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Duke Memorial Weekday School

April 2007

Mark Your Calendar

Fundraiser with Dream Dinners

March 19- April 19

Spring Break (no school)

April 6-15

DMWS Outing @ Durham Bulls

April 22 @ 5 p.m.



Deadline for Annual Tuition Assistance Application

May 1
(for additional information, please contact the office)

Parents' Council Meeting

May 2 @ 9:20 a.m.

Last Day for Students

May 25

DMWS Summer Camp

July 16-20



From the Desk of Susan Grubbs



Dear Parents,

A HUGE thank you to all of the parents who helped make this year's carnival a fun-filled day for everyone! The games were a hit with all the children, the Silent Auction items were great, and the kitchen seemed to move very smoothly! The class projects were all different and done with lots of thought and care. It was truly a great day for everyone!

With the warm weather coming, lots of students are wearing flip-flops and crocs. We would greatly appreciate if you save these for home!!! They often do not stay on the children's feet and cause a problem on the playground. Sneakers or closed toe and heel shoes work best!

Summer camp letters have been sent home with the children. The dates for camp are July 16-20. It should be a fun week with lots of fun activities planned. We will open up registration to our new students and the general public in the next few weeks, so make sure to get your application in early.

As always, feel free to stop by the office if you have any questions about upcoming events.

Happy Spring!



Council Officers and Still Chairs Needed for 2007-2008

Parents' Council is still in need of volunteers for the following officer positions for the 2007-08 school year: President and Vice-President.

We are also seeking one additional chair for the Parents' Press to assist Jennifer McLamb. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Leslie Alkins at 806-2349 or leslieaa@yahoo.com.



PMO Playground Safety

Please be very respectful and aware of the little PMO children if you take your child out on the playground after school. The PMO uses the playground from 12:00 noon until their pick up time each day.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!!!

Photography Credit

We forgot to credit Scott Faber Photography with taking the photographs of our spring carnival for the Parents' Press. Thank you, Scott, for taking the time to take such great pictures for the school!

DMWS Goes to the Bulls

Please join DMWS families for a fun group outing on Sunday, April 22. The game begins at 5 p.m., and after the game, kids can run the bases! Tickets cost \$6 each; DMWS earns 25% of each ticket sold. DMWS families will be able to sit as a group in the Diamond View section—which is in close proximity to the obstacle course and speed pitch. We hope to see you there! In addition, you can purchase vouchers for Durham Bulls games that will raise money for our school. Vouchers cost \$8 each; DMWS will receive 25% of each voucher sold. Vouchers can be used for any game from April through Sept. 1, 2007 **except playoff games**), and seating is based on availability. Vouchers must be redeemed for tickets at the Durham Bulls box office, either in advance or on your chosen game night. They are non-refundable.

The deadline to purchase tickets and vouchers is Tuesday, April 17.

Dream Dinners for DMWS

Our final dining-out for the school year will be at Dream Dinners again. We made almost \$500 to kick off the year, and our goal is to top that to end our great school year.

The fund-raiser will run through April 19. Register for your session online at www.dreamdinners.com, and don't forget to mention our fund-raiser – we will get \$20 for every 12 meals (72 servings) and \$10 for every six meals (36-71 servings).

Please grab some Dream Dinners veterans and new friends, and make some great meals and some great \$ for DMWS!

May Raffle

Instead of a dining out fund-raiser in May, we will hold a raffle to raise money for our school.

The raffle will be held the first week of May, which coincides with our spring book fair. The winner will receive half of the money we collect, and DMWS will receive the other half. Ticket costs will be: \$2 for one, \$5 for three, and \$10 for six tickets.

Look for more information coming home in the tote bags.

Gear Up for Summer Reading!
Buy One get One Free scholastic Book Fair

Book Fair Hours: (Upstairs in the Bradshaw Room across from the Parlor)

Monday, April 30: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wed., May 2: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Thurs., May 3: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Our spring book fair is right around the corner! For every book you buy, you may select one for equal or lesser value for free. We will also have the opportunity to donate new or gently used books to a local Triangle charity.

A preview flyer and more information will come home in advance in your child's tote bag. You will be able to browse and purchase the books (with no sales tax applied) on the spot – no ordering and waiting!

See you at the book fair!

Teacher Appreciation Week at DMWS

DMWS will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week April 23-27. The Parent's Council will provide a delicious snack for the teachers during the week. A great way for the children to get involved is to have them write a note or a card, draw a picture or even give an extra BIG hug during the week. We have a very loving and dedicated group of teachers and we would like to honor them during this week.

Drop Off and Pick Up Safety Reminder

PLEASE HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND WHEN CROSSING MEMORIAL DRIVE!!

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND USING THE CARPOOL LINE AT ALL TIMES, BUT ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD.



Carnival And Silent Auction Update

The Parents' Council would like to thank everyone again for your support in making this year's Silent Auction and Carnival such a great success!!!

Our net profit from the auction and carnival is about \$7500. Special thanks again to our event chairs, as well as our carnival and silent auction representatives.

Auction Items Up for Bid!

We have two items from the Silent Auction up for "bidding": a three-month pass to Fitness World at the Hwy 54 location (next to Harris Teeter) and an initiation fee for membership at the University Club.

If you are interested in either item, please contact Emily Patterson at ejpatterson@nc.rr.com or 477-4331. Please remember this is a fundraiser for our school so we'd like a reasonable offer on these remaining items. Thank you!



Lisa Pagett Remembers

As I returned to the classroom after being director for 11 years, one of the things that has been reinforced for me is the deep sense of connection that our children and families have with the teachers and the school. Our students feel that they are important and valued at Duke Memorial. They are truly known and called by name. They are understood at a level and depth that gives them a feeling of being loved, cared for and connected to their school.

I have felt this same sense of caring and commitment from the DMWS family as I have switched from director to teacher. This has made me even more aware of the deep attachment that one feels and gets from being a part of this school.

While we are focused on empowering our students to be confident learners and independent thinkers, we also want them to be caring and giving. Duke Memorial cares about its students, and that is reflected in the happy faces that walk into this building.

When I would give tours, the prospective parents were always delighted and amazed at the smiling, engaged faces of our students and faculty. They always commented on the happy atmosphere that exists in our school. I am grateful, personally and professionally, that we have a school in which our students and faculty can feel that deep sense of personal connectedness that makes one's relationship with the school, teachers and families so very special.

Thanks to all of you have helped throughout the years to make this school the very special place that it is in the lives of all of us who teach and learn here.

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