

# the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

September 2008



## Mark Your Calendar

### First Day of School

September 3

### First Full Day (except 2's)

September 8

### 2's First Full Day

September 15

### Teacher Workdays

October 16&17

### Individual Pictures

October 20&21

### Parent Coffees

(Held in Whitford Hall)

September 3, 9:00am-noon

September 4, 9:00am-noon

### Parent Council Meetings

(Held in Soul Cafe)

September 10, 9:20am

October 1, 9:20am

November 5, 9:20am

December 3, 9:20am

### Lunch Bunch Begins

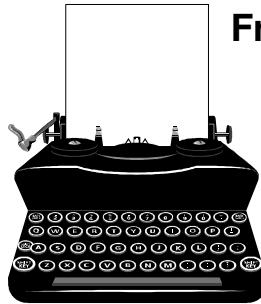
September 23

### Book Fair

November 10-16

### Fall Gathering

November 16



From The Desk of....

*Susan Grubbs*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year!!!

On behalf of the teachers and staff I would like to welcome you to Duke Memorial Weekday School! I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer with your family. We are all looking forward to the start of a new year and all the excitement it brings! It will be nice to hear the laughter (and occasional cry) that fills our hallways each day!

A great way to get involved in our school is to join the Parent's Council. This group of dedicated parents helped refurbish the playground last year and provides lots of extras for our teachers. The meetings are the first Wednesday of the month and children are always welcome to join us.

Please feel free to stop by the office at any time and share your thoughts and ideas. I look forward to working with all of you!

Susan Grubbs  
DMWS Director

## 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 a.m. - 11:30 p.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).



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# A Warm Welcome From the Parents' Council!

The Parents' Council would like to welcome you to what is sure to be another fabulous year! A lot of planning goes into preparing for the wide array of fun events that go on at Duke Memorial each year. This year is no different. We are fortunate to already have a number of talented parents heading up our committees. But, we always welcome more help. Not sure what the Parents' Council is? Wondering how you can get involved? Read more about our Parents' Council in this issue or feel free to contact me about how you can become involved at [akujawa@netzero.net](mailto:akujawa@netzero.net) or 479-4612.

Some of our Parents' Council sponsored events start right away. During Orientation, be sure to visit our Spirit Sales table. There are lots of fun items to help your little one show their Duke Memorial pride! Our tees, totes, and other logo items will be available at our Parent Coffees as well. Please join us in Whitford Hall on Wednesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 4th from 9am - 12pm. Our hospitality committee sets out a spread of coffee, juices, and light breakfast items as well as activities for the kids. This event gives parents the opportunity to visit with old friends, make new ones, and swap childcare during conferences. It is a great way to start off the year!

Other great events are in the works as well. Our annual Fall Gathering is set for Sunday, November 16th. This is an event that kids and adults alike look forward to every year. It is an evening of good food, good friends, and fun entertainment. I hope you all can join us for this memorable get together! Our Scholastic bookfair is also already on the calendar for November 10th through the 16th. This annual tradition give parents a chance to get a jump start on their holiday shopping while helping to support the school at the same time. Watch for more information to come home about these and our many other exciting events throughout the year.

We hope to get the chance to know all of you this year. Feel free to join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10th in the Soul Café. Our monthly meetings are normally the first Wednesday of the month and all are welcome! Whether volunteering your time or attending school functions, we appreciate your help in making Parents' Council events a success! We would love to hear from you!

## Your Parents' Council Officers:

Amy Kujawa	President	<a href="mailto:akujawa@netzero.net">akujawa@netzero.net</a>
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## 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 in Soul Cafe. 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?

Sajina Cooper (Chair)	Julie Allen	Kristen Hammill
Gretchen Mathison (Vice Chair)	Donna Bingen	Amy Kujawa
Emily Patterson (Treasurer)	Erin Bredemann	Lindy Mathis
Krissy Anderson (Secretary)	Kim Fuhrer	Kimbie Sprague



# 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 Soul Cafe at 9:20am. 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 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 Parent's 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 by Kammy Burch (423-5052) and Krissy Anderson (286-7097). Volunteers sell/collect orders and deliver DMWS spirit wear items.

