



The Parents Press

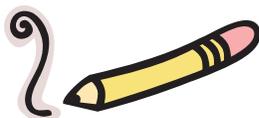
Duke Memorial Weekday School

December 2013



Mark Your Calendar!

- Kindergarten Open House: Dec 4
- Poinsettias Delivered: Dec 12
- Teacher Holiday Luncheon: Dec 16
- Winter Holiday (no school!): Dec 19—Jan 3
- Dining Out: No December Date! See you in January!
- MLK Holiday: Jan 20
- Parent Conferences: Jan 27 & Jan 28
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20)
December 4
January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
May 7



From the Desk of...

Susan Grubbs

Registration Info for 2014-2015

Registration for the 2014-15 school year is right around the corner! During Parent Conferences on January 27th and 28th you will get an application for your currently enrolled student(s). Please come to the office to pick up an application for siblings.

Registration dates are:

Wed., Jan. 29 - Registration for current students & siblings

Fri., Jan. 31 - Registration for church members and alumni

Thurs., Feb. 6- General Public Lottery

At the time of registration you will pay for one month's tuition, a registration fee of \$75.00 for returning students (\$85.00 for new students) and \$50.00 facility fee. Please know that all registration fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE!**

TUITION RATES for 2014-15:

2 day 2's- \$192.00	3 day 2's- \$220.00
3 day 3's- \$226.00	4 day 3's- \$247.00
5 day 3's- \$278.00	4 day 4's- \$253.00
5 day 4's- \$283.00	Kindergarten- \$340.00



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Holiday Greetings From the Parents' Council



It has been such a great semester at DMWS! A huge thank you to our Teachers and Parents in making DMWS a special place for our children. We are off to a great start in our fundraising events thanks to the extraordinary participation of friends, family, and our community. We would like to give special thanks to the committee chairs who have donated many volunteer hours to make our fall activities a huge success. Kate Wolf and Brandy Lemen of our hospitality committee gave a great welcome to the beginning of the school year with the Parent Coffee. Stephanie Wilson did an awesome job with our Tees & Totes, Coupon Books, and Spirit Week. Annaliese Gresham makes Dining Out a fun time for us to enjoy a night out with family and friends as well as helping us promote and support our local community. Asha Patel did an amazing job putting together our annual Fall Gathering- the Bouncing Bull Dogs were a huge hit with the kids. Andy Ritchey did a great job in making the kitchen run smoothly. Kavita Rajagopal made the Fall Raffle a great success as well as those who donated the prizes. Thank you to Lauren Kruse and Emily White in all of their hard work with the Book Fair. We were able to add new books to our classrooms as well as raise money for books to donate. Thank you to all of you- and to our Classroom Representatives for assisting with the very essential communication network to our school families.

During December our school has the opportunity to provide a small blessing for those families in need. Jodi Kovach does a great job chairing our Giving Tree Program. The "Christmas Tree" will be in the hallway near the office with ornaments giving details of someone in need. We encourage each of our students to choose an ornament, purchase a special gift for the chosen recipient, and place the unwrapped gift with the ornament under the tree. Please give all gift cards to the office for safe keeping. Thank you for supporting this special event. Looking ahead in 2014, our Carnival Chairs, Andy Ritchey and Sarah Maxwell, are already busy planning our March Spring Carnival. Silent Auction Chairs Jamie Spatola, Stephanie Wilson, and Whitney Sandor will soon be collecting lots of great items for the Auction- our largest fundraiser! Keep an eye out for items to donate. Mark your Calendars now for this fun event on March 1st.

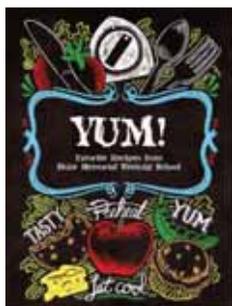
A special Holiday thank you to Susan Grubbs and our fantastic teachers for all you do for our students. We are so fortunate and grateful to have you. You make DMWS special. Thank you to everyone- teachers, parents, students. Have a very special and safe Holiday Season.

