford. IHN works with local congregations, including Duke Memorial, to provide homeless families with the support and resources they need to achieve residential stability.



The Giving Tree will be up on Monday, November 26th in the hallway next to Mrs. Turkington's classroom. Please bring your child to the tree to select an ornament with a wish list item on it. Please return your unwrapped gift to the tree with the tag attached by Monday, December 10th.

We would like to make this the most successful Giving Tree yet and are hoping to get up to fifty donated gifts. Thank you for your support and generosity. Happy holidays!



KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 27TH,
2012

9:30- 10:15

PLEASE RSVP TO SUSAN OR JUDY AT
688-5130 OR

SUSANGRUBBS@DUKEMEMORIAL.ORG

WE ASK THAT PARENTS ONLY ATTEND
THIS OPEN HOUSE SO THAT THE KIN-
DERGARTEN CLASS CAN CARRY ON
AS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.

Thank You

From the Fall Gathering Committee...

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Fall Gathering a fantastic evening! None of it would have been possible without the help of the parents who volunteered their time preparing for the event, during the event and with clean up. All of your efforts were greatly APPRECIATED!!!

THANK YOU,

Asha Patel, Kate Wolf and Anna Havens



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layed, DMWS will be closed.



From the Book Fair Committee...

Thank you so much to all of our DMWS families for making this year's book fair the most successful one ever. The kids were thrilled to receive new books, and we raised a lot of money for DMWS in the process. A special thank you to all of our volunteers too - we couldn't have done it without you!

The response to the All for Books program this year was also AMAZING!! We raised \$347 in loose change for the Child Life Program at Duke Children's Hospital!! This money was used to buy books for the children in the hospital - the books are sure to bring huge smiles to their little faces!! Thank you so much for participating; we raised DOUBLE the amount of money as last year. Way to go! I also wanted to send a special thank you to Kristyn Lewis! We were lucky enough to have Kristyn's new and fabulous book at our book fair - "How Lucky You Are". We quickly sold out and Kristyn donated all of the proceeds to DMWS. Thanks!! Lauren Kruse and Emily White



DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please Save the Date: March 2, 2013

It's not too soon to start thinking about the DMWS Carnival and Silent Auction, which will be held on March 2nd. This annual event will offer fun for all ages! In addition to the Silent Auction, game booths will be set up in each classroom. Lunch and dessert will be provided by Dang Good Dogs and Local Yogurt food trucks. This is our school's biggest fundraising event and it requires the help of all families to make it a success. Be on the lookout for more information about this upcoming event and ways in which you can help out. Classroom Representatives will soon begin collecting names of Carnival and Silent Auction Reps from their class rooms, as there will be a planning meeting in January. We are looking forward to another successful carnival and auction!



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In October, we visited The Original Q Shack for DMWS Dining Out. They went above and beyond by donating a percentage of all sales throughout the day! We thank them for their generosity toward DMWS!



Poinsettia Sale

We will have our annual Poinsettia Sale again this year! Orders will be due on Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th. The plants will be ready for pick up during the following week. More information will come home in your child's folder.

Get Published!

The Parents Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Allison Shultz at ajmckenney@gmail.com. The submission deadline for the December newsletter is November 19th.

In addition to information about DMWS, the Parents Press offers space for you to advertise your small, at-home business. The fee to advertise is \$5, and we also ask that you'd be willing to donate 10% of your proceeds to DMWS when sales are made from the ad during the remainder of the school year.