



the Parents Press

November 2007

Mark Your Calendar

Prevent Blindness Screening

November 6 and 7

Parent's Council Meeting

November 7 @ 9:20 am

December 5 @ 9:20 am

Veteran's Day

November 12- No school

Kindergarten Play

November 14

Thanksgiving Break

November 21-23 – No School

Poinsettia orders due

November 20

Kindergarten Open House

November 27-29

DMWS Dining Out

October 15 - November 15 @

Dream Dinners

DMWS Annual Carnival and

Silent Auction

Save the date: March 8, 2008

From the Desk of ...

Susan Grubbs

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church has adopted a Safe Sanctuaries policy. As part of DMUMC, the Weekday School will also follow it. Therefore if you come into the building anytime during the school day (after carpool has ended) please come into the office and sign in. We need to know who is in the building at all times. Additionally, please do not let anyone in the building that you do not know. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this!!!

We will have a Kindergarten Open House on Nov. 27-30 for parents of existing 4 year old parents. This will be a great opportunity for parents to see our dynamic teachers in action! Please call the office to schedule a time. Please do not bring siblings to the Open House because it is very distracting for the students in the class.

Inclement Weather Policy

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.

Don't Forget

Kindergarten Open House
November 27-30

Questions? Call the Office

Hold hands, please!

PLEASE remember to hold your child's hand AT ALL TIMES while walking to your car if you choose not to use the carpool line. If you are trying to load more than two children we strongly encourage you to use the carpool line. Our parking lot is very busy and people are often distracted.

One accident would be one too many!

October Activities at DMWS

October has been an exciting month at DMWS.



The annual visit from the Durham Fire Department was a rousing success. What a treat for our children to meet these everyday heroes and to get to explore a real live fire truck!



DMWS kids also got to go to the Pumpkin Patch upstairs in the church.



The annual Halloween Parade was a fun time for students and parents and went off without a hitch. The crisp, fall morning was beautiful and put everyone in the mood to snap countless pictures of their little monster.



A big "Thank you" to all the organizers of the Fall Gathering. Gia Jones and Karen Triplett did a great job chairing the event. Marianne Burgeson and Betsy Euler stepped up to organize the book fair and coordinate volunteers. The evening was delightful and came off without a hitch. The performance by Rags to Riches kept both the children and the parents entertained, although the children seemed to like the giant better than Jack! Thanks also to everyone who donated their time by helping to set up, tear down, serve food, and bring desserts. You all made this an enjoyable evening for all the DMWS families!

DMWS Parents' Council

11TH ANNUAL FALL BOOK FAIR

We had an exciting and productive Fall Book Fair this year! Scholastic provided us with a wide variety of wonderful seasonal and "time-tested" reader favorites. We also saw the addition of some select books from well-known Christian authors such as Max Lucado and Crystal Bowman. We very much appreciate the support of this year's Fall Book Fair from all of our parent, grandparent and teacher shoppers. We're certain your children will enjoy the many wonderful benefits of reading from these quality books!

We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who volunteered to help out with the Book Fair for their time and contributions. Thank you all for helping to make it a big success!

Marianne Burgeson & Betsy Euler, Co-Chairs, Fall Book

DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please save the date: March 8, 2008

Games, food, auction – Fun for all ages!

Right here at DMWS – You will not want to miss it!

It's not too soon to start thinking about the DMWS silent auction, which will be held in conjunction with the carnival on **March 8**. The silent auction is the primary fundraising event for the Parent's Council. The success of the silent auction is based on classroom and family participation. Each class contributes an item for the auction. You will be contacted by the silent auction representative for your class regarding what project your class is doing. It is very important that each class has a representative. A book showcasing past projects is available in the school office, so parents can see what previous years' classes have contributed. We strongly encourage families to participate by donating items; the donation could be a basket of goods from a group of parents, a gift certificate, or even a talent or service you or a friend may have to offer. It would be great if every family could donate one thing. If you own (or know of) a business that could donate a product or service for the auction, contact committee chairs Emily Patterson at ejpatterson@nc.rr.com or Erin Bredemann at ebredemann@mckinney-silver.com. The silent auction committee welcomes anyone who is interested in helping with the auction.

Volunteers still

We greatly appreciate all the parents who have volunteered as a classroom, carnival or silent auction representative. We need at least one person from each class to fill each of these vital positions. However, we still have some vacancies and hope you will consider volunteering your time to fill one of these roles. The following is a list of classrooms in need:

- **Ritchie/Allen (two-day 2s T/Th):** Classroom rep
- **Moore/Alkins (two-day 3s):** Carnival rep and silent auction rep
- **Collins/Chappel (four-day 4s):** Classroom rep
- **Speight/Allman (four-day 4s):** Silent auction rep
- **Bartlett/Wheeler (five-day 4s):** Carnival rep

If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact either Mary Long (309-2486 or mlong1402@aol.com) or Liz Stankavage (382-7573 or lizstankavage@yahoo.com), or leave a note in the Parents' Council box in the office.

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Get published!

The Parents' Press is published eight times a year by the DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to sara-heckler@nc.rr.com. The deadline for our next issue is Nov 16.



Having trouble remembering important dates for the preschool and can't find your Parents' Press?
Visit us on the web at: www.dmws.org

Poinsettia Sale

- It's hard to imagine but it will soon be time to decorate for the holidays!
- Duke Memorial Weekday School will again be selling poinsettias. The proceeds from the sale go to the Lisa Pagett Scholarship Fund. Orders will be due on Tuesday, Nov. 20th and the plants will be ready for pick up on Dec. 3rd and 4th. Please look for more information soon in your child's folder.

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 kambrijo@msn.com

Holiday Open House

11am-3pm, Saturday, November 10, 2007
Meadowmont Club, 301 Old Barn Lane, CH

The holidays are right around the corner. Come check out local businesses owned by moms for moms! Receive a goodie bag and a chance to win door prizes, eat great free food with warm cider, and enjoy free on-site childcare while you shop! Over 10 businesses represented!

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.