Puttachart Kelly, President

Kate Wolf, Vice-President

Asha Patel, Secretary

Stephanie Wilson, Treasurer



Order your DMWS Cookbook today! Find recipes for all your upcoming holiday gatherings or give it as a gift to all the cooks on your nice list this year. The hardcover, 3-ring cookbook comes with an easel and has over 250 recipes from DMWS teachers, families, and friends! 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! Flyers have been sent home. If you have any questions, please email Asha Patel: ashacpatel@gmail.com.

Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Sneed's 3 day 3s

by Jamie Spatola & Sarah Maxwell

At the end of the school day, they dance and they laugh.

There are no more pure expressions of happiness than those two things. And at this age, it is so crucial that school be a place where our children are happy – happy to be with their teachers and friends and to have fun learning about the big world around them.

In Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Sneed's 3-Day 3s class, there are many reasons to be happy.



Reading makes them happy because they read fun books and then get to learn more about the books' subject matter by engaging in crafts and activities surrounding the book. So, Eric Carle's *The Very Busy Spider* led to learning about spiders' bodies, making webs and acting out Little Miss Muffet. Michelle Meadows' *Hibernation Station* and Jane Yolen's *Time to Sleep, Bear* were brought to life with a "hibernation" effort inside the classroom, complete with an actual tent set-up, campfire songs, s'mores and a candy bear hunt.



Music makes them happy because they sing seasonal songs about the fall and winter, spiders and witches for Halloween and turkeys for Thanksgiving. Art makes them happy because they make fire trucks, big green monsters, turkeys and bear caves. Fitness makes them happy because they play with scooters and the parachute, bat balls, bowl and do yoga.

Science makes them happy because they get to watch science in action by dropping eggs from Ms. Turkington's loft, creating magical green slime, and making raisins "dance."

And so, the raisins are not alone in being compelled to dance in Charles/Sneed 3-Day 3s. As "Bop 'Til You Drop," "Bean Bag Boogie," or even "Great Balls of Fire" plays, our children dance and laugh, happy with another day of school and eager for the next.

The Treehouse Threes!

Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Sykes—4 day 3s by Annaliese Gresham & Stephanie Miller



The Treehouse 3s classroom, with Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Sykes, is a wonderful place to grow and learn! The class was nicknamed "The Treehouse" because it is the only classroom in the school with a Treehouse themed reading loft! The children can climb the stairs to sit on soft cushions and pillows and read their favorite stories.

On the day of our visit, shortly after arrival, everyone gathers for circle time. During this time, each child learns his or her job of the day by looking at the job wheel. Responsibilities range from doorkeeper to snack helper, fish feeder to weatherman, and, of course, the lucky star of the day and his or her cheerleader! Having a daily responsibility gives each child a sense of purpose and a chance to shine in the classroom. Our children are always excited to tell us about their job at school as soon as they hop into the car after carpool.

This was an extra special day as all of the children were dressed in costume anxiously awaiting the start of the Halloween parade. Paparazzi parents lined the sidewalks and lawn to catch a glimpse of their little superheros, favorite animals, and characters proudly walk, skip, and hop around the school and church! Upon returning to the classroom, the children enjoyed a Halloween themed story and had a special Halloween snack provided by two of the parents. Yummy apple slices and a pumpkin cookie cake were a big hit!

The Halloween parade is just one example of the adventures our children have every day at Duke Memorial. Lessons are learned through play, and friendships are formed through cooperation. The teachers, staff, and parents always go above and beyond to make sure that each day is special and full of fun!



From the Book Fair Committee...