**⌘ Book Fair (November and May)** - Chaired by Marianne Burgeson (383-5602). Volunteers staff the book fair and assist with set-up, sales, and breakdown.

**⌘ Fall Gathering and Raffle (November 16th)** - Fall Gathering chaired by Kristen Hamill (237-3326) and Karen Triplett (383-6165). Raffle chaired by Whitney Matheson (381-1684). Volunteers help set up, run the kitchen, sell tickets, and clean up.

**⌘ Carnival (early spring 2009)** - Chaired by Kim Tupper (419-0837), Shay Charles (484-4169), and Kristen Hamill (237-3326). Kitchen Coordinator is 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 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 Kim Tupper (419-0837). Volunteers coordinate with the Parents' Council officers and the school director to compile our monthly newsletter.

**⌘ School Website** - Chair TBA. Currently maintained by Kim Tupper (419-0837). The website's purpose ([www.dmws.org](http://www.dmws.org)) is to inform parents and provide a central place to find information about the school.

**⌘ Hospitality Committee (various events)** - Chaired by Amy Fochler (336-364-3973) and Susanna Lambert (489-4630). 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 tote bags. If you have questions about a committee or getting involved with organizing, please contact the committee chair or Parents' Council President Amy Kujawa (479-4612 or [akujawa@netzero.net](mailto:akujawa@netzero.net))**

## A Letter from Duke Memorial's Co-Pastors

Dear DMWS Parents,

Welcome to Duke Memorial UMC!

We are Duke Memorial's new co-pastors, and we may not have had a chance yet to meet you. We are Ginger Thomas and Roger Owens, and we are delighted to be both the co-pastors of the church AND new parents involved at Duke Memorial Weekday School with our youngest child, Silas, new in the 5-day three's class.

In many ways we are like you, helping our children transition into another school year, and at the same time we want to serve as one of your connections to the church. If there are ways that we can help you and your family, please be in touch! Stop by our offices upstairs sometime to introduce yourself. We'd like to get to know you and your children better.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year at DMWS, and we're so glad you're here to help make it great! See you when school starts!

Blessings in the new school year,  
Ginger Thomas & Roger Owens



### An Invitation to Grow in Faith this School Year

Want to "go back to school" in your own journey of faith this school year? Duke Memorial is gathering folks interested in studying the Bible and growing in their lives as disciples. Beginning in early September, a group will begin meeting for Disciple Bible Study. If you are interested, call Ginger Thomas, one of Duke Memorial's co-pastors, at 683-3467, or come upstairs to her office to talk with her about this great experience for growth and transformation.

### DMWS Fundraisers

Please join us for our first DMWS Fundraiser during the parent coffees in Whitford Hall on September 3rd and 4th. Pampered Chef, Southern Living at Home and Silpada Designs sterling jewelry will have items on display from 9-12 on both days and will donate profits to help raise money for the preschool. This is a great opportunity to purchase gifts for friends, family or yourself while helping support our wonderful school!

### Kindermusik with Jill

Fall Registration for KINDERMUSIK with Jill, is now open at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Classes will begin the week of September 15 and include:

- ⌘ **VILLAGE** - newborns to 17 months
- ⌘ **OUR TIME** - 18 months to three years
- ⌘ **IMAGINE THAT** - 3 1/2 to 5 years

Download a registration form and schedule from [www.dukememorial.org](http://www.dukememorial.org). Contact Jill Newsome at 683-3467 or [jillnewsome@dukememorial.org](mailto:jillnewsome@dukememorial.org) for more information.



### Other Opportunities to Raise \$\$ for DMWS

Keep an eye out for more information about raising money for DMWS. We participate in programs such as Box Tops for Education and using your Harris Teeter VIC Card to raise funds. More information will be provided soon!



### Get Published!

The Parents' Press is published 8 times during the year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Kim Tupper at [tupperk@hotmail.com](mailto:tupperk@hotmail.com). The submission deadline for the October newsletter is Monday, September 2nd.