



The Parents Press

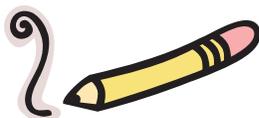
Duke Memorial Weekday School

December 2012



Mark Your Calendar!

- Teacher Holiday Luncheon: Dec 10
- Winter Holiday (no school!): Dec 19—Jan 2
- Dining Out: No December Date! See you in January!
- Parent Conferences: Jan 28—29
- MLK Holiday: Jan 21
- Carnival & Silent Auction: Mar 2
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20)
December 5
January 9
February 6
March 6
April 3
May 1



From the Desk of...

Susan Grubbs

Registration Info for 2013-2014

Registration for the 2013-14 school year is right around the corner! During Parent Conferences on January 28th and 29th you will get an application for your currently enrolled student(s). Please come to the office to pick up an application for siblings.

Registration dates are:

Wed., Jan. 30 - Registration for current students & siblings

Fri., Feb. 1 - Registration for church members and alumni

Tues., Feb. 5 - PMO Lottery

Thurs., Feb. 7- General Public Lottery

At the time of registration you will pay for one month's tuition, a registration fee of \$75.00 for returning students (\$85.00 for new students) and \$50.00 facility fee. Please know that all registration fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE!**

TUITION RATES for 2013-14:

2 day 2's- \$192.00

3 day 2's- \$220.00

3 day 3's- \$226.00

4 day 3's- \$247.00

5 day 3's- \$278.00

4 day 4's- \$253.00

5 day 4's- \$283.00

Kindergarten- \$340.00



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Holiday Greetings From the Parents' Council



It has been a great fall semester at DMWS! Beginning with the amazing Parent Coffees in September, all the way through the Giving Tree in December, we have had such great involvement and enthusiasm. You have all helped raise a great amount of money to help support our students and teachers.

Our successful fundraising can be directly attributed to the extraordinary participation of the friends and families of DMWS! Thank you! We would like to give a special thank you to the committee chairs who donated many volunteer hours to make our fall activities a great success. **Anna Havens** did a great job with our **Tees for Totes**, and **Puttachart Kelly** made our **Parent Coffees** a crafting delight for the kids! **Annaliese Gresham** makes **Dining Out** a fun opportunity for us to enjoy a night out and support DMWS. **Asha Patel**, **Anna Havens**, and **Kate Wolf** put on an amazing **Fall Gathering** – the kids were mesmerized by the magician – and the kitchen ran smoothly thanks to **Cathy and Andy Ritchey**! **Katie Hanczaryk** and **Susan Sailer-Ward** chaired the **Fall Raffle**, raising lots of money by offering some amazing prizes! **Lauren Kruse** and **Emily White** put on a great **Book Fair**, where we not only raised money for DMWS, but also donated many, many books to the Child Life Program at Duke Children's Hospital. Thank you to all of you - and to our Classroom Representatives for assisting with the essential communication network for our school families.

During December, our school has the opportunity to provide a small blessing for those families in need. **Jodi Kovach** does a great job chairing our **Giving Tree** Program. The Christmas tree is at the end of the hallway, decorated with ornaments giving details of someone in need through the Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network. We encourage each of our students to choose an ornament, purchase a special gift for the chosen recipient, and place the unwrapped gift with ornament under the tree. Thank you for your support of this special event at DMWS.

Looking ahead to 2013, our **Carnival** chairs, **Harriet Putman** and **Carrie Currie**, are already busy planning our March 2nd event. **Silent Auction** chairs, **Kelly Andrew** and **Andy Ritchey**, will soon begin collecting lots of great items for the Auction - our largest fundraiser! Mark your calendars now for this great event.

A special holiday thank you to Mrs. Grubbs and our FANTASTIC teachers for all you do for our students - we are so grateful! So to all of you- teachers, parents, and students - thank you for making DMWS such a special place! We hope you all have a very happy and safe holiday season!

Jenny Mathena, President
Puttachart Kelly, Vice President
Asha Patel, Secretary
Stephanie Wilson, Treasurer



Friendly Reminders!

