



the Parents Press

January 2008

Mark Your Calendar

**Parent-Teacher
Conferences:**
Jan. 28th & 29th- no school

Parent Coffees
Jan. 28th & 29th
in Whitford Hall

Parent's Council Meeting
Feb. 6th at 9:20

Parent's Night Out
Feb. 15th 6-9 pm

President's Day- no school
Feb. 18th

Dining Out
Jan. 24th – Randy's Pizza

**Spring Carnival &
Silent Auction**
March 8th

From the Desk of ...

Susan Grubbs

Registration for 2008-09

It's time to think about next year! We will begin registration for current students on Wed., Jan. 30th & 31st and Feb. 1st; Feb. 4th & 5th for church members and alumni; and Feb. 7th for the general public.

Tuition rates for the 2008-09 school year will be:

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| 2 day 2's- | \$161.00 |
| 3 day 2's- | \$186.00 |
| 2 day 3's- | \$161.00 |
| 3 day 3's- | \$186.00 |
| 5 day 3's- | \$237.00 |
| 4 day 4's- | \$213.00 |
| 5 day 4's- | \$ 239.00 |
| Kindergarten- | \$292.00 |

Existing students will get their applications at their conference. Parents will need to pick up applications for siblings from the office.

At the time of registration, parents' of current students will be asked to pay a \$75.00 registration fee; the fee for new students is \$85.00. All students will pay one month's tuition at the time of registration. This will be applied to May 2009 tuition. All of this money is NON-REFUNDABLE.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available if needed during the school year. May 1 is the deadline to apply for tuition assistance. Applications are processed by the Weekday School Board and are confidential. For further information, please contact the office.



Meet The Froggies: Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman's 4 day 4s.

by Trena Semanske



Ribbet. Ribbet. Ribbet. Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman's 4 day fours hop on down the hallway to their pond. One of the largest rooms at the school, their home pad is full of frogs, lily pad stools, and painted a friendly froggy green.

This year has been busy with field trips. First to Ganyard Farms where everyone had fun going on a hay ride, picking out a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and feeding the barn animals. Even though they only went around the school, the Halloween parade felt like an exciting trip. Then there was a visit to Duke Homestead. There the children went back in time and felt what it was like to rely on a small fire for their heat.

Each day the children play outside, have center and circle time. Every day of the week brings a different class as well: Spanish, fitness, music or computer class. In addition, they are learning to take turns, listen to each other and express themselves during activities like show and tell which is their favorite. The whole class is looking forward to more fun events in the coming year.

And they have wonderful teachers to help them do this. Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman are enthusiastic and patient teachers who help our froggies prepare for kindergarten. So if you are ever down by the elevator, stop by the pond and visit our little froggies, who are growing in leaps and bounds.



Silent Auction Update

Remember the Silent Auction will be **March 8th** this year. You have received some information already about how we'd like your help. There are several ways you can participate in helping make this auction a success: donate an item, call your friends with businesses or talents, be part of the silent auction committee, and/or help your silent auction classroom representative with the class project. It is important to know when items need to be completed and turned in to the office. Please write down these dates!

The week of:

January 28th – Classroom project descriptions need to be turned in

February 11th – Please send in descriptions of all items to be donated
(Descriptions of items can be sent to Erin Bredemann at ebredemann@earthlink.net)

February 15th – Classroom projects need to be completed

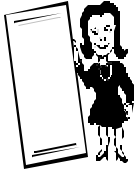
February 21st – Start dropping off donated items in the school's office

February 29th – All items need to be collected and turned in!

Thank you so much for your help!

The Silent Auction Committee

Fund Raising Opportunity



During the week of January 7th a Triangle Area coupon book will be sent home in your child's tote bag. Please take time to review this practical coupon book. Each book is \$20.00 of which DMWS will receive 50%. There are numerous entertainment coupons for locations such as Mardi Gras and Jellybeans as well as several coupons for upcoming Dining Out locations. We will not be collecting orders for the coupon books; however, there will be extra copies available for sale if needed.

Thank you for your support!

Parents' Night Out

Mark your calendars for the first DMWS Parents' Night Out! We will be offering babysitting services for children ages 2 to 10 at Duke Memorial from 6 pm to 10 pm on February 15. The cost will be \$7 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. There will be movies, snacks and lots of fun for all the children. You will be receiving more information in your child's tote bag about how to sign up for this exciting event. So...make plans now with your sweetie for a romantic evening (without the kids)!



Duke Memorial Garden

You may have wondered what's going on with the clearing of the lot adjacent to the parking lot. The portion closest to the street will be additional parking, while the back portion will be transformed into a garden. Building of raised beds will start at the end of February with planting to start in April. We are excited for this blank palate to beautify the space. It's a wonderful intergenerational project that will be a learning tool for the many children who come through Duke Memorial's doors. In addition to benefiting from what is grown (Duke Memorial will have it's own mini pumpkin patch next year), there will be means to compost and recycle so as to further promote stewardship of the earth. The Kindergarten class will have their own designated Kinder" garden". The space will provide our young artist with new means to express their creativity. There will be picnic tables (there are aspirations to build a pavilion next year) for people to further enjoy the garden and it's offerings. The garden will consist of two large beds and sixteen four-foot square beds. There will be some beds available to gardeners who would like the opportunity to create and care for their own plot. Keep a look out for the beautiful change that will be evolving!



If you would like more information please contact Kimbie Sprague at sprague@nc.rr.com.

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DMWS
Giving Tree

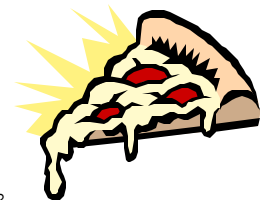
Thank you to everyone who participated in the DMWS Giving Tree this year. It was a GREAT success! We were able to provide a lot of happiness to many children at Duke Childrens Hospital. Thank you very much for your generosity. Duke Childrens was very appreciative and grateful for our contribution.

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

Mark your calendar for our next dining-out fund-raiser: Randy's Pizza on Guess Road at Northgate Mall will generously give us 10% of their total sales for Thursday, Jan. 24.



Please stop by for lunch or dinner, or order a pizza or two for takeout. This new location is in the small strip mall outside Northgate on Guess Road, near Boston Market. It is much bigger than the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway location, with a lot of booths and tables.

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.