

the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

October 2008



Mark Your Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(Held in Soul Cafe)

October 1, 9:20am

November 5, 9:20am

December 3, 9:20am

Firetruck Visit

October 7, 9:30am

Teacher Workdays

October 16&17

Individual Pictures

October 20&21

Teacher Coffees

October 27&28

Halloween Parade

October 30

DMWS Dining Out

October Date TBA

Book Fair

November 10-16

Spirit Week

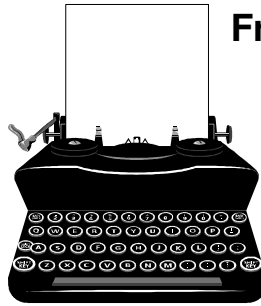
November 10-16

Fall Gathering

November 16

Carnival and Silent Auction

March 7



From The Desk of....

Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start in the new school year! Everyone seems to be adjusting to the daily routine of life at DMWS. There are lots of exciting things happening in all of our classes: singing, dancing, cooking and planting new plants are just a few of the fun activities that are happening. With the beginning of fall we will be very busy... the fire truck is coming to visit, the book mobile will come on a monthly basis and of course the infamous Halloween Parade is right around the corner! We will also have Teacher Coffees in all of the classrooms at the end of the month.

A BIG thank you for all of your help in making the carpool line run smoothly. Rainy days will make the line move a little slower, but with everyone working together it will only get better! Please remember to have your carpool number hanging from your rearview mirror so that the person calling out the numbers can easily see it. If for some reason you will not be picking up your child, please send in a note to the teacher or call the office to let us know. **DO NOT SEND AN EMAIL TO THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW OF ANY CHANGES!!!!** If you can not get us on the phone, please leave a message.

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

Susan Grubbs

Reminders

We ask that no 'Crocs' or flip flops be worn to school. These shoes come off very easily and are not very playground friendly. In addition, if you would like to use the playground after school please do so after 1:00. The PMO children are out on the playground from 12 noon until 1:00 and they are too little to be running around with our 'big' kids!

Important - Please Note



504 W. Chapel Hill St.
Durham, NC 27707
919-688-5130

The 4 year old Lunch Bunch Class is **PEANUT FREE!** Please do not send any items in the lunch box that have peanuts in them.



Family Arts Festival

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 18th 1 - 4 p.m.



- ~ 1pm - Rags to Riches performs *Rapunzel*
- ~ 2pm - Storytelling for kids age 8 and up with Braima Moiwai
- ~ 3pm - Drum Circle and storytelling for children under 8

After *Rapunzel* and during the drum circles, families are invited to participate in a variety of fun activities including decorating pumpkins, painting tiles, games and more. Duke Memorial also invites families to join us for a special Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 19th at 11:00 a.m.

Halloween Parade



The Halloween Parade is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30th at 9:30. Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, past the playground, around the church and finishing up at the entrance to the school. (Note: the

2 year olds do not parade for safety reasons but enjoy the parade from their classrooms.)

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or the side parking lot. We ask that you remain outside until the parade is finished. You may come in to take pictures when the parade is over. Please remember to dress your child in a costume that will allow them to walk safely in the parade. The children who are not in school on the day of the official parade will have a chance to parade on Friday, Oct. 31st.

Say Cheese!

John Elkins will be at DMWS on October 20th and 21st to take individual photos of students. If you would like to bring in a sibling to be photographed, please arrive at school by 9:00 am on either day, ready to take pictures.



Help! Volunteers Needed

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 the vital roles. 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 still in need of volunteers:

- ~ **Alton/Noga - Classroom Rep**
- ~ **Turkington/Chappell - Silent Auction Rep**
- ~ **Summers/Thompson - Carnival Rep**
- ~ **Bartlett/Wheeler - Carnival & Silent Auction Rep**

If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact either Amy Kujawa, Parents Council President at akujawa@netzero.net or Erin Bredemann, Parents Council Vice President at ebredemann@earthlink.net.

Duke Memorial Dining Out

Thanks to everyone who joined us at Rudino's for a great dining out night. And thanks to Rudino's for supporting DMWS! Look for more dining night events to be scheduled throughout the fall. They are a great way to enjoy a meal with other DMWS families and help support the school. If you have any questions, or a suggestion for a dining out night sponsor, please contact Gretchen Walsh at Gretchen.Walsh@mckinney.com. Hope to see you at our next event!



