



the Parents Press

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Announcing...

DUKE MEMORIAL WEEKDAY SCHOOL 16th Annual Carnival & Silent Auction

**PLEASE JOIN US ON:
Saturday, March 8, 2008 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

Dear Parents,

It will soon be time for our annual Carnival and Silent Auction. Your class carnival representative is contacting you about volunteering to work a shift and donate food for lunch. Each class has been assigned specific jobs to fill and given a specific food item to donate. We need every family to participate in order to make our Carnival and Silent Auction a big success! It takes over 100 volunteers to run the carnival and auction.

The Carnival and Auction will be full of fun for all ages. Our Carnival is indoors with children traveling from classroom to classroom to play games. The games are all age appropriate and everyone always wins! Each game requires one ticket (50 cents). Games will open at 10:00 am and close at 12:30 pm in order to allow for final bidding at the Silent Auction.

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 6 @ 9:20 am --
Parents' Council Meeting

Mar. 5 @ 9:20 am --
Parents' Council Meeting

Feb. 15 -- 6-9 p.m.
Parents' Night Out

Feb. 18 -- Presidents' Day --
No School

Feb. 28 -- Dining Out 12-8 pm
Chick-Fil-A on
Hillsborough Rd.

Mar. 8 -- 10:00 am -- 1:30 pm
Spring Carnival

Carnival Games:

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| Apple Tree | Bean Bag Toss | Fishing | Hula Walk |
| Basketball | Face Painting | Ring Toss | Golf |
| Space Maze | Obstacle Course | | |

Our exciting Silent Auction, our main fundraiser, is held in Whitford Hall. Please come and see all the wonderful and varied items to bid on. The bidding ends at 1:00 pm. Auction payments can be made with either cash, check, MasterCard or Visa.

Lunch will be available to purchase in Whitford Hall and will consist of pizza along with your donations of fresh fruit and veggies, drinks, and desserts. We will serve lunch from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm.

Tickets for the games and lunch may be purchased in advance or bought on the day of the event. You will be receiving more information about tickets on flyers sent home with your children in February.

We hope you and your family will enjoy this day of fun!

Thank you for volunteering to help and for showing your support for the school.

Jill Noll, Kim Tupper, Shea Charles
Emily Patterson, Erin Bredemann

Carnival Co-Chairs
Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Happy New Year from the Parents' Council

We hope that your New Year has already been highlighted with an abundance of warm hugs and smiles! After the holiday break many of our committees began planning the final activities of the school year. The next big event is our annual Spring Carnival on March 8. The Carnival consists of fun games, lunch, a spectacular auction, and just down right friendly fellowship. We encourage everyone to plan on attending and volunteering. Proceeds from this event, along with the monies raised from other fund-raising events, will be used to sponsor special projects, provide scholarships, and purchase items for the school. We are thrilled to be able to provide this support!

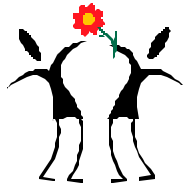
As spring approaches plans are also being made to fill positions on the Parents' Council and the various committees which will organize activities at Duke Memorial for the 2008-2009 school year. Please consider volunteering for one of these very important and rewarding positions. Anyone with questions may contact Mary Long at mlong1402@aol.com or Liz Stankavage at lizstankavage@yahoo.com.

Thank you for all you continue to do for the Parents' Council and Duke Memorial Weekday School.

Mary Long, President
Jennifer Thompson, Hospitality
Kristie Crutchfield, Treasurer

Liz Stankavage, Vice President
Amy Kujawa, Secretary

Parents' Night Out



We are looking forward to our very first Parents' Night Out! Hope everyone is excited about having a fun-filled night of movies, snacks, and games for the kids and a little alone time for the moms and dads. For everyone who has signed up, please drop off and pick up your children in Whitford Hall. Childcare will be available from 6 pm - 9 pm. Please do not drop your children off early or pick them up late. A light snack will be provided for the children.

Further information will be coming home in the folders closer to the date. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Heckler at 342-6329 or sara-heckler@nc.rr.com or Kristen Hamill at 237-3326 or ghamill@nc.rr.com.

Summer Camp

It's time to start thinking about summertime! Summer camp at DMWS will be the week of July 21- 25. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.; campers will need to bring a lunch from home to have at camp. More information will be available soon.



Dining Out

Our next Dining Out event will be at the Chick-Fil-A on Hillsborough Rd. on Thursday, February 28 from 12 - 8 pm. We will have the prize wheel and **the cow** from 5-6 pm that day. So...take a break from cooking and join us for some good food and a good time!



Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

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.

