

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2016

Mark your Calendars:

- ✦ Feb. 2- DMUMC Rags to Riches Theater Performance (dinner and a show)
- ✦ Feb. 3- Parents' Council Meeting
- ✦ Feb. 4- Public Lottery 10am in Whitford Hall
- ✦ Feb. 15- NO School/ Presidents' Day
- ✦ Feb. 19- DMWS Night at Sky Zone
- ✦ Feb. 29- NO School/ Teacher Workday



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Dear Parents,

Although the weather is still cold, DMWS is making plans for when the weather is warmer! On April 23, the Parents' Council will sponsor our annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction. There will be fun carnival games for the children, Silent Auction items for the adults, and food trucks for everyone! Be sure to save the date!

DMWS Summer Camp is scheduled for July 18-22 from 9am-12:30pm. Camp is for rising 3's through kindergarten. Spaces are limited and usually fill quickly for each age group. Applications will be available in March. Cost will be \$170.

On February 29 and March 1, DMWS will be closed for teacher workdays. Teachers will complete staff development activities and have planning time. The Board of Directors will also have a Listening Session with the staff during one of the workdays.

Thanks so much for sharing your children with us!

Julie Allen



Spring Carnival 2016: Saturday, April 23rd



Mark your calendars! The Spring Carnival will be here before you know it.

The Carnival committee is excited to dive into planning, but we could use your help!

We will need volunteer parents from each classroom to help set up, run the games, and clean up on the day of the carnival. If you can help in any way, we would love for you to join in on the planning!

Please contact Quinn Yi (QuinnONealYi@gmail.com) to volunteer!

The Silent Auction Team Needs Your Help (Please)!

As we seek, request and gather items and services for the 2016 and coordinate our internal auction efforts - we need help from fellow parent volunteers!

Here's How You Can Help:

- +**JOIN** our auction planning team (we're nice and it's really pretty fun - not to mention it is a BIG fundraiser for our school). There are several elements of the auction that will need leaders within our group to coordinate.
- +**DONATE** an item or service to the auction.
- +**SUGGEST** individuals or businesses who may be able to offer an item or service and **CONNECT** us.
- +**SET UP** the auction with our team on Friday, April 22.
- +**WORK** the auction itself on Saturday, April 23.

We can use all the help we can get!

Please email Kelly Andrew (kellyandrew77@gmail.com), Emma Willis (eschaufele@gmail.com) and Jamie Spatola (jamiespat@gmail.com) if you'd like to join our team or with any questions or suggestions.

Silent Auction Committee (so far - room for more!):

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| +Kelly Andrew | +Tracey Streck |
| +Jamie Spatola | +Quinn Yi |
| +Emma Willis | +Christine Johnson |
| +Sloane Wootton | +Mercer Griffin |
| +Heather Cummings | +Lauren Phelps |
| +Sarah DeVore | |

Around DMWS



Classroom Spotlight: Mrs. Speight & Mrs. Allman's 4-day 4's



Hats, Mittens, Penguins, Thermometers, Bird Feeders...what do these objects have in common? They are all things that have been made by the Froggy Class in the last few weeks and they are all things that have to do with cold weather. Each morning during circle the kids in Mrs. Speight's class have been discussing cold weather and temperature. They have talked about the degrees on a thermometer, how cold it has to be for water to freeze and what happens to animals during the winter.

The morning I came to observe they were finishing up their sunflower butter birdseed feeders. They had talked about how difficult it is for birds to find food when it snows so they made feeders. I know Carter and Tyler, my children, were very excited to hang theirs outside so the birds would have something to eat! After the last few kids finished their project they came to circle to talk some more about the weather.

Mrs. Speight has a giant thermometer that sits in the window that they look at multiple times a day. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and eager to shout out what they thought the temperature was! After circle I got a chance to ask each child what they liked to do when it was cold outside...

Aaliyah- play with my horse in the snow
 Belle-stay inside and draw
 Carter- go sledding
 David-make snowballs
 Ethan-having my daddy make me hot cocoa
 Haven-throw snowballs and my brother and sister
 Jocelyn- go ice skating
 Julia- look at snowflakes with my magnifying glass
 Katelyn- catch snowflakes on my tongue
 Leena- play hide and seek
 Maddox- snuggle with my doggie
 Oceana- play in the snow
 Reid- try and make smoke come out of my mouth
 (when it's really cold out!)
 Tyler- play outside with my friends
 Trot- build legos



These answers were given before we had the snow but thanks to the incredible teaching by the Froggy Teachers these kids were prepared for snow and low temps, and their wish was granted for some SNOW DAYS!! It is always a joy to get to spend time in my children's class, hearing the laughter and seeing the smiles on all the kid's faces can make anyone's day better. Thanks to all the teachers for their hard work!

