

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Teacher Workday**

**(no school)**

March 26

**Dream Dinners Fundraiser**

March 19-April 19

**Class Pictures**

April 4-5

**Parents' Council Meeting**

April 4

May 2

**Spring Break**

**(no school)**

April 6-13



March Madness!

**From the Desk of Susan Grubbs**

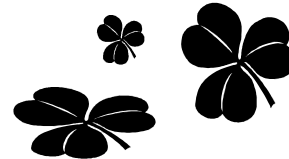
Dear Parents,

It's nice to know that spring is just around the corner! We have been very busy around DMWS with tours and registration. We have two four-day 4s and three kindergarten spots still available. If you know of someone who might be interested, have them call the office at 688-5130, and we will be happy to answer any questions or schedule a tour of the school.

I am happy to say that the DMWS office is now connected to the Internet! Doug Sept and Tim Turkington volunteered many hours to accomplish this.

You can reach me via e-mail at [susangrubbs@dukememorial.org](mailto:susangrubbs@dukememorial.org).

We will send home applications soon for our summer camp, which will be held the week of July 16-20. The camp day will run from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

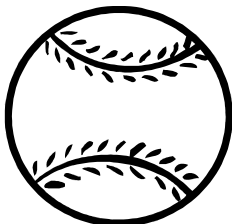


Sincerely,  
Susan Grubbs

**Canned Food Drive**

We collected 281 cans during our February food drive – the line of cans stretched from the school's entrance door down the hall to Mrs. Collins' classroom. The food was donated to the Durham Rescue Mission

**DMWS Goes to the Bulls**



Please join DMWS families for a fun group outing to the Durham Bulls on Sunday, April 22. The game will begin at 5 p.m., and after the game, kids can run the bases!

DMWS families will be able to sit as a group in the Diamond View section. In addition to selling tickets for this game, we will also sell vouchers that can be used for any game from April through August. Look for more information to come about this fun and exciting fund-raiser for our school!

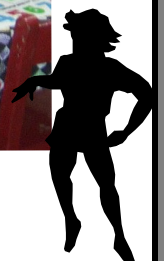
## Mrs. Alton and Mrs. Noga's Five-Day 3s

If you peek behind the blue door at the end of the hall, you'll see 12 very happy and enthusiastic kids. Here's a glimpse into the day of Drew, Bella, John, Lindy, Grayson, Liam, Nathan, Penelope, Noah, Myles, Samantha and Michael. They walk down the hall to find a smiling Mrs. Alton waiting for them at the door. Inside the classroom, they can choose to play with cars, blocks, tabletop toys and a household center. Even better, they can have Mrs. Noga read them a story. Everyone gets a turn to be the Child of the Day. With this privilege comes quite a bit of responsibility: being the line leader, helping with the calendar, choosing the blessing at snack time, and, most importantly, feeding Chuckie, the class fish.

Not all of the fun happens in the classroom, however. On Tuesdays, everyone heads up to Whitford Hall for fitness with Mrs. Baker. On Wednesdays, they go to music and sing songs that they're sure to continue singing long after they go home for the day. Thursdays are for Spanish, where they learn colors, numbers and more. Other daily occurrences are playing outside on the playground and learning sign language. The kids can sign various expressions, holidays, family members and, of course, a big "I Love You" with great accuracy.

When asked about their class and their teachers, the kids had a lot to say about their favorite things. Drew, Michael and Liam like to play in centers. Nathan likes to play with a bear, and Bella loves puzzles. Lindy likes piggies. Penelope likes to tickle, and Noah giggles and giggles. Several of the kids agree that their favorite thing about Mrs. Noga is that she makes them laugh. Mrs. Alton gives good hugs. Mrs. Noga gives them yummy snacks. Mrs. Alton is fun to play with.

Although their answers varied, one thing these kids all agree on is that they are happy, *they have a great time, and they really love Mrs. Alton and Mrs. Noga.*



## Beach Party with Bolen/Pagett's 2-day 2s

It's a cold January day, with high temperatures only in the 40s, but in Mrs. Bolen's two-day 2s class, it's 80 degrees in the shade, with seagulls soaring and hot sand underfoot – and it's time for a beach party! Wearing Hawaiian-print shirts and beach hats, Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Pagett greet every parka-clad child with a lei. Off come the coats, and on goes the music: the Beach Boys' greatest hits. Tropical fish made by the children – with compact-disc bodies, foam fins and glittery sequin scales – “swim” overhead. Boys and girls swarm around the sand table with shovels and dump trucks.

