



The Parents Press

Duke Memorial Weekday School

October 2013



Mark Your Calendar!

- Go, Play, Save Coupon Books are due! Please turn in your order forms ASAP!
- Fire Truck Visit: Oct 9
- Teacher workdays: Oct 17–18
- Spirit Week: Oct 21–25
- Book Fair: Oct 21–27
- Dining Out: Oct 22 @ Bull City Burger (5:30p–8p)
- Fall Gathering: Oct 27
- Halloween Parade: Oct 31
- Student Pics: Nov 7 & 8
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20)
October 2
November 6
December 4
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7



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From the Desk of...

Susan Grubbs

Dear Parents-

The school year is off to a great start! The children seem to be settling in nicely to the new routines of their classrooms. The hallway is now decorated with beautiful masterpieces and lots of happy noise (a few tears as well!) are spilling into the hallway. I think everyone is happy to be back in the swing of things!

Thank you to everyone for helping make the carpool run smoothly! It does take a few days to work out all the kinks, but it is running fairly smoothly! Just a few reminders... PLEASE display your carpool card where we can easily see it. It is best to have it hanging when you turn into the side parking lot. Also, **DO NOT** turn left into the side parking lot from Chapel Hill Road. We had several parents mention that this was happening during the first week of carpool. Lastly, please remember that the carpool line is a cell free zone. All of these reminders are for the safety of your children.

It was great to see so many new faces at the first Parent's Council meeting! The hard work of the Parent's Council is very much appreciated by all of us at the Weekday School. We are continuing to buy new items for the classrooms and the playground. Check out the new Choo Choo Express on the playground! We are very fortunate to have a great group of parents who support DMWS in so many ways!

Please feel free to stop by, call or email the office at any time if you have any suggestions or questions. I look forward to working with all of you this year. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Happy Fall!

Susan Grubbs

DMWS Director





New faces joining this year's DMWS staff!! Let's get to know...

Mrs. Lloyd



I am originally from Scotland and moved to the States in 1995. I lived in Virginia for 6 years until I met my husband in 2001. He is a native Durham-ite, which in turn brought me here to Durham, where I now call home. Along with my husband, Chad, I live with our three amazing sons, Declan who is 8 (in 2nd Grade at Easley), Connor who is 6 (in kindergarten at Easley) and Mason who is 3 (5 day 3's here at DMWS). We also have some furry, feathered and scaly members of our family.... Codi, our dog, Harley, our cat, Draco, our bearded-dragon, and we also have 10 backyard chickens, 3 fish, 3 red-bellied frogs and 3 snails :-)

There is usually not a lot of free time in our house with three young boys, but when I do get a few minutes to myself, I love to get out in the garden or go walking with Codi (our dog). Photography has always been a big hobby of mine, and my camera isn't usually too far away to catch that special moment :-)

And of course, I love spending quality time with my family and friends.

Before I joined this wonderful team of ladies at DMWS, I was a stay at home mum for the boys. It has been one of the most demanding yet rewarding jobs I've ever had, and I am extremely grateful to have been able to be with them during their early years of life prior to going to school. But now is the perfect time for me to be getting back into the workforce, and after having all three boys go through DMWS, I couldn't have found a better place to be, than to start working here at the preschool. I love seeing all your little ones happy faces as they play and have fun each day with their friends. I now look forward to being part of their early years before big school and helping them on their way as they start their learning journey in life.

