



the PARENTS PRESS



Duke Memorial Weekday School

May 2007

Mark Your Calendar

Kindergarten Play

May 16

Kindergarten Conferences

May 18

Last Day of Lunch Bunch

May 18

Last Day for Students

May 25

DMWS Summer Camp

July 16-20



**Have a safe and
fun summer!**

From the Desk of Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the school year is quickly coming to an end! It has been a wonderful first year for me as the director, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to get to know all of your children. It is a joy to be around all of them, and I will miss the chatter and laughter during the summer months.

We will have a busy next few weeks with plays, picnics, field trips and parties going on all around the school. We will have our annual Butterfly Release sometime around the beginning of May out on the playground.

It is not too late to sign up for summer camp the week of July 16-20. We will have a week full of fun activities planned for the children. The hours of the camp are 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., with the children having lunch each day. The cost is \$125 for the week, and we still have some openings. Please call the office or stop by to get an application.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer vacation!! We look forward to seeing our returning families in the fall, and we wish the very best to those who are moving on.

Happy Summer!
Susan Grubbs

Mrs. Atwell to Retire



Ginny Atwell will retire from DMWS at the end of this year after 16 years with the school. Her husband, Bob, is also retiring this spring, and they plan to do a lot of traveling. They have always enjoyed their trips but were limited by their jobs as to how long and often they could go. Ginny will also stay busy with her five grandchildren, all in this area. Everyone at DMWS will miss Ginny. Robin Moore will especially miss her and all the great artwork with the children. Parents, if you get a chance, please come by and give Ginny a hug and goodbye!

Parent's Council Updates

The Parents' Council has truly had an amazing year thanks to all your generous support. This would not have been possible without all of you who graciously volunteered your time and talents to make sure our events were such a success! We sincerely thank our DMWS families, Susan Grubbs, Judy Elliott-Moore and our dedicated staff of teachers for all you did and continue to do to make DMWS the best preschool for our children to learn and grow!

As we look forward to next year, we have already filled many of our officers' positions and committee chairs for 2007-08. However, there are still opportunities available to help with Parents' Council. If you are interested in volunteering with Parents' Council and would like more information, please contact Mary Long at 309-2486.

At this time every year, we look at the balance in our treasury and make some final decisions. We give 15% of our total fund-raising balance to the school's Board of Directors for tuition assistance. We then keep a small balance to carry forward into the next school year. The rest goes to the Director and teachers to spend over the summer for school improvements and furnishing the classrooms. This is how all your hard work and generosity is put to good use.

Here's to a fantastic year! For those returning, we look forward to seeing you in September. For those moving on, thank you for being a part of DMWS. No matter how long you have been with us, we know you are taking with you some wonderful memories.

Have a safe and happy summer!!!!

Leslie Alkins, President
Jennifer McLamb, Vice President
Mary Long, Secretary
Amy Brown, Treasurer
Holly Coventry, Hospitality Chair

Officers and Chairs for 2007-08

<u>President</u>	Mary Long
<u>Vice President</u>	Liz Stankavage
<u>Secretary</u>	Amy Kujawa
<u>Treasurer</u>	Kristie Crutchfield
<u>Hospitality Chair</u>	Jennifer Thompson
<u>Tees, Totes & Spirit Wear</u>	Kammy Burch & Jennifer Holloway
<u>Fall Gathering</u>	Gia Jones & Karen Triplett
<u>Raffle</u>	Mary Dondero
<u>Book Fair</u>	Jennifer Holloway
<u>Carnival</u>	Kim Tupper, Jill Noll & Sue Sept
	Kammy Burch (kitchen coordinator)
<u>Silent Auction</u>	Erin Bredemann & Emily Patterson
<u>Parents' Press</u>	Jennifer McLamb & Sara Heckler

DMWS at the Bulls

Our Durham Bulls fund-raiser was a great success. We sold 123 tickets and 94 vouchers and raised \$372.50 for DMWS. Thanks for your support with this fund-raiser!!!

Special Thanks

I would like to give special thanks to the officers, committee chairs and classroom representatives who have served on Parents' Council this year. It has truly been a pleasure working with all you. Thanks again for all the time and energy you have given to our school. — Leslie Alkins

DMWS Dining Outs

Thanks again for all your support with our dining out fundraisers this year. We successfully raised \$1843.37 from our fundraisers at Dream Dinners, Chick-fil-A, Fuddruckers, Elmo's Diner and Randy's Pizza. A special thanks goes to Liz Stankavage for all her hard work in organizing our dining-outs!!!

Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Powell's 3-day Three Class

Written by: Julianna West and Kathy Fortner



Mrs. Jackie Bolen and Mrs. Kathy Powell are two very bright, talented, patient and loving teachers in our 3 Day 3s class. We are blessed to have our children in the loving care of these two very special ladies. They take so much time and extra care each day to make sure our children are safe, and have fun learning in a very unique environment.

Each morning, our children walk down the DMWS hallway and travel into their new world of the beautifully decorated and themed "Clifford The Big Red Dog" classroom. They are greeted with a big hug and lots of enthusiasm...the room always seems to be buzzing with fun. Each morning, a new child is designated as the "Top Dog" for the day. The Top Dog has special VIP treatment, and has the pleasure and responsibility of leading the class as the line leader to fitness, music, etc. Each child anxiously awaits their turn at "Top Dog"! Throughout the year, Clifford The Big Red Dog is a prominent fixture in the room and is a big help when there is a celebration such as a birthday, and accompanies the children when visiting the Fire Truck, and other exciting adventures.

The children enjoy many detailed art projects and activities in class...oh where, oh where do Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Powell find the time and energy to accomplish all they do? The children learned sign language with the alphabet and have even started learning about food preparations, making individual apple pies and other goodies. The class has also celebrated several theme days: Pajamas, Beach, and Teddy Bears. Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Powell have even given the parents something to look forward to, a tea party hosted by the class.

Everyday is a celebration in Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Powell's classroom. The teachers are always taking precious photos of our children. We receive photo albums via email, which detail all of their adventures. Clifford must be a BIG help to Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Powell because us parents can't figure out how they get all of this accomplished in just a few hours each morning. As parents we could not ask for more thoughtful and loving teachers for our children to spend their mornings with. Thank you Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. Powell for everything you do...you have laid a foundation for our children's lifetime love and joy of learning.



The Great Human Race

A group of DMWS teachers and one alumni represented our school in the Great Human Race on Saturday, March 24. Lou Bray, our coordinator, Wendy Hensen, Jackie Bolen, Kathy Powell, Lisa Pagett, Peggy Alton, Sharon Noga, Susan Grubbs and Emily Alton enjoyed a nice walk through downtown Durham and raised \$360 for those teachers to use in their classrooms.

We hope to have an even larger turnout next year!

Looking Ahead....

The first of day of school for Fall 2007 will be Tuesday, Sept. 4. The parents-only orientation is Thursday, Aug. 30. Parents will receive a letter over the summer confirming these dates and giving class assignments and orientation information.

Reminder!

Tuition for May 2008 is due on May 1.

Roster Change

Bray 4-day fours: Toheedat Bakare, 4907 Swann's Mill Drive, Durham, NC 27704

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!

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