

# the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

November 2008



## Mark Your Calendar

### Parent Council Meetings

(Held in Soul Cafe)

November 5th 9:20am

December 3rd, 9:20am

### Veteran's Day (No School)

November 11th

### Spirit Week

November 10th-14th

### Book Fair

November 10th-16th

### Fall Gathering

November 16th

### Kindergarten Play

November 19th

### Poinsettia Orders Due

November 24th-25th

### Thanksgiving Break

November 26th-28th

### Parents Night Out

December 5th

### Carnival and Silent Auction

March 7th



## From The Desk of....



## Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents,

We are off and running at Duke Memorial Weekday School! The students have been busy making funny Jack-o-Lanterns, visiting Pumpkin Patches, learning new songs about the changes autumn brings to us and baking lots of goodies with apples. It is an exciting time around here and the enthusiasm is quite contagious!

November will be another fun-filled month with lots of activities to get us ready for the upcoming holiday season. We are especially looking forward to the Fall Gathering when all of the families get together for a great dinner and show. The classrooms will be open before dinner begins so be sure to stop by your child's class to see what they have been doing. We have lots of aspiring artists around here!

Thank you so much for helping us keep DMWS a safe place for our students, teachers and families. Please continue to come to the office to sign in and wear a badge letting everyone know that you are a visitor. Please remember to let the person answering the buzzer at the door know who you are and your child's teacher. Please call the school (688-5130) or the church office (683-3467) if you see someone loitering near the building. Please do not give hand outs of any kind or approach these people on your own.

Our Kindergarten Open House will be Dec. 1st-3rd. We will send home information packets about this to our current four year old families in the next few weeks. This is a great time to see our kindergarten students in action and get a feel for what a day is like for them.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the school in the next few weeks!

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Susan Grubbs



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## Inclement Weather Policy

When Durham Public 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. Call the school's answering machine at 688-5130, or listen for the DMWS announcement on WTVD.



## DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please save the date: **March 7, 2008**

It's not too soon to start thinking about the DMWS Carnival and Silent Auction, which will be held on **March 7th**. This annual event will offer fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom, and a pizza lunch will be served in Whitford Hall in addition to the Silent Auction. This is our school's biggest fundraising event and it requires the help of all families to make it a success. Be on the lookout for more information about this upcoming event and ways in which you can help out. Classroom Representatives should begin collecting names of Carnival and Silent Auction Reps from their classrooms, as there will be a planning meeting in January. If you have questions about the **Carnival**, please contact one of the co-chairs - **Kim Tupper, Shay Charles or Kristen Hammill**, and questions about the **Silent Auction**, please contact **Erin Bredeman**. We are looking forward to another successful carnival and auction!



Hi Duke Memorial Preschool Families!

I wanted to send out a quick thank you for all the generous donations to the Durham Rescue Mission. I was able to take over 5 loads to the shelter as well as throw a "birthday" party for the 16 kids there. Everyone there was so thrilled. The director said that they have already passed out many of the winter clothes received since many of the families came in with just a few summer clothes. The summer clothes they will put away until the spring. They were also able to replace a lot of their broken toys in their daycare with those donated. Thank you for making this such a successful toy and clothing drive.

Sincerely,

Anne Campbell

### Duke Memorial Children's Ministry

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Caroling (families join up with others) – meet in the Soul Café at 3pm to go out caroling in groups – then return for hot chocolate and goodies!

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** – A Soulful Christmas with The Adrian Duke Quartet – Christmas favorites in New Orleans Blues style – share Christmas hors d'oeuvres. (childcare for little ones)

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve Service – 5pm - Candlelight & Communion plus Time with Children

### **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!

### Spirit Week at DMWS

November 10th through 14th is Spirit Week!

**Monday** - DMWS Day

**Tuesday** - No School

**Wednesday** - Favorite Team Day

**Thursday** - Pajama Day

**Friday** - Wacky Tacky Day



### Poinsettia Sale

We will have our annual Poinsettia Sale again this year. Orders will be due on Monday and Tuesday November 24th and 25th. The plants will be ready for pick up on December 4th and 5th. More information will come in your child's folder.



## 12TH ANNUAL FALL BOOK FAIR

The Fall Book Fair is almost here! Along with exciting new books to browse and purchase, we will also have our Teacher Book Wish List display where you can purchase books for your child's classroom library. Two new features for our Book Fair this year are the Book Fair Raffle and One for Books. The raffle will be held in conjunction with our Teacher Wish Lists. By purchasing a minimum of \$5 towards the teacher selected books, you can enter your name in a drawing for a set of books from Scholastic. The winner will be announced during the Book Fair on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> during the Fall Gathering. One for Books is our other exciting new program to help fill our classroom and school libraries with new books, as well as helping three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. Remember to send your child to school during Book Fair week with a "loose change donation" for this special new event!

