

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | February 2017

## *Mark your Calendars:*

- ◆ Feb. 1- Parents' Council Meeting
- ◆ Feb. 2- Public Lottery 10am in Whitford Hall
- ◆ Feb. 3-17 Canned Food Drive
- ◆ Feb. 12 - Storyteller visit
- ◆ Feb. 13 - Class Assignment Notification
- ◆ Feb. 20 - May 2018 Tuition plus Facilities Fee Due
- ◆ March 1 - Parents' Council Meeting
- ◆ March 6-7 - Teacher Work Days
- ◆ April 17 - Snow Make-Up Day
- ◆ April 22 - Spring Carnival & Silent Auction
- ◆ April 23 - DMWS Sings at Worship



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Dear Parents,

Although it is still February, many of you are planning for the summer. Note the dates of the following opportunities.

DMWS Summer Camp: Two weeks of camp will be offered this year. The dates are June 19-23 and July 17-21 from 9:00am-12:30pm. Spaces are limited and usually fill quickly for each age group. Applications will be available in early March. Cost will be \$170.

Be sure to mark your calendars with important dates in March and April. DMWS will be closed to students on March 6 and 7 for teacher workdays. Teachers will complete staff development activities and have planning time. April 17 will be a snow make-up day (in place of Monday, January 9). The Parents' Council will sponsor our annual Carnival and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 22. Be sure to attend this wonderful event! Our music students have been invited to sing at Worship on Sunday, April 23.

Thanks for letting us enjoy your children!  
Julie Allen



## Important Carpool Information



A couple of years ago, bike lanes were added to West Chapel Hill Street. The addition of bike lanes created the need to drop a through lane of traffic. City traffic planners have allowed DMWS to keep our carpool line as long as we leave space for buses to access the bus stop. Several different buses need to access the bus stop area during our carpool line times. On one recent morning, three buses serving 9 people during morning carpool needed access to the stop.

Please remember to leave space for buses to access the stop area.

# Spring Carnival 2017: Saturday, April 22nd



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](mailto:QuinnONealYi@gmail.com)) to volunteer!

## The Silent Auction Team Needs Your Help (Please)!

As we seek, request and gather items and services for the 2017 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 21.
- +**WORK** the auction itself on Saturday, April 22.

We can use all the help we can get! Please email Emma Willis ([eschaufele@gmail.com](mailto:eschaufele@gmail.com)) if you'd like to join our team or with any questions or suggestions.

## Registration Information for 2017-2018

The DMWS Board of Directors has decided to make a few changes to this year's registration process. The changes should help the school offer classes that best align with demand. In order to hold a spot for next year at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee of \$75 for returning students (\$85 for new students). All registration fees are non-refundable.

Registration for current students and siblings began January 25th and registration for church members and alumni began January 27th. Applications were provided to parents during student conferences. Additional applications are available in the office.

Upcoming registration dates are:

**Thursday, February 2nd** - General Public Registration at 10am in Whitford Hall

**Monday, February 13th** - Notification of Class Assignment

**Monday, February 20th** - Facilities fee of \$50 plus one month's tuition due (tuition credited to May 2018). After this payment, your spot is secured for next year. This payment is also non-refundable.

Tuition rates for 2017-2018 have been approved by the DMWS Board of Directors.

*A 10% discount is given to younger siblings.*

2 day 2	\$212 per month or	\$1908 per year
3 day 2	\$237 per month or	\$2133 per year
3 day 3	\$258 per month or	\$2322 per year
4 day 3	\$281 per month or	\$2529 per year
4 day pre-k	\$281 per month or	\$2529 per year
5 day 3	\$315 per month or	\$2835 per year
5 day pre-k	\$315 per month or	\$2835 per year
Kindergarten	\$382 per month or	\$3438 per year

## Classroom Spotlight: Ms. Turkington & Ms. Britt's 4-day 3s

I recently had the pleasure of joining the Treehouse Class for a morning full of penguin fun! When I arrived all the children were busy with their morning tasks, taking off jackets, hanging school bags, and putting their lunches away. I stepped into the classroom and everywhere I looked there were little penguins scurrying about the classroom, even Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Britt were dressed the part! The children enjoyed free play for the first part of the morning and it was fun to see how they spent their time. While some children read books with friends, others were dressing and feeding baby dolls, a few children went to their cubby to get their Play-Doh out, and a couple started their penguin art project. Before I knew it, the little penguins were cleaning up and heading up to the top of the treehouse for their morning meeting. All the penguins take a seat and sing their hello neighbor song, although today it was hello penguin! Samuel is the star for the day and he takes a seat with Mrs. Turkington, then it's time for working on the letters in Samuel's name. Nora is the cheerleader for the day and leads a cheer using letters from Samuel's name, all the children cheer along! The snack helpers, Caroline and Nolan, sneak downstairs to help Mrs. Britt with the snack for the day. Next up, it's time for working on numbers with the calendar, to figure out the day and number, and these little penguins sure know their numbers! The morning meeting comes to a close because these penguins are ready for a snack! Sebastian is in charge of the hand sanitizer, so each friend sees him before heading down for their snack. Snack time is over in a flash and it's time for us to head outside for some fun on the playground. As soon as their feet hit the pavement outside, they were gone and it was time for me to leave. I stayed for a few minutes to watch them play outside, but they were running around so fast in every direction, it was hard to keep up! Thank you, Treehouse class for welcoming me into your classroom for a morning full of fun!