Its Primary Time at Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Chappell's Four Day Fours!

By Jennifer Barnett

In honor of President's Day in February and the ongoing Presidential Primary Process, this four year old classroom decided to join in the democratic process and promote their presidential bid. No matter which side of the party lines you stand on, I'm sure you will agree that they are by far our best candidates for governing our country. OK, at least at governing Duke Memorial!



Let's start with their campaign headquarters. It was stated by several of the candidates that "the loft" is one of their favorite parts of their day. Like all good politicians, they like to eat and play and Travis was nice enough to show me around, telling me about the blocks, the reading area, and the "new toys." He also told me that he likes when his Dad brings him to preschool; which is a smart statement to use your family ties when running for office. If elected, it seems that the inaugural dinner will have to include goldfish, which is the favorite snack of the class. Popcorn, vanilla wafers and cereal all were cited too. Cody promoted his bid for the presidency by stating that he likes "whatever the teacher serves." A very democratic and bi-partisan stance.

All of the candidates are enjoying their constant pursuit of education, citing an enjoyment of learning beginning sounds in words, specifically the "S" sound in a favorite word that has thus far abandoned us...SNOW. Many of the candidates stated a continued need in the budget to support our space program. Jack, Anna Stewart, and Colin all said that their favorite center was the new rocket and space toys. Carter and Steven supported special interest groups in citing the "dog toys" and "the house toys" as their favorite, keeping both animal rights and domestic issues forefront. Cody and Kaetlyn wowed the primary with their bi-lingual abilities in speaking some Spanish in the interview.



When asked, "Who would make the best president, Hilary Clinton, John McCain or Mrs. Collins, it was a unanimous decision that Mrs. Collins was the best candidate. When asked why, Steven stated, "Because she is so good." Kaetlyn, a true lobbyist at heart stated, "Because she might give me toys or a cat." It was also a unanimous decision that Mrs. Chappell would be in the Secret Service. When asked why, I was told anonymously that it is because she gives out snacks. This is service but is it done secretly? Is there a special secret snack given when Mrs. Collins isn't watching? Only the candidates know.

When asked what they would do as president, Simon stated that he would take over as teacher. Cody and Carter both said they would just play. Kaetlyn would increase technology and play computers more and Anna Stewart would make new rules. In a very honest statement, Steven wanted only to "help people." Not very presidential if you ask me. Recently the candidates celebrated Mrs. Collins birthday with homemade cards and a kazoo rendition of "Happy Birthday." Anna Stewart informed the media that Mrs. Collins was 41 years old (probably not getting the vote). Kaetlyn and Steven placed her at 21 and 20 years old (trying to get the mom vote) and Carter stretched a bit and stated that she was 13 (the overcompensation could cost him). Sadly, none of the candidates could describe what a presidential caucus was. Cody said confidently that it was "a present." When asked what the best thing about being president was, the answers ranged from "helping people," to "getting new toys" to "living in a big house."




Finally, when asked, "Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?" the candidates were quick to turn on each other and immediately pointed to their peers. Colin however, blamed the ants. Probably not getting the environmentalist support from that one. Steven, blamed me, the interviewer, which was very wise.

All in all, these candidates are primed for government leadership! They have a great "administration" in their class and have great teacher and family support. Colin's grandmother even knitted every candidate a pair of mittens. It doesn't get more grass roots or apple pie than that! You want "Change in '08?"

Vote Collins/Chappell class for President!



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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. For more information, attend a meeting and/or contact Kami Harris at kambriajo@msn.com

DMWS 16th Annual Carnival & Silent Auction Saturday, March 8, 2008

Tickets now on SALE

We encourage everyone to purchase tickets in advance to assist us in estimating the attendance and to avoid waiting in line the day of the carnival. Please note: tickets are non-refundable. Additional tickets will be available the day of the carnival.

PLEASE RETURN this form in your child's folder with cash or check made out to D.M.W.S. Parents' Council by **Thursday, Feb 29th.**

Teacher's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone # _____

1. Tickets are 50 cents each and each booth cost 1 ticket. Advance tickets are being sold in increments of \$5.00 only.

Number of Tickets Requested (Please check one):

10 tickets (\$5.00) 20 tickets (\$10) 30 tickets (\$15.00)

Other amount - please specify cost _____

2. LUNCH TICKETS: Cost is \$4.50 per adult and \$2.50 per child.

of Adult tickets (\$4.50 each) _____ Amount paid _____

of Child tickets (\$2.50 each) _____ Amount paid _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (carnival and lunch tickets): \$ _____

Tickets will be sent home with the children on March 4th and 5th.