**WHERE:** Bradshaw Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
**WHEN:** Mon., November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm  
Wed., November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm  
Thurs., November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm  
Fri., November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - During Fall Gathering



## The Fall Gathering

Our Fall Gathering is just around the corner on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of food and fun are in store for all. Here's a schedule for the evening:

4:30-5:15 Open House in the Classrooms  
4:30-6:00 Book Fair in the Parlor  
5:00-6:00 Dinner in Whitford Hall  
6:00-6:30 Rags to Riches performs "The Princess and the Pea"

If you have volunteered to bring a fruit or dessert to the Fall Gathering, please deliver it to Whitford Hall by 4:30 that day. Also, if anyone has a few minutes to help us break down the tables and chairs after the Fall Gathering, your help would be greatly appreciated.



## DMWS Raffle

The Fall Gathering held on November 16<sup>th</sup> is almost here! This year we will be raffling off more than a dozen prizes including: UNC vs. Duke Football tickets, a Svan scooter donated by Scandinavian Child, a \$300 chiropractic package from University Chiropractic, Creative Memory gift packs and much much more. There will also be a separate drawing held for our grand prize, FREE TUITION! In the coming days we will be sending home an order form for the advanced purchase of raffle tickets as well as detailed descriptions of all prizes. Ticket Prices are \$3.00 each or Four for \$10.00. We are still accepting additional items so please contact Whitney Matheson at whitneymatheson@yahoo.com (919) 381-1684 or Emily White at kyjulep@gmail.com (919) 491-5740 with an estimated value and brief description of an item you would like to donate.



## MOPS at Duke Memorial

Mothers of Preschoolers is an international ministry for mothers of children, infant to kindergarten. MOPS is focused on celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections and experiencing God's love through relationships and resources. We



welcome you to join us for this year's theme "Adventures in Mothering". We will celebrate and embrace the fun in the experiences, even in the midst of daily mom life that stretches us emotionally and spiritually. MOPS meets from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Soul Café on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Child care is available. For more please contact Susanna Lambert at 489-4630 or [susannalambert@gmail.com](mailto:susannalambert@gmail.com).

## Gift Wrapping Service

Do you find gift wrapping a tedious chore? Let the MOPS moms wrap, tag and bow your holiday packages for you at the rate of \$1 per gift. From Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> you can drop off your gifts in the top floor corner room (by PMO) after the kids are in their class and pick up before 12:45 pm...this way surprises can stay surprises. *We will wrap Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - Wednesday will be a drop off day only because of our regular MOPS meeting.* **We will not provide boxes or gift bags, so everything dropped off has to be ready to wrap.** Bring your gifts in a container that we can label and return to you. If you have special wishes (i.e. to wrap each person's gifts in their own paper), we are happy to accommodate.



## Operation Christmas Child

A simple way to show your children the meaning of Christmas... Giving. Operation Christmas Child information booklets will be placed in each child's folder within the next few days.

- \*) Let your children pick out the items that will go into the box
- \*) Show your children the happy faces of the children that receive their box from the booklet or [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)
- \*) Let your children deliver the box to the Weekday School office by: November 19th



Thank You!  
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The Winter/Spring Semester of KINDERMUSIK will start up in January. Curriculum descriptions, class times and registration forms will be posted on our church website by Dec.1<sup>st</sup>. KINDERMUSIK makes a great gift for grandparents to give their grandchildren. Now's a good time to "drop the hint" and receive a gift for your little one that will last a lifetime! Please contact Jill Newsome, Kindermusik Educator and Minister of Music and Children at Duke Memorial. Call 683-3467 or email [jillnewsome@dukememorial.org](mailto:jillnewsome@dukememorial.org).

## Moms In Touch

If anyone is interested in starting up or participating in a "Mothers-In-Touch" group for Duke Memorial Weekday School, please contact Kathy Powell at [MPowell5@nc.rr.com](mailto:MPowell5@nc.rr.com)." You can read more about this organization at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org)

## Get Published!

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Kim Tupper at [tupperk@hotmail.com](mailto:tupperk@hotmail.com). The submission deadline for the December newsletter is **Friday, November 21st**.

