

THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | October 2016

Mark your Calendars:

- ✦ Oct 5: Fire Truck Visit
- ✦ Oct 10: Go Play Save books due (due date extended!)
- ✦ Oct 12-16: Book Fair
- ✦ Oct 16-Fall Gathering
- ✦ Oct 18: Dining Out at Pop's Backdoor Pizza
- ✦ Oct 20-21: Teacher Workdays - No School
- ✦ Oct 31: Halloween Parade
- ✦ Nov 3: Kindergarten Open House



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Dear Parents,

DMWS has had a great start to the school year. The children have settled quickly into their class routines. I have enjoyed seeing the walls filled with artwork and hearing the voices of the children fill our facility.

Many thanks to those of you who help our carpool line run smoothly. Just a few reminders: Remember the carpool line is a cell free zone. Also remember to display your carpool number so we can easily see it. Please hold your child's hand any time you cross Memorial Drive.

October should be an exciting month for the children. The fire truck visit is always fun (we will have a fire drill soon after!). Teachers have activities planned that highlight the fall season. Our pre-k classes have field trips scheduled to visit a local farm. Several classes will have their own pumpkin patch here at school and we will end the month with our annual Halloween Parade!

The staff will attend the annual DOPA workshop on October 20. We will attend sessions on Fine Motor Development, Creativity, and Curriculum Development. The workshops are always energizing and give us great ideas to try in our classrooms.

Feel free to stop by the office, call or email me any time you have a question or concern. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us!

Enjoy the fall weather!

Julie Allen
DMWS Director



Fall Open House 2016

DMWS's annual Fall Open House is right around the corner, and we'd love for you to be there! It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect & socialize, students to show off their classrooms & artwork, and everyone to enjoy a treat and a show together.

This year's Fall Gathering will be held on **Sunday, October 16th from 3-5 pm**. Classrooms will be open for families to visit and spend time with teachers and fellow students. Loco Pops will be providing popsicles for the whole family for purchase.

We will have a raffle this year with the coveted tuition prize! You don't want to miss out so please be on the lookout for information in your child's folder. Tees will also be available in Whitford Hall if you need a way to show off your school spirit!

This year's entertainment will be provided by the "Bouncing Bulldogs" Jump Rope Team. If you've never seen these kids in action, be ready for a treat! Their discipline and super jump-roping skills will leave you amazed!

There will be lots of fun, and fellowship for all at this event! Here's the schedule for the afternoon:

3-3:45 Open House in the Classrooms + Hallway Art Crawl

3-4:30 Book Fair in the Bradshaw Room

3:45-5:00 Popsicles and entertainment with "The Bouncing Bulldogs" in Whitford Hall

Flyers have been sent home so look for details in your child's folder. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Tuition Raffle

Help Support the Duke Memorial Parent's Council at this year's Fall Open House by purchasing your tickets for the raffle. Following the performance of the Bouncing Bulldogs, one lucky winner will be selected to win one month's free tuition!

Tickets are \$3. Flyers have been sent home and tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. All proceeds will benefit DMWS. Please contact Kelly Travis at kvtravis@gmail.com for more information or questions. Thank you for your support...and good luck!

DMWS Halloween Parade

This year, the DMWS Halloween Parade will be on Monday, October 31. Weather permitting, your little costumed goblins will parade around the block.

We will exit at the school entrance, pass by the playground and walk around the church, finishing up at the school entrance.

Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or side parking lot.

Please note that our two year old classes do not participate for safety reasons. They will be able to view the parade from their classroom.

We encourage you to remain outside until the parade is complete. Be sure to take lots of photos as you watch the parade. Teachers will have the classes pose for group shots at the end of the parade. Remember to dress your child in a costume that allows them to walk safely in our parade.

Classroom Volunteers Needed!

Many many thanks the parents who have already volunteered as classroom and carnival/silent auction representatives; however, we still have come vacancies and hope you will consider volunteering your time.

Class reps are needed for the following classes: Jernigan, Miller, and Dixon

We need Spring Carnival and Silent Auction Reps Needed for MOST classes!

Additionally, we are still seeking to fill Parents' Council committee openings for the **Vice President** (*you will be President next year*), **Parents Press**, and **Dining Out**.

If you are interested please contact Quinn Yi at QuinnONealYi@gmail.com We would love to have you!!