- Cookbook recipes are due December 1st. Please contact Asha Patel if you have a recipe you'd like to submit. (ashacpatel@gmail.com)
- Toys for the Duke Memorial UMC Holiday Market are due December 2nd. Toys should be unwrapped and can be turned in at the church.
- The Giving Tree is now up! Please visit the tree outside of Mrs. Turkington's classroom. Each ornament will have a wish list item on it. Gifts should be returned to the tree, with the tag attached, no later than December 10th. This year's Giving Tree will support the Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Sneed's 3 day 3s

by Julie Spearman

School sure is a fun place to be when you are in Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Sneed's 3 day 3s. Each week at school is based on a book that the children read on Monday. The week before Thanksgiving, the book was *Bear Says Thanks* by Karma Wilson. Many of the toys and books in the classroom during the week are also based on the theme for the week. These little Indians even have a teepee in their room! After a few



minutes of playing Mrs. Charles calls for circle time, where the children gather to learn about the plans for the day. The children also have special jobs in the classroom each day that they are assigned during circle time. There is a door keeper, a snack helper, a caboose, and a "star of the day" to name a few. The children take their jobs seriously and are always eager to help out their teachers. The "star of the day" gets to open the class mailbox filled with hints about what is to come for the day...a macaroni necklace, a can of corn and some corn muffin mix, the date for the calendar and the day. The children are learning

about the days of the week and months of the year as well as learning to count from 1 to 31 for all the days in the month! After a book and a song, the cooking begins. Today they are making cornbread muffins. Jake and Connor add the muffin mix, Marjorie pours the milk, Alex cracks an egg and Molly adds the corn. Each child got to mix the batter, while learning about measurements and following directions. The muffins go to the oven while the kids go to the playground. What a great snack after such fun morning of playing! After snack, it's time for crafts. Today, they are making macaroni necklaces and Indian headbands to wear to the three year old Thanksgiving feast next week.



On the Fridays that they don't cook, the children get to do science experiments where they learn about things like how fat keeps animals warm in the winter, how water freezes and melts at certain temperatures and how heat changes things, like when cooking apples. It's activities like these that foster a love of learning! We are so thankful for such wonderful teachers helping our children grow and learn each day!

The Treehouse Threes!

Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Mathis—4 day 3s by Andy Ritchey



Learning, creative play, and a lot of singing fill the three hours that these twelve children spend together. Once everyone has arrived, the kids gather in circle time and welcome each other in song. After everyone has boogieed-on-down to their stools, one of the highlights of the day, the chore wheel, is revealed. Everyone takes turns doing the jobs of the classroom. The class has a meteorologist to report on the day's weather, a marine biologist to tend to the classroom frogs, a gardener to water the plants, as well as an office messenger, cheerleader, snack helpers, a door

keeper, and the caboose. Everyone is very excited about what their job is, especially the lucky one that is the Star of the Day. The Star gets to sit closest to the teachers, leads the line in and out of the classroom, and has a special Star song. All of this makes for an energetic start to the day.

The children are treated throughout the week with days at fitness class, music class, and cooking class.

Snack time is always fun, but even more so when it is something that they have helped to make. Daily activities of learning centers, circle time, and of course the trip to the playground are all packed in to the short three hour day. The learning centers include dress up and pretend play, tabletop play, arts and crafts in the creation station, construction corner, and math and science. But the main attraction of the room is the famous lofted "treehouse" that serves as a reading lounge for the children. Books, stuffed reading buddies, and bean bag chairs fill the upstairs area for children to enjoy quiet time with a book.



In all, these children have quite an adventure in their time every day in their treehouse room. Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. Turkington do a great job of instilling responsibility with the daily jobs, while having a great day of singing and dancing.



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Our little goblins had a spook-tacular
time at the Halloween parade!



DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please Save the Date: March 2, 2013

The holidays are almost here, and it is time to start thinking about the Silent Auction on March 2nd. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for DMWS, and it could never be successful without the support of our wonderful families! While you are out shopping or visiting with your talented friends and family, please ask if they would be willing to donate to the Silent Auction. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Andrew (kellyandrew77@gmail.com).

In addition to the silent auction, the carnival promises to be fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom and a lunch will be served in Whitford Hall. Class carnival reps will meet in January to discuss organizing volunteers from each class. All families are needed to make the carnival and auction a success. Please contact Harriet Putnam (harriewillimon@yahoo.com) or Carrie Currie (carrie_neil@yahoo.com) for more information.

The Kindergarten Pilgrims and Indians did a wonderful job telling the story of Thanksgiving!



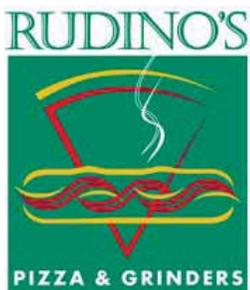
Parents' Coffee Mornings!



Please join us in Whitford Hall for snacks and coffee during the Parent Conference mornings. It is recommended that children do not come along to Parent Conferences. This is a way to arrange for some playtime for the kids while you attend your conference! Please plan to take responsibility for swapping childcare with another parent. Childcare will not be provided, but we welcome adults and children to come in from the cold and play!

When: January 28th & 29th – 9am until 12noon Where: Whitford Hall @ DMWS

Hope to see you there!



In November, we visited Rudino's on N. Pointe Drive. We all had a wonderful time! Thank you to the Rudino's team for their continued generosity and support of the DMWS family!



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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.