- Blake Ellis



DMWS Fundraisers

A BIG THANKS to Lilly's Pizza for sponsoring our January dining out! Our February fundraiser will be a family night in partnership with **Sky Zone** at Northgate on **Friday 2/19 from 5-9**. Sky Zone will donate a percentage of cost of 1-hour jump tickets to DMWS. **Please tell cashier you are with DMWS.**

This should be a fun night for parents and children alike, so plan to attend!! Please see the flyer on page 7 for more details.

ART BY ME!!

Super cute artwork coming your way!! The students are in the process of completing an Art By Me project in their class. Your child's adorable artwork will be coming home in their tote bag later this month in the form of a preview postcard. Along with the postcard will be an order form with over 40 different products that can feature this same artwork! Your child's masterpiece can be featured on a mug, t shirt, apron, key chain, calendar, and so much more. These items make the most thoughtful Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthday or Grandparent gifts. Look for more information coming your way soon.

If you have any questions contact Lauren Kruse at laurenkruse@hotmail.com.

Remind Texting Service

Sign up now!

Remind is a free messaging tool to help educators communicate with parents. Parents can opt in to receive texts from the school in the event of an emergency (fire, etc). It will also be used in the event of school cancellation/delay in addition to email notification.

To receive text messages, parents should **text @dukemem to 81010 or (828)394-2095**. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.

DMWS Summer Camp 2016

Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer camp during the week of July 18-22 from 9am-12:30pm. Campers will enjoy a variety of activities including daily music opportunities. Tuition for camp is \$170. Camp is open to rising 3's through rising first graders. Look for summer camp applications in March.



Classroom Spotlight: Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Danzinger's 4-day 3's

When I stepped into the Treehouse Classroom this morning, I quickly escaped the hustle and bustle of a busy hallway, and found myself in a calm oasis. When I looked around the room I was amazed that it was filled with so many children, yet so calm and peaceful that I could hear the water running in the fish tank across the room!

After greeting Mrs. Turkington at the door, each child was quickly engaged in one of the many inviting activities thoughtfully set up around the room. Everywhere I looked something pulled me in and caught my interest.



The natural wood block play area was filled with puffy white snow and polar bears. The area under the treehouse loft was dimly lit by the light table with interesting glass beads and snowflake shapes dancing on its surface. Two children along with Mrs. Danzinger were constructing a marble run and testing their structure as they built. Finally, a birthday cake, set up for Aubrey's birthday celebration that morning, was brought to the center of the rug from the kitchen area. Two children were pretending to be bakers and as others were drawn into their pretend play, they threw a party, sang to her, topped her cake with "surprise dust" and gave her gifts.

So much creativity and imagination was happening that morning. It was a joy to watch!

- Sarah DeVore





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Awesome, Healthy, Family FUN

Duke Memorial Weekday School
FRIDAY, February 19th

5:00PM - 9:00PM

- * Wall to Wall Trampoline Assisted Sports & Play
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- * Groups of 4+ \$10 per person for 1 hr of jump time
- * Groups less than 4 \$15 per person for 1 hr of jump time

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DMWS Inclement Weather Policy



When the Durham Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Duke Memorial Weekday School will be closed. If Durham Public Schools are delayed, the Director will determine if Duke Memorial Weekday School should be open, closed, or operate on a delay.

Factors considered when assessing whether to close, open on time or on a delay include, but are not limited to: teacher availability to fulfill Safe Sanctuaries requirements, the condition of Memorial Drive/sidewalks along Memorial Drive, and timing of the inclement weather event. Parents should check for cancellation/delay information on WTVD and WRAL. Attempts will be made to notify all families by email. The decision as to whether or not Duke Memorial Weekday School opens on a delay will be made with the utmost consideration of safety for all of our families and staff members. Duke Memorial Weekday School will build up to 4 makeup days into the school calendar. Use of these makeup days is at the discretion of the Director.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 17 families toured DMWS during January.
- In December, a generous donation of \$1,000 was made to the Caroline Sasser Fund. The donation will help us pay for "Sassy's Kitchen" and purchase more instruments for our music program. The donors are parents of two DMWS alumni who are now in college.
- 106 people have joined the remind texting service.
- Mrs. Hensen is our school librarian. She keeps our library organized and makes purchases of new books. Thank you Mrs. Hensen!!!

Get Published!

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Stephanie Crowe at dmwsparentspress@gmail.com. The submission deadline for the March newsletter is February 24th.

In addition to information about DMWS, the Parents' Press offers space to advertise your small business. The fee to advertise is \$5.

Looking to serve your school, but cannot make it into DMWS to volunteer? Contact dmwsparentspress@gmail.com about joining the Parents' Press committee; a committee chair is needed for 2016-2017.