Book Fair

A fabulous selection of books is headed our way! There will be books for everyone to enjoy – toddlers, preschoolers, big kids and even parents! There are board books, early reader books, chapter books, character books, books in Spanish, and even activity books. You can also contribute books to your child's class by checking out your teacher's wish list.

The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. Mark your calendar and we will see you there!

Where: Bradshaw Room (upstairs)

When: Wednesday October 12th, 9am-1pm, Thursday October 13th, 9am-1pm, Friday October 14th, 9am-1pm, Sunday, October 16th During Fall Gathering

If you cannot attend the Book Fair or have friends & family that would like to do some shopping, please share this link so they can also support Duke Memorial: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dmws>. The online shop is open October 6th-19th.

If you are willing to volunteer two hours of your time during the book fair from 9-11am or 11-1pm, please contact Sloane Wootton at sloane531@gmail.com. We would love to have your help!!

Hello from the Parents Council!

We hope your first month of school has been a good one and that your child is adjusting to their new schedule, teachers, friends and carpool line! (OR maybe your child is like my youngest and still needs to be “bribed” out of the car during morning carpool line – this too shall pass!) Regardless we hope that you, as a parent, are getting to know Duke Memorial Weekday School and feeling good about your decision to share your child(ren) with our school. We are so glad that you are here!

Go Play Save Coupon Books:

Many thanks to the parents and faculty who purchased the Go Play Save Coupon Books from DMWS! Our school earns at least \$10 per book sold! Turn in your orders by October 10th, please. Thus far, the fundraiser appears to be a success. Once all books/student forms are accounted for we will know the true profitability of our Coupon Book sale.

We hope you enjoy the saving benefits of the coupon books – and I may see you at AC Moore, Mellow Mushroom, GAP, Learning Express or Sky Zone in the near future!

Note: If you are Harris Teeter shopper, they will take the Kroger coupons in the book! With just those coupons, the book pays for itself.

WHY DO WE FUND RAISE?

We fundraise so that we can give back ... give back to our school, our teachers and our community! Money raised throughout the school year allows our teachers a little extra money for their classroom and it allows the school to purchase extras like a refrigerator and playground upgrades. Need more? ... funds raised pay for the Rags to Riches Theatre to come and perform for our kids each spring and it also help us support community building activities for our school like the fall gathering, park playdates and the spring Durham Bulls outing. AND, if this is not enough did you know that the money raised by Parents Council allows us to support the DMWS tuition assistance Fund ... yes a percentage of all money raised goes right back to our peers so that their babies can receive the same love and education. What a treat to be able to give back!

SO, when you hear of the Coupon Book Fundraiser, the Art-By-Me Fundraiser, the book fairs , tees and totes, Fall Gathering, the monthly dining-out opportunities or our largest fundraiser of the year, the Silent Auction ... think about more than just writing a check, think about the blessings that you are giving to others, by giving to our school.

As always we appreciate you and your family and are so happy to have you as part of our “village”!

REMINDER:

ALL are invited to the monthly Parents Council meetings –usually, the first Wednesday of each month at 9:20! These meetings are kid, coffee and gym clothes friendly – The meetings are held in the church Parlor (2nd floor) usually last about an hour.

Upcoming Parents Council meeting dates are: October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th, January 11th, February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd

Around DMWS



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October Dining Out

A BIG THANKS to Mellow Mushroom for sponsoring our first dining out on September 26th.

The October dining out will be at Pop's Backdoor Pizza on Tuesday the 18th. DMWS will receive 10% of sales 5pm-close (carryout included!).



DID YOU KNOW?

DMWS participates in the Box Tops for Education Program. We earn cash for our school to purchase special items for our program by submitting box tops from participating products. DMWS submits box tops twice per year. To help us, please send in your Box Tops by placing them in a baggy and putting the baggy in your child's folder. Participating products include food, food storage, tableware, and household cleaners. Be sure to look for the Box Tops symbol on products you regularly purchase.

Reminder:

DMWS shares the playground with PMO. DMWS students use the playground from 9-noon each day while PMO uses it from noon until 12:45pm.

Kindergarten Open House

November 3rd, 2016 at 9:30am*

Please call the office at 919-688-5130 or send an email to julieallen@dmws.org to attend. Because this is a regular school day for students, we ask that siblings not attend.

*other time slots may be added if there is demand

Get Published!

