



the Parents Press

September 2007

From the Desk of ...

Susan Grubbs

Mark Your Calendar

Parent Coffees

September 4, 5 and 6
9:30 a.m. – noon
(Held in Whitford Hall)

Carpool Begins

September 10

Parent Council Meetings

September 11 ~ 9:20 am
October 3 ~ 9:20 am
(Held in the Parlor)

Lunch Bunch Begins

September 18

Sheriff Department will make ID

Cards for students
September 25 and 26

Fall Gathering

November 4

Book Fair

October 29– November 2 and
November 4 during Fall Gathering

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome both new and old families to Duke Memorial Weekday School. We are all looking forward to the start of a new school year and all the excitement it brings. I will be very happy to hear the chatter and laughter (and occasional cry) that fills our hallways each day! (It's been VERY quiet around here!) I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer.

A great way to get involved in our school is to volunteer with our Parent's Council. The council provides lots of 'extras' for our teachers and classrooms each year. The office has purchased a new computer with funds provided by the Parent's Council.

Please feel free to stop by the office at any time to share your ideas. I look forward to getting to know all of your children and working with you in the upcoming year.

Susan Grubbs
DMWS Director

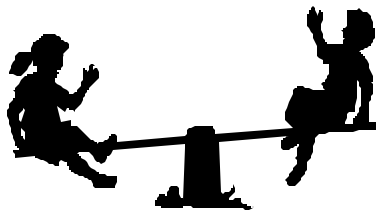
MOPS at Duke Memorial

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.

M O T H E R S O F
MOPS
P R E S C H O O L E R S
...because mothering matters

We are happy you are here!

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! The Parents' Council has been busy planning our year and has many exciting events on the calendar. If anyone would like to discuss the various ways in which to become involved in the school as a volunteer please feel free to contact me at mlong1402@aol.com or 919-602-2699. Volunteers are an integral part of this school, and every new hand is greatly appreciated.



Our sale of tote bags and other spirit wear begins right away. A table will be set up during orientation and parent coffees. Order forms will go home with each child during the first few days of school. This year we are excited to offer a new screen printed Weekday School t-shirt.

Please join us for parent' coffees in Whitford Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 4; Wednesday, Sept, 5; and Thursday, Sept. 6. Light breakfast items, coffee, and juice will be provided, as well as coloring, puzzles, and games for the children. This social event gives us all a chance to get to know new faces and reacquaint with old friends. It also provides a convenient place to spend time while waiting for your parent/teacher conference or to, perhaps, swap childcare with a friend for your conference.

Please plan on joining us for the annual Fall Gathering on November 4. This is an evening of dinner and entertainment for the whole family. Rags to Riches will be performing an entertaining selection, and the Scholastic Book Fair will also be open during this event. More information will follow in the coming months.

We are looking forward to getting to know you this year! If you have any questions about Parents' Council please feel free to contact any of us. We are here to help!

Mary Long	President	602-2699
Liz Stankavage	Vice President	382-7573
Amy Kujawa	Secretary	479-4612
Kristie Crutchfield	Treasurer	471-3451
Jennifer Thompson	Hospitality	684-7502



DMWS Board of Directors

What is the DMWS Board of Directors?

The DMWS Board of Directors is composed of DMWS parents (or past parents). The board works directly with the school's director and the church on decisions involving the school's policies and bylaws, maintenance of the facilities, balancing the school budget (which includes deciding on appropriate tuition increases or decreases), and evaluating the Director's performance. The board also processes and approves tuition assistance request forms, provides refreshments for the Parent Orientation Night, and coordinates the end-of-the-year teacher luncheon. Each member serves a term of two years with the option to return for one or two more years. Meetings are currently the third Wednesday of every month at 9:20 am. New members are nominated and elected every May by existing members. Please don't hesitate to let a board member know if you are interested!

Who Makes up the DMWS Board of Directors?

Directors for the 2007-2008 school year are:

Lori Stafford	(Chair)	Kathy Fortner	Liz Stankavage
Sajina Cooper	(Co-Chair)	Julie Allen	Kimbie Sprague
Sue Sept	(Treasurer)	Mary Long	Kim Fuhrer
Kristen Bilden	(Secretary)	Erin Bredemann	Gretchen Mathison



DMWS Parents' Council

What is the Parents' Council?

The Parents' Council is an organization of parents that supports Duke Memorial Weekday School. The council's primary functions are promoting family involvement in the school and performing fundraising efforts to support school projects, special programs, and tuition assistance. In addition to our council officers, each DMWS classroom has two parent representatives. (Sign-up sheets for interested parents are in each classroom during the first few days of school.) These representatives are expected to attend Parents' Council meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor at 9:20 a.m. Meetings are open to all DMWS families and involve discussion of upcoming fundraising events and projects, school needs, and a general sharing of ideas. Children are always welcome. In addition to parents, Susan Grubbs, our preschool Director, attends each meeting. Participation in the Parents' Council is a great opportunity to learn about school events.

