



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

January 2012



Mark
Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

- January 4th, @ 9.20am
- February 1st, @ 9.20am
- March 7th, @ 9.20am
- April 4th, @ 9.20am
- May 2nd, @ 9.20am

MLK Jr. Holiday

January 16th - NO SCHOOL

DMWS Dining Out

January 25th @ Chick-Fil-A
(Hillsborough Rd, 5pm - 9pm)

Parent Conferences

January 30th & 31st

Parent Coffee Mornings

January 30th & 31st

Registration for Existing Students

February 1st & 2nd

Carnival & Silent Auction

March 3rd

Registration for 2012-13

Registration is just around the corner for the next school year! During Parent Conferences on January 30th & 31st you will get an application for your child from their teacher. Please come to the office for applications for siblings. If a class fills up we will go to a lottery for that particular class. We will notify you by that afternoon if we had to make any changes. We will open up registration for church members and alumni on February 3rd. The PMO Lottery is February 6th. The General Public Lottery will be on February 8th at 10:00am.

At the time of registration a \$75.00 application fee is due for currently enrolled students plus one month's tuition. All new students will pay an application fee of \$85.00 along with one month's tuition. A facility fee of \$50.00 will be due from ALL students at registration. All of this is **NON-REFUNDABLE!** The one month tuition is applied to May 2013.

Tuition rates for next year are as follows:

2 day 2's- \$189.00

3 day 2's- \$216.00

3 day 3's- \$222.00

4 day 3's- \$243.00

5 day 3's- \$272.00

4 day 4's- \$248.00

5 day 4's- \$278.00

Kindergarten- \$333.00



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A limited number of scholarships are available. Please see Susan if you have any questions or would like an application. All applications are confidential and handled by the DMWS Board.

Get Published !!!

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Laura Lloyd at drago.draco519@gmail.com. The Submission deadline for the February Newsletter is **Wednesday, January 18th**.





NEW YEAR GREETING FROM THE PARENTS' COUNCIL

It's hard to believe it's already 2012! Parent's Council had a wonderful 2011 - thanks to all the support from our great DMWS families. Our Fall events - The Fall Gathering, The Giving Tree, The Teacher's Holiday Luncheon were smashing successes - all Those involved went above and beyond! Thank you for your participation and contributions - it's all so appreciated. 2012 holds lots more great family activities for our school. Our Carnival and Silent Auction on March 3rd, as well as parent coffees, Teacher Appreciation Week, and the Spring Book fair. Remember, PC meetings are the first Wednesday of each month in Whitford Hall, at 9:20. Everyone is welcome - we'd love to see you there! I hope everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season - Happy New Year!

Kelly Andrew, Parents' Council President

Thank you!!! Merci!!!! Gracías!!!!!!

Thanks to your generosity and kindness, we sponsored 13 families (a total of 46 people) from the "Share Your Christmas" program. There were bags full of clothes, toys, gift cards, a bike and much more.

On behalf of the Department of Social Services, the Volunteer Center of Durham and the 2011 Giving Tree Committee we want to send our warmest thanks for making Christmas for these families a lot merrier!

Happy New Year!



Parent's Coffee Mornings Reminder

Please remember to join us in Whitford Hall for snacks, refreshments and coffee during the Parent Conference mornings. You can stay warm, swap child care with another family and have the kids play while you are waiting for your conference time.

When: Monday, January 30th &
Tuesday, January 31st

Where: Whitford Hall

Time: 9AM to 12 PM

Hope to see you then,
Hospitality Committee



Choo Choo, all aboard the Preschool Express!

By Stephanie Schaff & Allison Shultz

The students in the Fox / Alkins 2 days 2's class are lucky to have two wonderful teachers, Leslie Alkins and Michelle Fox. Our 2 year olds love attending preschool each day to participate in all of the wonderful activities. From the very beginning of the school year, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Alkins have done all they can to make each student feel welcome and excited about coming to class. The first week of class these cute 2's learned about the classroom theme, the Preschool Express, and met Leo the Lion, the classroom train conductor. The students enjoyed learning about preschool and quickly found they were on the express train to fun; when they hear the train whistle, they know it's time for a new adventure.



We are about half way through our school year and the students have learned so much!! They love to sing and learn new songs each day, and Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Alkins are kind enough to share the words to the songs learned to help the parents keep up. Our kids have experienced fishing like Indians, baking apple pies, making squirrel snack, popping popcorn, scooping pumpkin seeds, reading lots of books and taking part in many arts and crafts! Learning through play has kept the kids engaged and excited to be in class each week.

The class enjoys participating in fitness class once a week with Mrs. Mathis. Playing games involving the parachute during fitness is truly a class favorite. We parents love watching our kids' motor skills improve from the fun activities they do in fitness class. Playing red light green light, tossing rings on octopuses, and playing hockey with soda bottles are just a few of the activities they do to help them learn how much fun exercise can be!



As parents its lots of fun to hear about friends our children meet at school and as the year has gone by, parallel play is turning into group play and sharing. We are excited for our little ones to see what the remainder of the school year has in store.

GET READY!!
THE SILENT AUCTION IS ALMOST HERE !!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MARCH 3RD!

It's almost auction time! Mark your calendars for this year's Silent Auction, held in conjunction with the Carnival, on March 3rd, 2012. This is PC's largest Fundraiser and its success hinges on your support and donations. Proceeds are used for sponsoring special projects and items for the school, i.e. new playground equipment, new carpets, furniture, and classroom supplies. We are hoping to top last years' numbers - so please let us know how you can help make this event a success!

Silent Auction Classroom Reps will be working with the class to put together fun baskets that reflect the interests and talents of each class. Tiffanie Hoover will be chairing this sub-committee of the Auction, so be on the lookout for more information from Tiffanie.



We need your help in contributing items to be auctioned – especially for our new "White Elephant" section! Did you get an amazing Christmas gift that just doesn't fit your style? Donate it to our auction – someone else is sure to love it! It would be great if each family can donate to solicit an item for the auction. If you can bake, decorate cakes, create crafts - then you have something to donate!

If you own a business or can provide a service - then you have something to donate! You can also ask your hairdresser, manicurist, favorite restaurant, to make a donation - we need it all to make our Auction a success !

Please contact Kelly Andrew at 919-479-6766 or kellyandrew77@gmail.com with any questions, or to find out how you can help out with the Auction.

Start spreading the word to family and friends about our great family event - all are welcome to share in the fun at the Carnival and Silent Auction on March 3rd 2012 !

DMWS Annual Carnival Update!



With the annual Carnival right around the corner, planning is already underway! This annual event held on March 3rd will offer fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom, and a pizza lunch will be served in Whitford Hall. All families are needed to make the Carnival a success.

Class Carnival Reps should plan to attend a brief meeting on January 10th @ 9.15am in the Soul Café. Carnival reps will be contacting their classes in January to get volunteers to bring food and work a one hour shift at the Carnival either in a classroom booth, selling tickets, or serving pizza.

Please contact the Carnival Chairs, Marianne Hark at mhark6@nc.rr.com or co-chair Harriet Putman at harrietputman@dukememorial.org for more information or to volunteer! We are looking forward to a fun-filled Carnival!