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to dmwsparentspress@gmail.com. The submission deadline for the November newsletter is October. 25th. In addition to information about DMWS, the Parents' Press offers space to advertise your small business. The fee to advertise is \$5.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Connie Eva and I'm the volunteer Box Tops Coordinator at Duke Memorial Weekday School.

This year, our goal is to raise \$500. Here are three easy ways you can help:

Clip — Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Shop online — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Our school can earn eBoxTops® with every qualifying purchase you make, at no additional cost to you.

Sign up to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win eBoxTops and other prizes
- Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands

You can also sign up for Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters that include offers from online retailers where you can earn eBoxTops.

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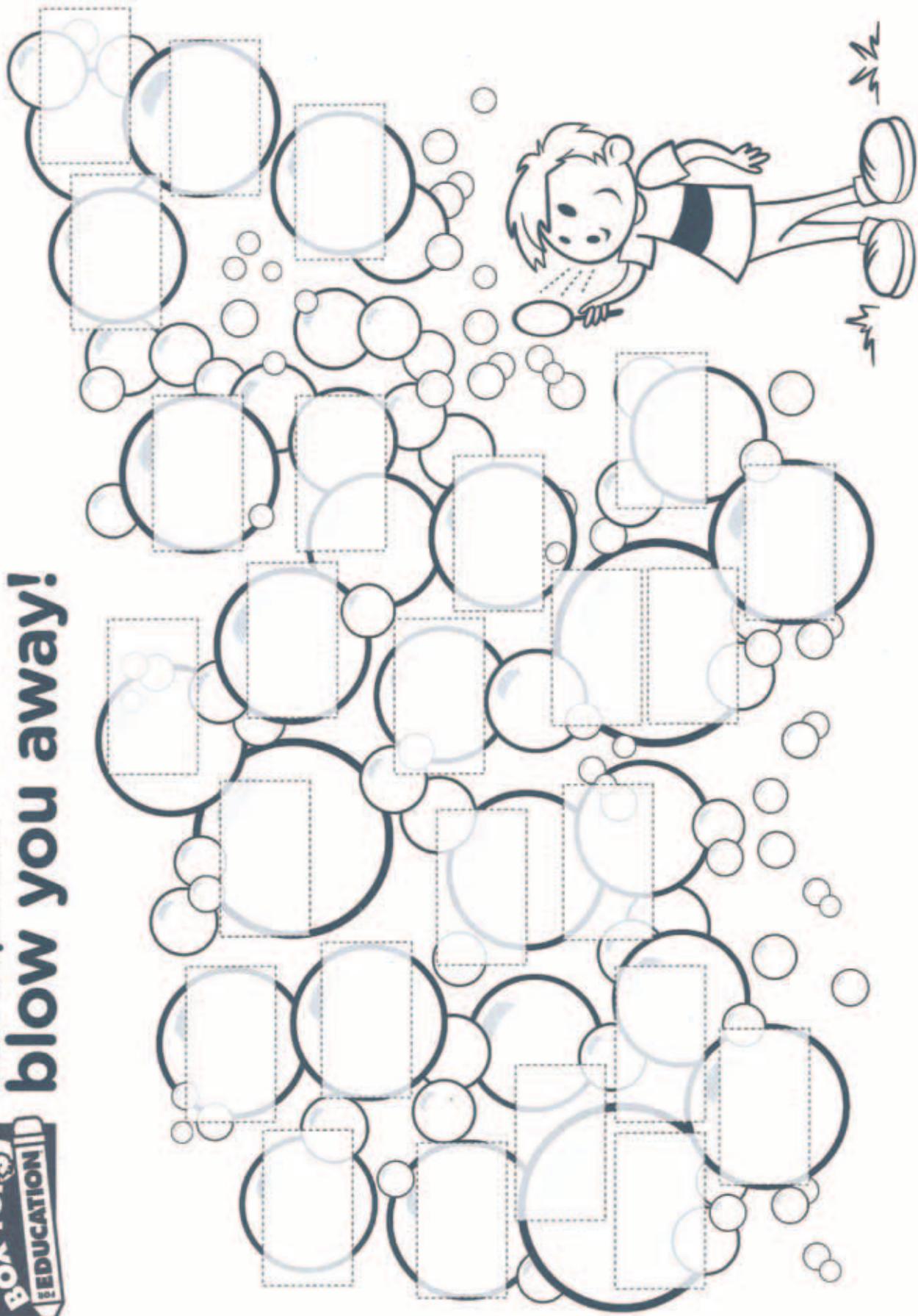
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