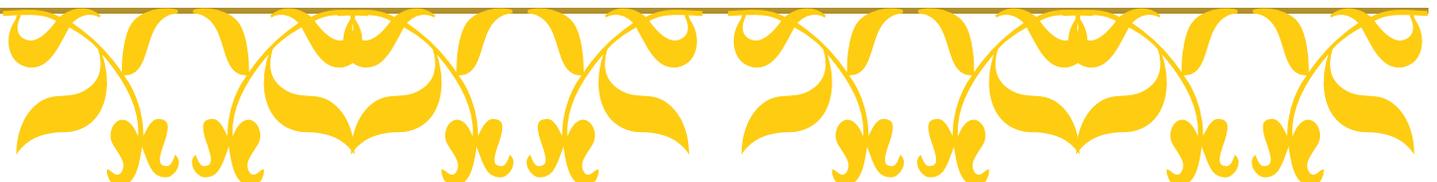
Mrs. Sykes

My family consist of my husband Alex, my daughter Grace (22) and my son Sam (20). Both of my kids are DMWS grads, too. I also have a German Shepherd named Winifred and a fluffy cat named Leonidas. We are all Tar Heels. I try to play as much tennis as possible and belong to a walking group (for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society). Before coming to Duke Memorial, I worked for our family business, and prior to teaching preschool, I taught high school English. My favorite thing about school is the people: students, fellow teachers and staff, and the awesome parents.



Mrs. Jernigan

My husband and I live in Durham with our son Wyatt (6), daughter Stella (3) and yellow lab Scout. I love the outdoors, tennis, reading, fashion and movies. I have been a stay-at-home-mom to my two kids for the past six years. I love children and have always been a kid at heart. I enjoy preschool children's excitement and enthusiasm for life and learning.





FALL GATHERING

DMWS's annual Fall Gathering 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 & art-work, and everyone to enjoy dinner and a show together.

This year's Fall Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Classrooms will be open for families to visit and spend time with teachers and fellow students. Satisfaction Restaurant will be providing the delicious pizza and salad for dinner. Fruit, dessert, & drink donations are greatly appreciated. Your classroom representative will be in touch regarding sign-ups. If your family would rather not participate in dinner and choose to bring your own brown bag meal, then you can simply pay for the entertainment portion.

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!

Flyers have already gone home, so please be sure to return them in your child's folder as soon as possible as we'd love to see you there!

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

4:30-5:15 Open House in the Classrooms

4:30-6:00 Book Fair in the Parlor

5:00-6:00 Dinner in Whitford Hall

6:00-6:30 Fun entertainment with "The Bouncing Bulldogs"

If you have volunteered to bring fruit or dessert to the Fall Gathering, please deliver it to Whitford Hall by 4:30 pm that day. We will also need volunteers for set-up (Friday the 25th), the event (handing out pizza and salad), and clean-up after the event. Please contact your classroom rep if you are able to help! It would be greatly appreciated!!!

We hope to see you there!

OUR BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

A fabulous selection of books is headed our way! We have been upgraded to a rolling cart book fair this year, so it will be bigger and better than before! There will be books for everyone to enjoy – toddlers, preschoolers, big kids and even parents! There are board books, early reader books, chapter books, Christian books, books in Spanish, activity books, even cookbooks! 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: Monday, October 21, 9am-1pm

Tuesday, October 22, 9am-1pm

Wednesday, October 23, 9am-1pm

Thursday, October 24, 9am-1pm

Friday, October 25, 9am-1pm

Sunday, October 27, 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](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dmws). If you are willing to volunteer two hours of your time during the book fair from 9-11am or 11-1pm, please contact Lauren Kruse at laurenkruse@hotmail.com or (919) 740-3888. We would love to have your help!!



DMWS RAFFLE



DMWS will be holding a raffle in conjunction with the Fall Gathering on October 27th. As in past years, our grand prize will be a month of **FREE** tuition. We would like to have a few other "goodies" to offer as prizes. Donated prizes in the past have included restaurant gift certificates, spa gift certificates, sports tickets and items from home businesses. This is a wonderful way to showcase your own at-home business or products!

If you have an item you would be willing to donate as a raffle prize, please contact Kavita Rajagopal (kavita.rajagopal@gmail.com). Please provide a description of the item and an approximate value. This is a great way to advertise your business or product while raising money for DMWS.

If you do not have an item to donate, no worries! We hope you will purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our several fabulous prizes. Information about the raffle and the ticket order form will be in the children's tote bags the first week of October. We hope you will support the raffle and DMWS.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will take place on October 31st. Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, pass 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 the side parking lot. Please note that 2 year olds do not parade for safety reasons, but they will enjoy the parade from their classrooms.

We ask that you remain outside until the parade is complete. You may come in to take pictures when the parade is over. Please remember to dress your child in a costume that will allow them to safely walk in the parade. It will be "spook-tacular" and we hope to see you there!



Spirit Week!

October 21st–25th



Monday — Favorite Hat Day

Tuesday — Favorite Team Day

Wednesday — Favorite Color Day

Thursday — Favorite T-shirt Day

Friday — DMWS day (wear a DMWS t-shirt or sweatshirt)

DMWS Spirit Wear

Order forms will be coming home soon so that you can order shirts, stickers, magnets, totes, and more. We also have some items in-stock. In-stock spirit wear can be purchased at the Book Fair, at the Fall Gathering, or by contacting Stephanie Wilson (stephbroka@hotmail.com).



Important Reminders



- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE!!!**
- Please keep the line moving! If the car in front of you has moved, please move with it.
- **DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION OF W.CHAPEL HILL and DUKE STREET!** If you cannot pull completely through the intersection, circle around the Police Station.
- Stay on the left side of the side parking lot and stop at the red line and allow space for any church employees or visitors to enter/exit the parking lot.
- Once your child is loaded, drive as far up Memorial Drive as you can to buckle them or pull into the paved parking lot. The cones are there to deter people from parking along the street. **PLEASE** do not block the crosswalk.
- Remember to exit onto Duke Street, which will free up some congestion on Memorial Drive.
- If you walk up, please have your carpool card with you. We will bring your child to you after the car line is complete.
- **ALWAYS HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND UNTIL THEY ARE SAFELY IN THE CAR!**
- Always use the crosswalk when crossing the street.
- If the orange cone is on the front porch when you pick up your child, you are late and will need to pay the \$10 late fee on your child's next school day.



Classroom Volunteers Needed!

We appreciate all the parents who volunteered as classroom, carnival, or silent auction representatives. We need at least one person from each class to fill these vital roles. However, we still have vacancies and hope you will consider volunteering your time. If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact Puttachart Kelly (puttachart.c.kelly@gmail.com). The following is a list of classrooms still in need of volunteers:

Carnival Rep: Charles/Sneed; Fox/Henson; Britt/Chappell; Lowder/Alkins (3 day 2s); Allen/Bailey

Silent Auction Rep: Bartlett/Wheeler; Fox/Henson; Turkington/Sykes; Jernigan/Lloyd; Allen/Bailey

Parent Council Rep: Allen/Bailey



Bull Street Gourmet & Market served as our inaugural Dining Out night in September. Many thanks for their amazing generosity and support of DMWS!

What is Dining Out? Join DMWS families, teachers, and staff once a month for a meal at a local restaurant! It's a great opportunity to visit with friends while raising money for our school. Participating restaurants will donate a portion of their sales back to the school on the specific date that they host. Invite other friends, family, and neighbors to increase the proceeds to DMWS! Or, if the thought of wrangling your kids into a seat in a restaurant is too overwhelming, order your food to go (make sure you mention DMWS) and take a night off from cooking! Questions? Suggestions? Contact Annaliese Gresham at annaliesenc@yahoo.com

Upcoming Duke Memorial Methodist Church Events!

Wednesday, October 2nd 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner and a Show
5:30 free pasta dinner followed by Rags to Riches theatre for young audience performance of **The Owl and the Turtle**, an original tale of acceptance and friendship. *Please RSVP by Sunday, September 29th by calling the church office at [919-683-3467](tel:919-683-3467) or email sprague@nc.rr.com*



Sunday, October 13th 10:55 a.m. - Children's Sabbath at Duke Memorial
Come join us for worship as the children will be participating in all aspects of the day's special worship service.

Parents Press Info!

The Parents Press is considering going electronic in 2014!! This would give families the ability to receive the newsletter by e-mail each month! We will also give families the chance to "opt out" of e-mail and obtain a paper copy. Do you have thoughts or feedback on this process? Please come to a Parent Council meeting to share your feedback or e-mail Allison Shultz so that she can pass your feedback on to the group!

The Parents Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Allison Shultz at ajmckenney@gmail.com. The submission deadline for the November newsletter is October 18th. The Parents Press offers space for you to advertise your small, at-home business. The fee to advertise is \$5 and we also ask that you'd be willing to donate 10% of your proceeds to DMWS when sales are made from the ad during the remainder of the school year.