



the Parents Press

October 2007

Mark Your Calendar

Parent's Council Meeting
Oct. 3rd – 9:20 Soul Cafe

Individual Pictures
Oct. 9th and 10th

Teacher Workday –No School
Oct. 19th

Spirit Week
Oct. 29-Nov. 4

Dream Dinners Dining Out
Oct. 15th – Nov. 17th

Halloween Parade
Oct. 31

Fall Gathering
Nov. 4th

Parent Council Meeting
Nov. 7th

From the Desk of ...

Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to our school year! Everyone seems to be adjusting to the daily routine of preschool life, and there are a lot of exciting things going on in all our classes. With the beginning of fall, we will be very busy around DMWS: The fire truck is scheduled to visit, the bookmobile will once again come, and our infamous Halloween parade is just around the corner. October promises to be a busy and fun-filled month!

We would like to encourage everyone to use the carpool line during drop-off and pick-up times. If you walk up to get your child, please remember to have your carpool card with you. If someone other than the usual person is picking up, please send in a note or call the office. This makes for a smooth dismissal time for all.

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

**Susan Grubbs
DMWS Director**

Reminders

1. Carpool is a wonderful convenience at DMWS and we encourage parents to use our pick-up and drop-off. However, please, please do not block the intersection of Duke Street and Chapel Hill Street when picking up or dropping off your child. If there is no room left on Chapel Hill Street for your car, please circle the block. Do not stop in the middle of the intersection or remain on Duke Street blocking traffic in the left-hand lane.

2. We also ask that no Crocs or flip-flops be worn to school. These shoes come off easily and are not very playground friendly.

3. If you would like to use the playground after school, please wait until after 1 pm. The PMO uses the playground up until then and those little ones are too small to be running around with our "big" kids.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween parade is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 9:30 a.m. Your little costumed goblins will march from the school's entrance, past the playground, and around Duke Memorial, finishing up at the school's entrance again. (Note: The 2-year-olds do not participate in the parade, but they do get to see it!) Parents and other parade watchers are asked to remain outside. Good viewing spots are along the sidewalk in front of the church, or along the carpool driveway. Please remember to dress children in costumes that won't interfere with their ability to walk safely!

Welcome ...



We would like to welcome Leslie Alkins to our DMWS staff. Leslie started this year as an assistant to Mrs. Moore in the 2 day 3's class. Most of you recognize Leslie from her two years as parent's council president from 2005-2007. She and her husband, Mark, have two children; Marissa who is 8 and Mark who is 5. Both children attend Pearsons town Elementary School. We are so lucky to have such a great addition to our staff. Welcome Leslie!

Spirit Week

The week of October 29 Duke Memorial Weekday students will be celebrating Spirit Week. Each child is encouraged to dress in the spirit of the day's theme.

Oct. 29, Monday-
Oct. 30, Tuesday-

DMWS Spirit Day- wear your DMWS items or dress in our reds and greens.
Team Day- Prep, college, or pro! Just choose your favorite team and show us your spirit!

Oct. 31, Wednesday-

Halloween Parade

Nov. 1, Thursday-

Pajama day- may be comfy but outside shoes required for playground.

Nov. 2, Friday-

Storybook day- Jump into the pages of your most loved book and come to school dressed as your favorite character.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

JOHN ELKINS WILL BE AT DMWS ON OCT. 9TH AND 10TH TO TAKE INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING IN A SIBLING TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED, PLEASE COME AT 9:00 AM READY FOR PICTURES.



Volunteers still needed...

Greetings from the Parents' Council! 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. For a description of the time commitment and duties involved for each position, please see the September *Parents' Press*, talk to your child's teacher or contact a member of the Parents' Council. If your class is not listed but you are still interested in volunteering, please contact us as well. We would love have multiple representatives for each class or have you serve on one of the Parents' Council committees. Thank you to all of our volunteers for sharing your time and talents to benefit our children and make DMWS such a wonderful school!

DMWS Parents' Council

11TH ANNUAL FALL BOOK FAIR

A preview flyer will be coming home in tote bags closer to the date. More than 100 preschool books will be on display in the Bradshaw Room. You will be able to browse and purchase books (with no tax applied) on the spot – no ordering and waiting! If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, please contact Marianne Burgeson mariannesb@yahoo.com.

Once again, the teachers will have wish lists available if you would like to make purchases for the classrooms and/or school library. Gift certificates also will be available for purchase.

Our book fair is a popular tradition and an important fund-raiser for our school. It provides books for our classrooms and library, as well as cash for special school projects or needs. More importantly, books are an investment in your child's education and future. So make your birthday and holiday gift lists, and join us at the book fair!

WHERE:

Bradshaw Room (1st Floor)

WHEN:

Mon., Oct. 29: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 30: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 31: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 1: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 2: 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4: During Fall Gathering

Queen Bee Stationery

Want a fun, easy way to support Duke Memorial? Purchase stationery from The Queen Bee Paper Company! Queen Bee offers cute, stylish stationery, note cards, invitations, and holiday cards. This is a great opportunity to help your school as well as buy Christmas cards and gifts and even a little something for yourself. Once again, Queen Bee will donate 25% of all sales to Duke Memorial. The fundraiser will run from October 4th through November 30th. Fliers will be sent home in the children's folders with detailed information. Ordering will be done through the Queen Bee website and all merchandise will ship directly to customers.

Questions? Contact Caroline Connor at ceconnor1@gmail.com or 475-5684.

Dine out for DMWS

Our dining-out fundraiser for October and November will be at Dream Dinners. From October 15 through November 17, DMWS families can help raise money for the school at either one of the Dream Dinners Durham locations. Further information and a menu will be coming soon. Watch for them in your child's tote bag!



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Get published!

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Box Tops for Education

- Please clip box-top coupons from your favorite General Mills products and send them to DMWS. General Mills products include all their cereals, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Cottonelle, Hefty, and Ziploc bags and containers. Each box top we collect is worth 10 cents for our school.



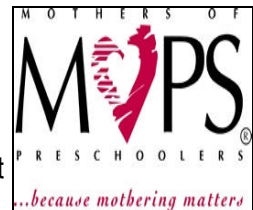
Soul Cafe at Duke Memorial

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. Soul Cafe's upcoming schedule includes a musical performance by Out of the Blue at 7:30pm on October 20. This award winning female cappella group from Duke University promises to entertain in style. For more information regarding Soul Cafe please visit www.dukememorial.org.

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.

In plenty of time before the busy holiday season, Duke Memorial MOPS, is sponsoring an opportunity to have family portraits made on the grounds of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Krista Lucas (www.photographybykrista.blogspot.com) is a local photographer who strives to capture families in a natural and casual setting. There are no sitting fees and packages range from \$14 - \$45. Holiday cards are available. Appointments are being made for Saturday, October 13th from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 14th from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Contact Kimbie Sprague at sprague@nc.rr.com or 401-5895 to schedule a sitting.



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.