



the Parents Press

December 2007

Mark Your Calendar

Parent's Council Meeting

December 5 @ 9:20 am
January 9 @ 9:20am

Teacher Christmas Luncheon

December 10

DMWS Dining Out

December 13 - Fuddruckers

Martin Luther King Holiday

January 21 – No School

Parent Teacher Conferences

January 28, 29

Parent Coffees

January 28 and 29
9am to noon in Whitford Hall

Winter Break

December 20 to January 2

From the Desk of ...

Susan Grubbs

2008-09 Registration Update

January 28-29: Parent conferences. Parents will receive applications for the 2008-09 school year at this time for all currently enrolled students. Please come by the office for applications for siblings.

January 30 - 31 and February 1: Enrollment for existing students and siblings.

February 4-5: Enrollment for church members and alumni.

February 7: Lottery for the general public at 10 a.m.

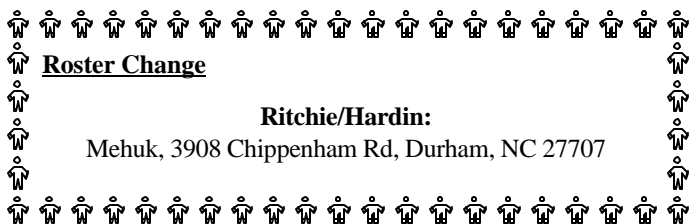
At registration, a non-refundable \$85.00 application fee will be due for all students plus one month's tuition for the following year. The tuition is non-refundable.

Inclement Weather Policy

When Durham County schools are closed due to inclement weather, DMWS will be closed. When the public schools are delayed, DMWS will make our own decision whether or not to have school. Listen for the DMWS announcement on WTVD.

Dress Warmly!

Now that colder weather is here, please remember to send in coats, hats and mittens. Our classes go outside every day, weather permitting, and our playground is shady and can be VERY cold!



Roster Change

Ritchie/Hardin:

Mehuk, 3908 Chippenham Rd, Durham, NC 27707

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!



Holiday Greetings from the Parent's Council

We have enjoyed a productive fall at DMWS! Beginning with the sale of our tote bags, newly designed screen printed tees and sweatshirts, and other school spirit items; then continuing with our enjoyable dining out fundraisers, a successful Fall Gathering and Scholastic Book Fair, and the Queen Bee fundraiser you have helped to raise funds which will be used to support our students and teachers.

Our successful fundraising can be directly attributed to the extraordinary participation of the families and friends of Duke Memorial Weekday School. We would like to give a special thank you to the committee chairs who donated many volunteer hours to ensure that these fall activities were a success; Marianne Burgeson and Betsy Euler – Scholastic Book Fair, Gia Jones and Karen Triplett- Fall Gathering, Mary Dondero- Raffle, Kammy Burch- Tees and Totes (spirit wear), Carolina Connor- Queen Bee Paper, and Holly Coventry- Dining Out. Thank you also to the classroom parent representatives who assist in providing an essential communication network for school families.

During the month of December our school friends and families will have the opportunity to provide a small blessing for those, perhaps, in a less fortunate situation. Keisha Barber and Emily Patterson are chairing our Giving Tree program. They will be placing a Christmas Tree in the hallway (just past the school office). Each ornament decorating the tree will give the age of a child who is currently hospitalized at Duke Children's Hospital. We encourage each of our students to choose one ornament, to purchase a special gift for his or her chosen recipient, and to place the unwrapped gift with attached ornament under our Giving Tree. Before the school break all gifts will be delivered to Duke Hospital where a Holiday toy store will be set up. The parents of hospitalized children will then have the opportunity to "shop" for presents in this very special store.

Spring Carnival chairs; Shay Charles, Jill Noll, and Kim Tupper are already busy planning our March 8 event. Silent auction chairs, Emily Patterson and Erin Bredemann are also ready to begin collecting the numerous items which will be available on the day of our Carnival. Additional information will be sent home soon regarding volunteer opportunities for these events.

To all those who help to make Duke Memorial Weekday School such a special place, thank you! From the Parent Council we wish all of our families and friends a safe and happy holiday season.

Mary Long, President
Liz Stankavage, Vice President
Jennifer Thompson, Hospitality

Amy Kujawa, Secretary
Kristie Crutchfield, Treasurer

A Thanksgiving History

On November 14, parents and friends gathered in Whitford Hall for a Kindergarten theatrical treat which was directed by Connie Eva and narrated by Dawn Perkins. As the lights went down, camera flashes began, and the students filed across the stage front, audience members were transported back in time, a period before the First Thanksgiving.

On stage sharply dressed Pilgrims, dissatisfied with the politics of England boarded the Mayflower. Audience members were treated to a quick journey, complete with the effects of hunger, sickness, and rough weather, which ended on the shores of America. A group of Indians, led by Squanto, came to assist the Pilgrims. With the use of simple props the Indians taught the Pilgrims to plant crops, fish (obviously, big fish tales were around then too!), and survive in this unknown world. In thanks, the Pilgrims and Indians then gathered for the First Thanksgiving feast.





Carnival is Coming: March 8, 2008

Winter Carnival is Scheduled for March 8, 2008 Please mark your calendars. The annual winter carnival and silent auction will offer fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom, and a pizza lunch will be served in Whitford Hall. Class carnival reps should plan to attend a one-hour meeting January 8th, 2008 immediately past morning drop-off. All families are needed to make the carnival and auction a success. Carnival reps will be contacting their classes in January to get volunteers to bring food and work a one hour shift at the carnival either in a classroom booth, selling tickets, or serving pizza. We still need carnival reps for Bartlett/Wheeler. Please contact Jill Noll (jillnoll@yahoo.com), Kim Tupper (tupperk@hotmail.com), or Shea Charles (shaycharles@nc.rr.com) with any questions or to volunteer.



Silent Auction

It's not too soon to start thinking about the DMWS silent auction, which will be held in conjunction with the carnival on March 8. The silent auction is the primary fund-raising event for the Parents' Council. The success of the silent auction is based on classroom and family participation.

Each class contributes an item for the auction. You will be contacted by the silent auction representative for your class regarding what project your class is doing. It is very important that each class has a representative. A book showcasing past projects is available in the school office, so parents can see what previous years' classes have contributed.

We strongly encourage families to participate by donating items; the donation could be a basket of goods from a group of parents, a gift certificate, or even a talent or service you or a friend may have to offer. It would be great if every family could donate one thing. If you own (or know of) a business that could donate a product or service for the auction, call committee chair Emily Patterson at 477-4331 or email her at ejpatterson@nc.rr.com.

The silent auction committee welcomes anyone who is interested in helping with the auction. The committee will meet Dec. 6 around 10:30 a.m. in the Soul Café (after the Parents Council meeting). Please come if you can.

The Fall Gathering Raffle Was a Huge Success

The raffle held in conjunction with the Fall Gathering was very successful. We raised \$885 for the Parents' Council. Many thanks to everyone who purchased tickets both for the general raffle and the tuition raffle. Geri McCoy was the winner of one month's free tuition!

Also, we are most appreciative for all of the donations to the raffle. Thanks to:

- ◆ Pampered Chef consultants, Kathy Fortner and Monica Vaughan
- ◆ Southern Living at Home representative, Donna Bingen
- ◆ Queen Bee Paper Company
- ◆ NC Museum of Life and Science

DMWS Giving Tree

Last year our Giving Tree was a huge success among children who were hospitalized at Duke Children's Hospital over the holidays. Therefore, we have decided to do Santa's Workshop there again. This means we will be buying toys, clothes, books, games, etc. for children ages birth to four. The tree will be set up by Monday, December 3rd at the end of the hallway. There will be tags on the tree with examples of items to buy. Please have your child pick a tag off the tree. You are also welcome to buy anything you feel would be appropriate. We will also need a few people to donate wrapping paper, tape, and gift tags. These gifts need to be put under the tree unwrapped by December 14th. Thank you!

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Let's Say Thanks

- Xerox is sponsoring a program where participants can send a free postcard to one of our servicemen or servicewomen. Just go to www.letsaythanks.com and choose which postcard you want to send. You then write a note and sign it. The postcards will then be sent to the many deserving men and women who are sacrificing so much this holiday season.

MOPS at Duke Memorial

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a ministry for the mothers of children, infant to kindergarten. These moms receive encouragement from each other, develop friendships and grow in relationship with Christ through fellowship, biblical teachings, small discussion groups and creative activities. We welcome you to join us as we focus on "The Home Factor: Begin Here... Go There." MOPS meets from 9:30 am – 11:30 am on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the 4th Grade Sunday School/MOPS room on the 2nd Floor of the Education Building

Dining Out for DMWS

A big thank you to all of our DMWS families who took part in our Dining Out at Dream Dinners in November. Our next one is scheduled for **Thursday, December 13th from 12 noon until 8 p.m. at Fuddruckers on Martin Luther King Boulevard.** Flyers will be sent home closer to the event. So, mark you calendars, take a break from the holiday rush, grab some friends, and come for lunch or dinner! The funds that we raise throughout the year are used to buy new supplies for our classrooms, equipment for our playground, and much-needed educational supplies for our teachers. Thank you for helping us make DMWS such a special place for our children to learn.



Soul Cafe at Duke Memorial



The Soul Cafe is an intimate coffeehouse-like venue that seats 80 people and is located at the rear of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. A free nursery, great desserts, and fresh brewed coffee are available at all events..

For more information regarding Soul Cafe please visit www.dukememorial.org.



Fall Registration for KINDERMUSIK with Jill, is now open at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Classes begin offered are: VILLAGE, OUR TIME, IMAGINE THAT, and SIGN 'N SING. For more information, contact Jill Newsome at 683-3467 or go to www.dukememorial.org. This downtown location of KINDERMUSIK is near Brightleaf Square, at 504 West Chapel Hill Street.