Thank you so much to everyone for coming to our Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many kids' faces light up as they walked into the room. We appreciate you supporting Duke Memorial while adding to your book shelves at home. We owe a huge thank you to all of our volunteers - we could not have done it without you! With so many generous students and families we were also able to raise \$285 dollars in spare change. We used the money to buy 62 new books for the Book Harvest in Durham. Thank you so much for donating to such a worthy organization and putting books into the hands of kids who wouldn't otherwise have them.
— Lauren Kruse & Emily White

From the Fall Gathering Raffle Committee...

A HUGE Thank You to all of you who supported the DMWS Fall Raffle. We are happy to report that we raised around \$750!

We could not have been a success without the generosity of several Duke Memorial Weekday School parents. Thank You to the following people and businesses for their incredibly generous donations: Emily McGregor- The Retreat; Morgan Rutherford- Stella and Dot; Emily McCall - Stay and Play Snack Cafe; Stephanie Crowe - Mill Creek Golf Club passes; Kate Wolf - Custom cake; Asha Patel - mini quilt, Puttachart Kelly - Jewelry and headbands. Also, thank you to the wonderful donations from the NC Zoo, Museum of Life and Science and Duke Football.
— Kavita Rajagopal

From the Fall Gathering Committee...

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended this year's Fall Gathering! What a great night it was to connect with other families, enjoy a delicious dinner together, and watch an amazing performance by the Bouncing Bulldogs! The event could not have been possible without the awesome volunteers who came out to set up, serve pizza, and clean up afterwards. The efforts put forth by those faculty/staff members and parents were much appreciated. The monies that were raised by the Fall Gathering will go straight to the betterment of our classrooms and tuition assistance. Thank you again for coming out to support DMWS!

— Asha Patel & Kate Wolf



DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please Save the Date: March 1, 2014

The holidays are almost here, and it is time to start thinking about the Silent Auction on March 1st. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for DMWS, and it could never be successful without the support of our wonderful families! While you are out shopping or visiting with your talented friends and family, please ask if they would be willing to donate to the Silent Auction. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Spatola (jamiespat@gmail.com).

In addition to the silent auction, the carnival promises to be fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom and a lunch will be served in Whitford Hall. Class carnival reps will meet in January to discuss organizing volunteers from each class. All families are needed to make the carnival and auction a success. Please contact Andy Ritchey (aritchey7@hotmail.com) for more information.



In November we visited Mellow Mushroom for Dining Out. The restaurant was filled with pre-school excitement! Thank you to the staff of Mellow Mushroom for their dedication and support of the DMWS community.



Inclement Weather Policy

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

Friendly Reminders!

- ** Giving Tree gifts can be turned in to the school office by December 12th. Contact Jodi Koviach for more info (jkoviach@yahoo.com)
- ** The Christmas Market is December 14th. Unwrapped gifts can be turned in to the church office. Contact Reynolds Chapman for more info. (reynoldschapman@dukememorial.org).

Parents' Coffee Mornings!

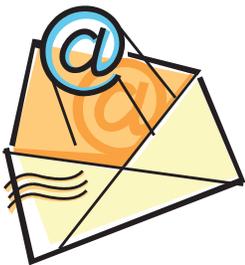


Please join us in Whitford Hall for snacks and coffee during the Parent Conference mornings. It is recommended that children do not come along to Parent Conferences. This is a way to arrange for some playtime for the kids while you attend your conference! Please plan to take responsibility for swapping childcare with another parent. Childcare will not be provided, but we welcome adults and children to come in from the cold and play!

When: January 27th & 28th – 9am until 12noon Where: Whitford Hall @ DMWS

Hope to see you there!

We're going electronic!



In January the Parents Press will be going electronic! This means that in lieu of a paper copy of the Parents Press, you will receive an e-mail with a PDF document attached. You will be able to view this from your computer, your mobile device, or download it and print it. The e-mail will come from your Class Representative on or near the 1st of each month. There will be a few paper copies available in the office to pick up, if this is your preference.

Get Published!

The Parents Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. The submission deadline for the January newsletter is December 16th. Please send submissions to dmwsparentspress@gmail.com. In addition to information about DMWS, 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.