What does Parents' Council do?

The Parents' Council organizes various family events throughout the year, provides a brunch for the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week and a luncheon in December, publishes the *Parents' Press* school newsletter, and works diligently to raise funds for the school. Monies raised by the council are used to support tuition assistance, purchase equipment and supplies for the school, and pay for classroom enhancements requested by the teachers. The council's major fundraiser is the annual carnival and silent auction held in early spring. Other fundraising efforts include the Fall Gathering, sales of our tote bags and other DMWS "spirit wear", and dining-out nights. Be on the lookout for more information on our dining-out fundraisers in the *Parents' Press*.

How do I get involved?

There are many opportunities to get involved! The following are brief descriptions of volunteer roles.

Parents' Council Classroom Representative

Two parents from each classroom share the responsibilities of attending Parents' Council meetings, serving as the liaison between Parents' Council and the other parents from their class, and submitting any classroom news for the *Parents' Press* newsletter. They may also assist teachers in coordinating field trips or special class projects.

Carnival Representative

At least two parents from each classroom should serve on the carnival planning committee. In addition to working with the committee on the development of the carnival, this parent serves as a liaison between the committee and the other parents from their class.

Silent Auction Representative

At least one parent from each classroom should coordinate a classroom project to be auctioned during the silent auction. Typically, these projects involve children's hand or fingerprints or artwork in some way. Examples from recent years include quilts, toy chests, student-sized desks and chairs, and artwork that can be hung on the wall. The creative possibilities are endless, and classroom parents and teachers can be helpful in deciding on the perfect project for their class.

Committee Volunteers

You can also volunteer to serve on any of the following committees that plan, organize, and run Parents' Council events:

Tees, Totes and Spirit Wear – Chaired Kammy Burch ((321-8813) and Monica Vaughan (732-5575). Volunteers sell/collect orders and deliver DMWS spirit wear items.

Book Fair (November and May) – Chair TBA. Volunteers staff the book fair and assist with set-up, sales, and breakdown.

Fall Gathering and Raffle (Nov. 4) – Chaired by Gia Jones (806-3634) and Karen Triplett (383-6165). Raffle chaired by Mary Dondero (419-6333) Volunteers help set up, run the kitchen, sell tickets, and clean up.

Carnival (early spring 2008) – Chaired by Kim Tupper (419-0837), Jill Noll (401-8999), and Sue Sept (403-1734). Kitchen Coordinator – Kammy Burch (321-8813). Volunteers help set up, staff the ticket tables and classroom booths, run the kitchen, coordinate food drop-off, and clean up.

Silent Auction (at the Carnival) – Chaired by Emily Patterson (477-4331) and Erin Bredemann (309-2943). Volunteers help solicit items to be auctioned, pick up donated items, set up the auction display, and clean up.

Parents' Press – Chaired by Jennifer McLamb (620-8744) and Sara Heckler (342-6329). Volunteers coordinate with the Parents' Council officers and the school director to compile our monthly newsletter.

School Website – The website, www.dmws.org, is maintained by Jennifer McLamb (620-8744). The website's purpose is to inform parents and provide a central place to find information about the school.

Hospitality Committee (various events) – Chaired by Jennifer Thompson (684-7502). Committee members manage events such as the parent coffees, teachers' luncheon in December, and appreciation brunch in the spring.

Look for volunteer opportunities throughout the year in the *Parents' Press*, class e-mails, and flyers in your child's tote bag. If you have questions about a committee or getting involved with organizing and event, please contact the committee chair or Parents' Council President Mary Long (309-2486 or mlong1402@aol.com).

Please get involved!

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Get Published !



The Parents' Press is published eight times during the year by the DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Sara Heckler at sara-heckler@nc.rr.com. The submission deadline for the October newsletter is Friday, September 21. Also, please take a moment to check out our DMWS web site: www.dmws.org. Our goal is to inform parents and provide a central place to find information about the school.

Opportunities to Help Raise \$\$ for DMWS:



Harris Teeter VIC Card

If you shop at Harris Teeter, please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Duke Memorial Weekday School. When you purchase select Harris Teeter brand products using your VIC card, Harris Teeter will contribute a percentage of those purchase dollars to DMWS. Just give the checkout clerk the following number for Duke Memorial: **4246**. If you were linked last year, you will need to re-link your VIC card. Harris Teeter's "Together in Education" Program runs from August 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008.

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.



Kroger Plus Card

As soon as we receive the information from Kroger, we will send it home so you can link your Kroger Plus card to DMWS.



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.