



the Parents Press

May 2008

From the Desk of ...

Susan Grubbs

Mark Your Calendar

Book Fair

May 5 - 9 -- 9 am - 1 pm

Parents' Council Meeting

May 7 -- 9:20 a.m.

Kindergarten Play

May 14

Kindergarten Conferences

May 16

Last day of Lunch Bunch

May 16

Durham Bulls Outing

May 18

Last day of Classes

May 23

Summer Camp

July 21 - 25

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that summer is fast approaching and the school year is coming to an end. We have had an exciting year at DMWS and I have enjoyed being with all of your children this year. The summer months are way too quiet around here! It is always fun to see their smiling faces coming in the doorway.

The next few weeks will be very busy with puppet shows, plays, picnics, field trips and parties all around the school. We will have our annual Butterfly Release sometime near the beginning of May out on the playground. That is always exciting for both the children and teachers alike!

Speaking of the playground... we are very excited about the new items that are being installed! We have replaced the car with a new Kiddie Copter and we are putting in a music center much like the one at the Museum of Life and Science! We could not do any of this without the wonderful support of the Parent's Council and all of you that support all of our fundraising efforts. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents!

It is not too late to sign up for camp the week of July 21-25. We have sent home applications but if you need one please stop by the office. The cost is \$125.00 and the hours will be 9:00- 12:45. This includes Lunch Bunch so the children will need a lunch each day.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, fun and safe summer!!! 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

Playground Changes

All of you have probably noticed the exciting changes that are taking place on our playground. We have a new, irresistible music center as well as an adventurous, high-flying helicopter. Come and take a look at some of the fruits of fundraisers and dining out events. Special thanks to Go Out and Play who installed our new playground equipment.

Go Out and Play -Custom Outdoor Creations
Efland, NC
www.go-out-and-play.com

Parents' Council News

We want to offer a special thank you to all the Duke Memorial parents who have volunteered their time to fill an officer or chair position for the 2008/09 school year. With such a great team, next year will surely be exciting and a lot of fun!

2008/09 Officers and Chairs:

President: Amy Kajawa

Vice President: Erin Bredemann

Secretary: Deborah Ballard

Treasurer: Kristie Crutchfield

Hospitality: Jennifer Thompson and Amy Fochler

Tees and Totes: Kammy Burch , Krissy

Dining Out: Gretchen Walsh

Anderson and Lisa John

Fall Gathering: Kristen Hamill and Karen Triplett

Parent's Press: Kim Tupper

Spring Carnival: Shay Charles, Kristen Hamill, Kim Tupper

Kitchen Coordinator: Kammy Burch

Silent Auction: Erin Bredemann

Book Fair: Marianne Burgeson

We also want to say thank you to all those who volunteered this year. The willingness of our parents to give of their time and talents to our school truly makes Duke Memorial a special place. A very special thank you goes to our current Parents' Council president, Mary Long. Mary has worked hard for our school all year and, yet, has made it appear effortless. Her lovely smile brightens the day of everyone who comes across her. Thank you, Mary. You have been a blessing to our school and to all of us.

Thanks for a FABULOUS Carnival and Silent Auction

The Parent's Council would like to thank everyone for helping make this year's Silent Auction and Carnival a huge success! It was certainly a joint effort and we truly appreciated everyone's involvement. We'd like to offer a special thanks to all the Carnival Co-Chairs, Silent Auction Co-Chairs, and Kitchen Coordinator. In addition, without the Classroom Carnival Reps and Silent Auction Reps, this event would have been nearly impossible to pull off. We know it was quite a task and we certainly noticed the time and effort it took all of you. All the families who attended the carnival clearly had a wonderful time, so our efforts definitely paid off! In fact, our net profit from the auction and carnival is over \$11,000! That's pretty impressive! We have a wonderful school with amazing parents and teachers who are always eager to help out. Thank you for everything! We appreciate all the hard work you put into this event. It never would have occurred without everyone's help!

Looking Ahead...

The first of day of school for Fall 2008 will be Wednesday, Sept. 3. The parents-only orientation is Tuesday, Sept. 2. Parents will receive a letter over the summer confirming these dates and giving class assignments and orientation information.