When it's circle time, Mrs. Bolen calls everyone over to sit on a letter on the rug. “What month is it?” she asks. “Tuesday!” pipes up an enthusiastic voice. When everyone agrees it's January, they sing today's song (to the tune of “Frere Jacques”): *It's January / once again / snowflakes are falling / brr, brr, brr!* It may be chilly on the playground, but pretending to play at the beach really warms things up.

Today's letter is F – first the children learn it in sign language, along with a word that starts with F: FISH. Then it's story time: “There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell.” (Why? She won't tell.) “Yuck!” pipes up another small voice. Next comes “Curious George Goes to the Beach,” where George breaks out a yummy snack of cheese and crackers – but is puzzled when something steals his food. What's making off with his snack? “An eagle!” calls out another voice. With all that talk about eating, maybe it's time for a snack – and wait till you see what's on the menu today. “Sand!” announces Mrs. Bolen. Puzzled looks cross a few faces as the children peer inside the big yellow bucket and then spread out the beach towels they brought from home for their “picnic.” But when they realize this sand was made with vanilla pudding and ground-up graham crackers, garnished with gummy fish and served with a yellow shovel, everyone digs in.

Later, there are games with a giant beach ball – and by the time they line up to go home, the mood is so sunny, it's almost like they really did have a day at the beach.



## **Thanks for a GREAT Carnival and Silent Auction**

The Parents' Council would like to thank the parents, teachers, grandparents and friends who all worked together to make our 2007 Carnival and Silent Auction such a fun and successful event. A special thanks goes to carnival co-chairs Gina Hawkins, Jill Noll and Kim Tupper; silent auction co-chairs Emily Patterson and Erin Bredemann; and kitchen coordinators Sara Heckler and Kammy Burch. We truly appreciate all the hard work you put into making this year's carnival and silent auction such a huge success!

We also would like to thank the carnival and silent auction representatives from each class this year. The class projects were great! Lastly, we would like to express our appreciation to Jennifer Holloway for coordinating with the high school volunteers who worked at the carnival. Parents' Council thanks you again for all you do to support our school.

## **Dining out for DMWS**

February's Dining Out was a huge success at Randy's Pizza. We made \$232.00! Thank you to all of the families who joined us for dinner that night and also all of the teachers who ordered take-out for Lunch Bunch! A lot of delicious pizza was had by all.

Our final dining-out fund-raiser for the school year will be at Dream Dinners again. We made almost \$500 to kick off the year, and I know we can top that to end our great school year. The fund-raiser will run from March 19 to April 19. We will be able to take advantage of two menus, so please grab some Dream Dinners veterans and rookies and make some great meals and some great \$ for DMWS! Register for your session online at [www.dreamdinners.com](http://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).

## **Parents' Council Officers and Chairs Needed for 2007-08**

Parents' Council needs volunteers for the following officers' positions: President, Vice President, and Secretary. We are also seeking chairs for the following events: Tees, Totes & Spiritwear and Parents' Press. If you are interested or have any questions about these positions, please contact Leslie Alkins at 806-2349 or [leslieaa@yahoo.com](mailto:leslieaa@yahoo.com).

## **Roster Changes**

- **Shackett/Turkington:** Macie Newnam, 701 Richland Bluff Court, Wake Forest, NC 27587, (919) 562-7717
- **Bolen/Pagett:** Dylan Monson, 720 Mill Pond Way, Hillsborough, NC 27278, (919) 732-7082
- **Eva/Perkins:** Alejandro Gomez de la Vega, 3606 Henningson Way, Durham, NC 27705
- **Staff:** Rae Ann Baker (fitness), 4 Springtree Circle, Durham, NC 27712

## **Lunch Bunch Reminder**

Please do not send in items that need to be heated in a microwave for Lunch Bunch. Most of our classrooms do not have microwaves, and it is not convenient for the teachers to leave the room to go to the microwave. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!