

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | September 2016

Mark your Calendars

- ✦ Sept 7- First Day of School (all students except 2 day 2's)
- ✦ Sept 8-First Day of School (2 day 2's)
- ✦ Sept 14- First Parent's Council Meeting of the year
- ✦ Sept 16- Health Immunization Forms Due
- ✦ Sept 20- Lunch Bunch begins
- ✦ Oct 5- Fire Truck Visit (tentative)
- ✦ Oct 16- Fall Gathering
- ✦ Oct 20 & 21- Teacher Workdays/Staff Development-NO SCHOOL
- ✦ Oct 31- Halloween Parade



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year - our 66th year as a preschool! The staff at DMWS is excited to partner with your family during your child's preschool experience.

Safety of children and staff is very important at DMWS. Please remember our carpool line is a **CELL FREE ZONE**. This includes the parking lots. If you are walking in or out of our facility with your child, please hold hands at all times and cross at the crosswalk. If you enter the building after carpool line has ended, please come by the office to sign in. Also take note of the new signage on Chapel Hill Street indicating the bus zone. Durham City buses need to be able to access the bus stop at all times, so please **do not block the bus stop area**.

We encourage parents to come in to observe their child at any time but we do ask that you sign in through the office so we are aware of who is in the school at all times. Your child's teacher will share the new door code that allows you to access the building during school hours. If you forget the code and need to buzz in, you will be asked to provide both your child's name and the teacher's name.

At orientation, you will receive a handbook full of important information. Please read it carefully and keep it as a reference throughout the year. Board policies as well as contact information for teachers, Board members and Parents' Council are included in the handbook.

Be sure to check out our website www.dmws.org to keep updated on important information during the school year. You may also choose to make tuition payments through a secure link on our webpage. The payment link can be found under the ADMISSIONS tab.

I look forward to the new school year and am so glad to have you and your child as part of Duke Memorial Weekday School. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions.

Julie Allen
Director DMWS
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**DMWS
STAFF**



Julie Allen, Director & Judy Elliott-Moore, Office Staff



Connie Eva & Dawn Perkins
Kindergarten



Wendy White-Hensen & Erica McRae
5 day 4's



Pam Wheeler & Blythe Thomson
5 day 4's



Holly Speight & Leslie Allman
4 day 4's



Jodie Dixon & Lindy Mathis
5 day 3's

**DMWS
STAFF**



Shelley Turkington & Peggy Britt
4 day 3's



Michelle Fox & Chesley Sneed
3 day 3's



Kelly Jernigan & Cristen Chappell
3 day 3's



Teri Lowder & Leslie Alkins
3 day 2's and 2 day 2's



Mary Lee Bailey & Jane Hardin
2 day 2's



Stephanie Miller & Christine Johnson
2 day 2's



Jennifer Sykes - Fitness



Angela Combs - Music



DMWS Welcomes Back Lindy Mathis

I am so thrilled to be back at DMWS. My name is Lindy Mathis and I will be the assistant teacher in the five day three's.

I worked at DMWS for many years (as the fitness teacher and assistant teacher), while my son attended school (from 3 day 2's to Kindergarten), and loved every minute. Most recently I worked at Trinity School of Durham n Chapel Hill. We moved to Hillsborough

back in April and the opportunity arrived that allowed me to work with your children.

I love to be outdoors, cook, and drink coffee. Again, I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and new ones. DMWS is a special place.

DMWS Welcomes Christine Johnson

Hello parents! I am a Duke Memorial Weekday School alum and I am very excited to be back at DMWS as a 2-day 2's assistant teacher!

My husband and I have two children who have been students here since 2013 and are now in the 4-day 3's and kindergarten programs. I grew up in Durham, and after graduating from Riverside I earned a degree in Theater from Mary Washington College.



Outside of school I love spending time with my family at the beach, swimming & hiking. I also love singing and playing guitar, violin and mandolin. I can't wait to share some of my favorite things with my class!

A message from the DMWS Parents' Council

Welcome to Duke Memorial Weekday School! We are thrilled to welcome all of the new parents, as well as catch up with those families who are returning.

Getting involved in Parents' Council is the best way to get to know other families at our school and be the first to find out what events are coming up. While we would love to have you serve on the Parents' Council as an officer or committee chair, it is by no means a requirement that you hold a position in order to attend our monthly PC Meetings.

All DMWS parents are welcome to join us the first Wednesday of each month to discuss how we will help support the school. If you would like to be involved in any way, show up to a PC Meeting to see what we're all about. Kids are always welcome at meetings!

We can't wait to get to know you this year!

Be Sure to link your accounts to DMWS:

Quinn Yi, Parents' Council President

DMWS Parents' Council Officers for 2015-2016

President: Quinn Yi, quinnonealyi@gmail.com

Secretary: Mercer Griffin, merc1127@gmail.com

Treasurer: Kelly Travis, kvtravis@gmail.com

Vice President: **OPEN!**



What is Parents' Council all about?

The Parents' Council is an organization of parents that supports Duke Memorial Weekday School. The council's primary functions are to build community within our school and to perform fundraising efforts to support school projects, special programs, and tuition assistance.

Parents' Council meetings:

First Wednesday of the month, at 9:20am. Open to all DMWS families! Children (& coffee) welcome! Involve discussion of upcoming fundraising events/projects/school needs and share ideas. A great way to learn about school events!

Classroom reps are encouraged to attend each meeting. Julie Allen, our preschool director, attends each meeting.

How to get Involved?

There are many opportunities to get involved! Sign-up sheets for interested parents are in each classroom during the first few days of school. Becoming a class rep is a great way to start becoming involved in DMWS Parents' Council

Come to our first Parents' Council Meeting of the year - **Wednesday, September 14th** at 9:20am! PC Meetings are always kid friendly, feel free to bring little ones who are not in school.

September Dining Out

Our first Dining Out will be at Mellow Mushroom at American Tobacco on Tuesday, September 27th.

DMWS will receive 10% of all dinner sales (5pm to close), so no need to save your receipt.



**THIS SCHOOL IS
PEANUT FREE**



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

DMWS is Peanut-free

No peanuts or peanut butter will be allowed in DMWS classrooms. Children who bring lunches to school for Kindergarten or Lunch Bunch may use other nut butters (cashew butter, almond butter, sunflower seed butter, etc).

GoSavePlay Coupon Books!

The books will be going home in children's folders the week of September 12th!

The books/orders will be due back by October 5th.

All coupon book orders will be filled by October 6th!

This is an easy way to both give back to our school and get savings for your family!

Some of our favorite coupons: Kroger, Learning Express, Sky Zone, Mellow Mushroom, Satisfaction, AC Moore, etc! This books more than pays for itself in just a few uses!! The gift that keeps on giving!



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.

IMPORTANT CARPOOL LINE INFORMATION



CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL-FREE ZONE AT ALL TIMES. STAY FOCUSED AND KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.



Three cars at a time pull along curb for loading.



Wait at stop sign for next turn in loading zone. Please have your carpool number displayed.



There is no left turn into the parking lot. Follow the route around the police station.



Carpool line occupies the bike lane. **Do not block the bus stop or the Duke St intersection.** If the line is full, repeat the loop around the police station.

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Parents walking to pickup should line up along the sidewalk with their carpool number in hand.



Use crosswalk at all times. Do not cross between advancing carpool cars.

Carpool line traffic flow:

