



The Parents Press

Duke Memorial Weekday School

November 2013



Mark Your Calendar!

- School Pictures: Nov 7 & 8
- Veteran's Day Holiday: Nov 11 — NO SCHOOL!
- Dining Out: Nov 19 @ Mellow Mushroom (Durham) — 5pm until close
- Kindergarten Play: Nov 20 @ 11am
- Poinsetta Orders Due: Nov 25 & 26
- Thanksgiving Holiday (no school!): Nov 27—30
- Kindergarten Open House: Dec 5
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20)
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,

Happy Fall to all of you! We have lots of fun activities happening in the classes at DMWS. Fall artwork is decorating the halls, songs and stories of pumpkins are being told and the whole school smells delicious as the classes test their cooking skills.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Gathering a huge success. A great time was had by all. The children enjoyed showing off their classrooms and the masterpieces they have created.

The Kindergarten Play will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 11:00 in Whitford Hall. Everyone is invited to come to this special performance.

Our Kindergarten Open House will be on Thursday, December 5th at 9:30. This is a great opportunity for parents to come in and see the day-to-day happenings in the class. Because the class is in session, we ask that siblings not attend. It can be very distracting to the students and their school day. More information will be coming home in the folders of our 4 year old students.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Susan Grubbs

DMWS Director





Mrs. Eva and Mrs. Perkins' Kindergarten Class

By: Tarry Payton



The Kindergarten class taught by Mrs. Connie Eva and Mrs. Dawn Perkins is off to a great start! Learning sight words, writing lowercase letters, painting pumpkins, making ghost toast, washing dishes, playing chase, and for some, losing a first tooth, have all been a part of the first two months of kindergarten. For several of us, my family included, this also meant an adjustment to a new school and new friends. A sneak peak into the classroom

and you would think these children have all been together since PMO based on the level of attentiveness and enthusiasm shown by the children.

A visit from the Durham Fire Station, the field trip to the Waller Family Farm, and the Halloween Parade were some of our October highlights. The class also



enjoyed visits

from out of town grandparents, former DMWS alumni and even classmates' pets.



A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Jennifer Dunlap for her work in helping the class learn and grow while Mrs. Eva recovered from back surgery. Have a great November!



New faces joining this year's DMWS staff!!

Let's get to know...

Mrs. Hardin



I am Jane Hardin and am originally from Waco, Texas. I graduated from Baylor University. I moved to Chapel Hill with my husband John in 1991. We moved to Durham in 1996. John works at the NC Department of Commerce. We have two daughters who both attended DMWS through kindergarten. Caroline is 19 and a sophomore at Wake Forest, and Sabrina is 16 and a junior at Durham Academy. I like to travel and go to movies with my family, and to shop and watch hockey and basketball with my girls. I also like to read. I worked in the Department of Occupational Medicine at Duke before my girls were born. I taught at DMWS from 2001-2009, then took time off to help my parents when they moved from Texas. I still spend a lot of time with my mother, who lives at Croasdaile Village. I am glad to be back at Duke Memorial because the staff cares for each other like a family. I love getting to meet young families and spending time with the 2's and young 3's and seeing how much they change and grow through the years.

Mrs. Bailey



I have been married to my husband Jeff for 37 years after meeting him on a blind date when I was a student at Meredith College and he was a grad student at NC State! We have 2 sons, Matthew, 27, who lives at home and Brad, 32, who lives in Durham with his wife Barbara. In my spare time I enjoy reading, scrapbooking and spending time with my family and friends. I stayed at home with my boys while they were growing up, but returned to work in Duke Memorial's Parent's Morning Out where I am still working one day a week this year. I also previously worked in the church office. I really enjoy working with the 2 year olds - they make so many advances during the school year. It is also a real pleasure to work with such a great group of women!

Giving Tree 2013

Dear DMWS Families,

As the holiday season approaches, we are preparing for our traditional annual Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is our way to give back to our community and foster the sharing spirit of the holiday season in our children.

The year we are partnering with the Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to provide families and their children with Christmas gifts that they would not otherwise be able to afford. IHN works with local congregations, including Duke Memorial, to provide homeless families with the support and resources they need to achieve residential stability.