12TH ANNUAL FALL BOOK FAIR

Read! Dream! Grow! Information regarding the Fall Book Fair, along with a preview flyer and volunteer opportunities will be coming home in tote bags soon. More than 100 preschool books will be on display in the Bradshaw Room, including books from the summer hit Disney movie Wall-E, 2008 Caldecott Honor Book winner Knuffle Bunny Too and award winning author and illustrator E.B. Lewis. You will be able to browse and purchase books (with no sales tax applied) on the spot! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marianne Burgeson at 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 will also be available for purchase. As an exciting new feature, we will be holding a raffle for a set of books from Scholastic. With a minimum \$5 book(s) purchase towards a teacher wish list selection, your name will be entered in our Book Fair Raffle. The winner will be announced on Sunday at the book fair during the Fall Gathering.

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. Our Book Fair is packed with a wide selection of age-appropriate titles that help spark a child's imagination and open the doorway to reading. Sharing stories with preschoolers enriches their relationship with books and the world around them. So, make your birthday and holiday gift lists and come join us at the book fair!

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



The Fall Gathering

Come one, come all, and have a ball... DMWS is gearing up for another fabulous Fall Gathering. This annual event gives parents and kids a chance to socialize with old friends, meet new ones, visit the classrooms and enjoy dinner and a show!

This year's fall gathering will be held on Sunday, November 16th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Classrooms will be open from 4:30 - 5:15. This will give your child a chance to show you his or her classroom and maybe some artwork, too. A pizza dinner along with salad, fruit, dessert and drinks will be served beginning at 5 p.m. in Whitford Hall. If your family does not choose to have dinner, you may purchase a ticket for the show and bring a brown-bag meal. Interested in donating a dessert? Wonderful! Please contact your classroom representative to sign up.

This year our entertainment will be provided by *Rags to Riches*. *Rags to Riches* is a nationally touring, professional, non-profit theater group that performs at elementary schools, libraries and child-care centers. You and your children are sure to be entertained.

Please look for flyers later this month in your child's tote bag advertising ticket sales for this grand event you won't want to miss. We hope to see you and your family there!



DMWS Raffle

DMWS will be holding a raffle in conjunction with our Fall Gathering on November 16th. As in past years, our grand prize will be a month of FREE tuition. We also would like to have a few other "goodies" to offer as prizes. If you have an item you'd be willing to donate as a raffle prize, please contact Whitney Matheson at whitneymatheson@yahoo.com or 919-381-1684. Donated prizes in the past have included DMWS spirit wear, Hurricanes tickets and items from home businesses. Please provide a description of the item and an approximate value. This is a great way to advertise your business or product while raising money for DMWS.



Queen BEE Stationary

It's almost time for the annual Queen Bee Paper Company fundraiser at Duke Memorial! You will have the opportunity to buy stylish, personalized notecards, notepads, address labels and more, and part of the proceeds will go to our school. Everything can be ordered online through the Queen Bee website. Be on the lookout for information in your child's folder or you can contact Caroline Connor at 682-3803.



Rags To Riches

Weekday school families are invited to Rags To Riches performance of "Jack Tales," on Friday, October 24th at 10:00am upstairs in Whitford Hall. The cost of the play is \$5.00 for everyone 2 and up. This is the first in a series of performances this year at Duke Memorial that are sponsored by the MOPS group that meets regularly at DMUMC. For more information please go to www.rags-to-riches.org or contact Melody Peters at 919-423-8696 or by e-mail at mpeters4@nc.rr.com.



Raise \$\$ for DMWS



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.



For more information about Kindermusik with Jill visit the Duke Memorial website at www.dukememorial.org. Contact Jill Newsome at 683-3467 or jillnewsome@dukememorial.org for additional information.

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.



Operation Christmas Child



Duke Memorial is taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a Christian ministry led by Franklin Graham, the son of Dr. Billy Graham. People across the country are filling shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other meaningful gifts.

When: Drop off by November 19th

Where: In the Weekday School Office

Who: Contact Lindy Mathis at 704-231-3217 or email at ryanlindy@aol.com.

More information will be coming in your child's bag.

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. The submission deadline for the November newsletter is **Friday, October 24th**.

Please Note The Following Correction:

The email address for Sajina Cooper, Board Chair, was listed incorrectly in the handbook. The correct email address is: Sajina.cooper@gmail.com