Spring Book Fair

Make sure that you come and check out our last book fair of the school year. This is the much-anticipated "Buy One, Get One Free" book fair. This is a great opportunity to stock up on some books for the loooong summer ahead of us! So, come on by and pick up some great summer reading. The book fair will be May 5 - 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. You can purchase books with cash, credit cards, or checks

Roster Changes

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| Ritchie M/W 2's - Jonathan Gaca and Bartlett 5 day 4's - Will Gaca | 5 Pine Top Place | Durham, NC 27705 |
| Ritchie M/W 2's -- Everett Mathison and Kindergarten -- Gray Mathison | 110 Chateau Rd | Durham, NC 27704 |
| Moore 2 day 3's -- Carly and Emmie Savarino | 4305 Forest Edge Trail | Durham, NC 27705 |

Vacation Bible School



Monday, June 23rd – Thursday, 26th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

For children age 3 – 5th Grade

During this exciting hands-on week we will learn about the miraculous power Jesus gives us to be thankful, helpful, and brave and to tell others about God. In keeping with the theme of exploration we are experimenting with mixed age groups rather than traditional classes. Children will be grouped into preschool and school-age lab crews to promote social skills, self-esteem, and cooperation.

Each day young scientists will rotate through Sonic Sing and Play, Hyperspeed Games, Wacky Works Crafts and Missions, Test Tube Treats, Cinema Science, Bible Blast, and Faith Fusion Finale.

We are actively recruiting fifteen lab leaders who will provide guidance, foster relationships, promote discussion and participate in all activities of VBS with their crew of five young scientists. There is no preparation work involved, just the desire to have a good time exploring faith with eager children.

Go to www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/dukememorial to register your young scientist or to sign up to be lab assistant.

For more information contact the team of lead scientists,

Kimble Sprague, sprague@nc.rr.com, or Laura Barkalow, creating4kids@nc.rr.com.

Parents' Council Update

The Parents' Council has enjoyed a truly amazing year which has been blessed with energetic volunteers. Thank you to all who graciously volunteered time and talents to make sure our events were successful. In addition to our DMWS families, we wish to thank Susan Grubbs, Judy Elliott-Moore, and our entire staff of teachers who are committed to ensuring that Duke Memorial remains a positive environment in which children are able to individually learn and grow.

As we look forward to next year, we have already filled many of our officers' positions and committee chairs for the 2008-2009 school year. There are, however, still volunteer opportunities available for interested parties. If you would like additional information please feel free to contact Amy Kajawa at akujawa@netzero.net. There is always a place for your talents, and it is our desire to connect every willing volunteer into a desirable position.

As the school year closes the Parents' Council will donate 15% of the year's fundraising balance to the school's Board of Directors. This money will be earmarked for tuition assistance. A small balance of the year's fundraising balance will be carried forward into the next school year, and the remaining money will be given to the school for improvements and classroom needs. This money is used at the discretion of the school Director. You may visit the playground to see some of the improvements which have already been made this year!

Thank you for being a part of DMWS. We hope that you are taking wonderful memories of our school into the summer. For those returning, we look forward to seeing you in September, and for those moving on, we wish you a smooth transition! To everyone, we wish a safe and happy summer.

Mary Long, President

Liz Stankavage, Vice President

Amy Kajawa, Secretary

Kristie Crutchfield, Treasurer

Jen Thompson, Hospitality Chair






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Please Hold Hands!

The school staff would like to remind all of us to hold our children's hands in the parking lot and crossing the street. There are a lot of cars driving around during pick-up and drop-off and we certainly do not want anything to happen to any of our students. So, please make sure that your children's hands are in yours when you are coming and going from school.

Join Us
 Duke Memorial Weekday School Night with
THE DURHAM BULLS
 Sunday, May 18, 2008
 ~ More Information to Come ~




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.

May Raffle


Instead of a dining out fund-raiser in May, we will hold a raffle to raise money for our school. The raffle will be held the first week of May, which coincides with our spring book fair. The winner will receive half of the money we collect, and DMWS will receive the other half. Ticket costs will be: \$2 for one, \$5 for three, and \$10 for six tickets.

Look for more information coming home in the tote bags.



Soul Cafe at Duke Memorial

The Soul Cafe is an intimate coffeeshouse-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..

 Spring 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.