The Giving Tree will be up on Monday, November 18th in the hallway next to Mrs. Turkington's classroom. Please bring your child to the tree to select an ornament with a wish list item on it. Please return your unwrapped gift to the tree with the tag attached by Thursday, December 12th.

We would like to make this the most successful Giving Tree yet and are hoping to get up to fifty donated gifts. Thank you for your support and generosity. Happy holidays!



KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 5, 2013

9:30- 10:15

PLEASE RSVP TO SUSAN
OR JUDY AT 688-5130 OR

SUSANGRUBBS@DUKEMEMORIAL.ORG

WE ASK THAT PARENTS ONLY ATTEND
THIS OPEN HOUSE SO THAT THE KIN-
DERGARTEN CLASS CAN CARRY ON
AS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.

The playground is for DMWS students from 9:00- noon each day. PMO has the playground from noon until 1:00 each afternoon. Please understand that the children in PMO are much younger than the majority of our students and for their safety we need to respect these hours. If you have any questions please speak with Susan in the office.



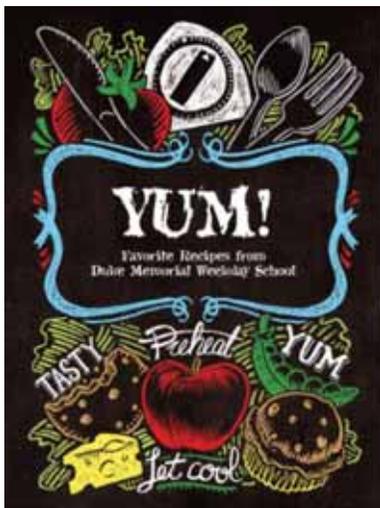
DUKE MEMORIAL UMC CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Duke Memorial Christmas Market is a one-day, low-cost holiday shopping event for Durham families who are struggling financially. We need your help to make this year's Christmas Market a success! Please consider donating a new or gently used toy anytime between now and the end of November. Gifts should be unwrapped and can be turned in at the church office. Guidelines for giving, along with more information, can be found at www.dukememorial.org/christmas-market. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering your time at the Christmas Market (Dec 14th), please contact Reynolds Chapman (reynoldschapman@dukememorial.org).



Inclement Weather Policy

When Durham Public Schools are closed or delayed, DMWS will be closed.



Get ready to feast your eyes on "YUM!", a cookbook created with 250+ recipes from DMWS teachers, families and friends! Books have arrived and order forms will go home soon! Additional forms are available in the DMWS office. The cost of each book is \$20 and money raised goes directly to Parents' Council for teacher wish lists. So place your order, cook yummy dishes, and feel good about supporting our wonderful school!

Questions? Contact Asha Patel at ashacpatel@gmail.com



DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please Save the Date: March 1, 2014

It's not too soon to start thinking about the DMWS Carnival and Silent Auction, which will be held on March 1st. This annual event will offer fun for all ages! In addition to the Silent Auction, game booths will be set up in each classroom. Food trucks will be on Memorial Dr. to provide lunch and dessert. This is our school's biggest fundraising event and it requires the help of all families to make it a success. Be on the lookout for more information about this upcoming event and ways in which you can help out. Classroom Representatives will soon begin collecting names of Carnival and Silent Auction Reps from their class rooms, as there will be a planning meeting in January. We are looking forward to another successful carnival and auction!

Student Pictures

John Elkins will be at DMWS on November 7th and 8th to take individual photos of students. If you would like to bring a sibling to be photographed, arrive at the school by 9am on either day, ready to take pictures!



Jennifer Dunlap, mom to Henry in our 4 day 4 year old class, has been a substitute teacher in our Kindergarten class for the past several weeks. Mrs. Eva had to have back surgery in early October to repair a ruptured disc. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to her for making this transition so smooth for the kindergarten students. Mrs. Eva is recovering well and will be back with us in November.



In October, we visited Bull City Burger and Brewery for DMWS Dining Out. What a delicious evening spent with friends! Thank you, BCBB staff, for your generosity and continued support of our community.

Poinsettia Sale



We will have our annual Poinsettia Sale again this year! Orders will be due November 25th and 26th. The plants will be ready for pick up on December 12th.

More information will come home soon in your child's folder!

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 December newsletter is November 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.