-Mercer Griffin



## Dining Out



Thanks to QShack for sponsoring our January Dining Out event and for everyone who braved the bad weather to come out in support of our school. Those who did manage to make it were undoubtedly rewarded with a tasty meal!

The next Dining Out event will be held at **Bull City Burger and Brewery** (107 E. Parrish St) on **February 21st** from **5:00-8:30pm**. DMWS will receive 10% of the sales from all receipts placed in the buckets located at the registers and the bar. Encourage your friends and neighbors to come as well! Hope to see you there!



## DMWS Canned Food Drive

Each February, DMWS has a canned food drive to support the Food Pantry at Urban Ministries of Durham. This year, students may bring in canned food items between Feb. 3 and Feb 17. We will line the hallway with the donations and students will be able to use the cans for math activities before we bag them to be donated. Students love seeing the items fill the hallway!



## DMWS Summer Camp 2017



Mark your calendars for DMWS Summer Camp! This summer, DMWS will offer 2 weeks of camp. You will be able to sign up for one or two weeks. Week 1 will be June 19-23. Week 2 will be July 17-21 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: Ms. Dixon and Ms. Mathis's 5-day 3s



It was such a breath of fresh air to walk in on Mrs. Dixon/Mrs. Mathis's 5 day 3s class during their weekly music time with Mrs. Combs. They were in there with Mrs. Jernigan's class and I was so amazed at how they were all paying such good attention. The theme around school these days is snow, therefore the kids were singing a snow song. "Hush, hush, hush, hush, don't make a sound, be a little snowflake falling to the ground" were the words coming out of these little 3 & 4 year olds mouths, while they waited patiently to drop their feather snowflakes and watch them fall gently to the carpet below. Then small groups of kids went to the front of the room and they each got to play the xylophone with rubber

mallets, and these little children did it so harmoniously while their friends sang along with Mrs. Combs. Before the kids music class came to an end they each got to try out some ice skating using paper plates under their feet. The giggles spread as they slid across the ice skating rink behind one another around the rink that was creatively made with tape in the shape of an oval. Our DMWS students are so fortunate to be able to go upstairs to enjoy some musical fun, songs and even instrument playing with the talented Mrs. Combs! I know my son loves this special music time because the first thing he wanted to do when we got home today was find some paper plates so he could pretend to ice skate around our house!!



I also got to spend some time in Mrs. Dixon/Mrs. Mathis's classroom watching this lively, sweet group of ALL BOYS in their daily routine. I was not sure how a class full of all boys would work but these two teachers sure do a phenomenal job with them, and you don't even notice that it is all boys. As I looked around the room the snow theme continued as I saw a project they were working on growing crystals (snowflakes) in glass jars, and they were also going to get to paint with ice which they were all so excited about doing. Before they got to eat snack Mrs. Dixon had the boys sitting around playing a guessing game. The kids had to close their eyes and the teacher would take away a card (from a group of cards that were spread out on the floor) and when they opened their eyes they had to guess which picture was gone. The boys took turns guessing what was missing ...is it a snowman? An igloo? A pair of mittens? Or a snowflake? Once the child found the missing picture they were able to hop up from the circle, wash their hands and go on over to the table for snack time. After Nic, who was the Calendar helper for the day helped decide what day/month it was, Conner,



the weather watcher, decided what the weather was like outside. Before I left for the day the kids were running off to go to different centers and have some time to play with toys of their choice. I thoroughly enjoyed my time observing this sweet group of kids. I loved to see the happiness on all these children's faces and it's easy to see why my son loves going to school everyday! I sure wish I could go back to preschool and have these amazing teachers!!!

Sloane Wootton (Conner's mom)

# Around DMWS







## DID YOU KNOW?

- DMWS is cleaned twice each week by a professional cleaning service.
- Due to the generosity of our Parents' Council, DMWS enjoyed a storyteller in January and will have her back in February.
- Our kindergarten class made an igloo out of milk cartons as part of their study of the Arctic and Antarctic.
- One of our lunch bunch classes often dines by candlelight! (battery-operated candles are awesome )
- Each month, classes take turns making art for our hallway bulletin board. Be sure to stop in to see the bulletin board each month.
- Your generous donations of gently used children's books to Book Harvest were appreciated! For their MLK Day event, they collected over 33,000 books.



### *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.

## Get Published!



The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to [dmwsparentspress@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentspress@gmail.com). The submission deadline for the March newsletter is February 22nd. In addition to information about DMWS, the Parents' Press offers space to advertise your small business. The fee to advertise is \$5.