



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

February 2011



Mark
Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)
February 2nd, @ 9.20am
March 2nd, @ 9.20am
April 6th, @ 9.20am
May 4th, @ 9.20am

Enjoy the City -

Coupon Book Sale

Jan. 26th - Feb. 9th

President's Day

February 21st (No School)

Carnival & Silent Auction

March 5th

Teacher Workdays

March 28th & 29th

Spring Break

April 18th - 25th (No School)

Last Day of School

May 24th



Important Messages From The Office

Summer Camp 2011

Summer plans are not complete without a fun week of activities at our Summer Camp! The dates this year are July 18th- 22nd. Space is limited and we do not have a class for incoming two year olds. More information will be sent out in March.



Carpool Reminder



PLEASE have your carpool number hanging from your rearview mirror when you pull into the side parking lot! It helps us keep the line moving.

School Door Code

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE THE CODE WHEN COMING IN AFTER CARPOOL HAS ENDED! The church office is now closed each day from 11:30- 12:30 so there is no one to answer the bell. Please call our office if you have forgotten the code.



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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 March Newsletter is **Thursday, February 17th.**





ART BY ME

DMWS is excited to participate in another fun Spring fundraising program, Art By Me, beginning this month. Art by Me is a unique art fundraising program that Transforms your child's art work into beautiful, professionally made products. Families will have the opportunity to purchase from many customized gift items – such as t-shirts, mouse pads, ceramic mugs, address books, note cards and much, much more – all featuring your child's artwork. A Program Letter will be sent home via your child's tote bag soon. These items make wonderful keepsakes, birthday presents, Mother's/Father's/Grandparent's Day gifts or you can get an early start on your Christmas shopping!! The kids artwork will be completed by the end of this month and order forms will be sent home the middle of March. Be sure to look for notices coming soon!

Lauren Kruze
Program Coordinator



Coupons, Coupons, Coupons!



We are currently doing our annual Enjoy the City coupon book fundraiser. All of you should have received a coupon book and order form in your child's bag. These coupon books are a great value and, hopefully, are a way for our Duke Memorial families to save some money. If you are not interested in buying the coupon book, simply return it in the envelope provided. If you would like to purchase one, keep the book and send the \$20 (checks payable to Duke Memorial Weekday School Parents' Council) in your child's bag. If you know of anyone else interested in buying a book, simply fill out the order form and return it with the \$20 per book. Duke Memorial gets to keep 50% of sales. So, take a look and see if these coupons might be a good deal for your family. All order forms, money, and coupon books are due back to the school by February 9th.



Durham & Orange Counties' Everything-for-Kids

Spring Consignment Sale

March 18th - 20th * University Mall, Chapel Hill

Drop off: March 11 & 12th * Volunteer Shopping: March 16th

New Parent/Consignor Shopping Day: March 17th

Public Shopping: March 18th, 19th; 50% off all items on 20th

Dollar Day Sale: March 26th

Great Location * Great Hours * Quality Merchandise

For more information and to register online go to:

kidcyclenc.com

Now you can clear clutter, make money and help save the planet. Ommmm.



Inclement Weather Reminder

If Durham Public Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, DMWS will be closed. Please watch WTVD for an announcement or call 688-5130 to hear the message on the machine. The website will also have an announcement on the homepage.

Mrs. Lowder & Mrs. Alkins 3 day 2's

By Gretchen Walsh

In the middle of January, I had the pleasure of spending the morning with Mrs. Lowder and Mrs. Alkins and their 3 day 2's class.

The morning I visited was after a few "snow" days out of class, and everyone seemed excited to be back and see their friends. And although they weren't outside in the snow anymore, their room was a winter wonderland making it clear that January was all about learning about winter and cold weather.

As they walked in one by one and hung up their coats and bags and turned in their folders, it was such a treat to see how much they had developed and matured since I first met them all at orientation last fall. No crying, no screaming, and with the encouragement of Mrs. Lowder and Mrs. Alkins, even a little sharing!

Maya, Ellie and Emerson drew pictures.

JJ, Jacob and Gabe played with trains and a farm.

Patrick tried on elephant and giraffe costumes, while Vivi looked on, and eventually joined in.

Everybody took turns making the plastic dinos walk and say "roar" as well as pushing the school bus and trucks around.



And while Mrs. Alkins made sure that everyone that needed to, had a trip to the bathroom (of course, they're 2 year olds! it was a never ending project) Mrs. Lowder worked with each child individually to build a banana snowman for a treat. Who knew that 3 chunks of banana, some m&M's and a little licorice makes a great snowman? Even if we did giggle that the slippery banana pieces had them "melting" before they were all done! Each child was so proud as they picked out their snowman's eyes!

As I got ready to leave, they were getting ready to read "Snow Is Falling". But first, time to clean up. And of course they did. No protest, like at home.

As I said good bye to those wonderful children, it was clear that the parents of the 3 day 2's are so fortunate that our children spend a few mornings a week with 2 amazing women, Mrs. Alkins and Mrs. Lowder.



The Busy Bee's of Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Hensen's 5 day 4's

By Emily Patterson

Welcome to the Busy Bee's. Anyone who walks in this classroom can hear and see a buzz of quiet activities going on with these adorable four year olds. Thanks to Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Hensen's love of children. There are so many great opportunities for the children to play, learn, and enjoy school. If you ask any child in here they will tell you they love coming to school to see Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Hensen.



Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Hensen have been teaching the 5 day 4 class together for five years. Mrs. Bray has been a teacher at DMWS for six years. Before becoming a teacher here she had a home child care called Giggles where she took care of infants to three years old. She has three children, a 17 year old son, and 15 and 11 year old daughters. Mrs. Hensen has been at DMWS for eighteen years. Before coming to DMWS she was a librarian. Her favorite activity is reading books with the children. She loves to find different books the children may not have been exposed to and see them become engaged thinking about the story. She has two children, a 26 year old daughter and 23 year old son.

The theme in this class is "Busy Bees". Each day one lucky child is the "Bee of the Day." This child gets to be the line leader, help with the weather chart, and most importantly check the mail to see if the postman made a delivery that day. Throughout the room you can see other "bee" decorations. There is a lot of fun and excitement going on each day. The day of a 5 day 4 is very busy. They have morning circle time, snack, specials, class discussion and story time, and then on to the playground before being picked up. Watching the interactions in the class you can easily see that the children are happy. Sometimes they have so much fun working together Mrs. Bray will carry on the activity into another day. It's amazing to watch them interact with Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Hensen. It is obvious that the children love their teachers.

In addition to the general daily schedule, occasionally the children get to do something outside the class. So far this year the children have enjoyed picking pumpkins from the "Pumpkin Patch" in October and going on a field trip to Duke Homestead in December. The field trip was a day full of excitement for the children as they learned what it was like to live a long time ago. They enjoyed making paper ornaments, watching popcorn pop over the fire, and make pretend gingerbread. As you can see from the pictures the children were excited to learn.

Feel free to stop in to check out what the Busy Bees may be doing one day. They would love to show you their class, how they make homemade crafts, or snacks. The snacks can be delicious!

Thank you Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Hensen for being such wonderful teachers !





DUKE MEMORIAL WEEKDAY SCHOOL 19TH Annual Carnival & Silent Auction

PLEASE JOIN US ON
Saturday, March 5th, 2011 – 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

It will soon be time for our annual Carnival and Silent Auction. Your class carnival representative is contacting you about volunteering to work a shift and donate food for lunch. Each class has been assigned specific jobs to fill and given a specific food item to donate. We need every family to participate in order to make our Carnival and Silent Auction a big success! It takes over 100 volunteers to run the carnival and auction.

The Carnival and Auction will be full of fun for all ages. Our Carnival is indoors with children traveling from classroom to classroom to play games. The games are all age appropriate and everyone always wins! Each game requires one ticket (50 cents). Games will open at 10:00am and close at 12:30pm in order to allow for final bidding at the Silent Auction.

Carnival Games will include:

Apple Tree
Basket Ball
Space Maze

Bean Bag Toss
Face Painting
Obstacle Course

Fishing
Ring Toss

Hula Walk
Golf

Our exciting Silent Auction, is held in Whitford Hall. Come bid on 4 Park Hopper passes to DISNEY WORLD, a Strider bike, tickets to Tweetsie Railroad in Blowing Rock, LOTS of gift certificates to area restaurants and attractions around town, and other fun new items at the 2011 Silent Auction. Remember 100% of monies raised at our auction go directly to Parent's Council – which means more resources for our classrooms and teachers. Spread the word to family and friends about our great fundraiser – there's sure to be one-of-a-kind items, and some great bargains! The bidding ends at 1:00pm. Auction payments can be made with either cash, check, Mastercard or Visa.

Lunch will be available to purchase in Whitford hall and will consist of pizza along with your donations of fresh fruit and veggies, drinks, and desserts. We will serve lunch from 11:00am until 1:30pm.

Tickets for the games and lunch may be purchased in advance or bought on the day of the event. You will be receiving more information about tickets on flyers sent home with your children in February. In addition, there is a ticket order form on the back of this newsletter.

We hope you and your family will enjoy this day of fun!
Thank you for volunteering to help and for showing your support for the school.

Marianne Hark and Harriet Putman ~ Carnival Co-chairs
Kelly Andrew and Andy Ritchey ~ Silent Auction Co-chairs



DMWS 19th Annual Carnival & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 5th, 2011

Tickets now on SALE.....

We encourage everyone to purchase tickets in advance to assist us in estimating the attendance and to avoid waiting in line the day of the carnival. Another order form will be sent home in the next few weeks. Additional tickets will be available the day of the carnival.

Please Note : tickets are non-refundable.

If you wish to purchase tickets now, **PLEASE RETURN** this form in your child's folder with cash or check made out to DMWS Parents' Council **by Friday, Feb. 25th**.

Teacher's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____ PH #: _____

1. **BOOTH TICKETS:** Cost is \$0.50 per ticket (1 ticket/booth). Advance tickets are sold in increments of \$5.00 only.

Number of Tickets Requested (Please check one):

_____ 10 tickets (\$5.00) _____ 20 tickets (\$10.00) _____ 30 tickets (\$15.00)

2. **LUNCH TICKETS:** Cost is \$4.50 per adult and \$2.50 per child.

of Adult tickets (\$4.50 each) _____ Amount Paid _____

of Child tickets (\$2.50 each) _____ Amount Paid _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (carnival and lunch tickets): \$ _____

Tickets will be sent home with the children on February 28th and March 1st.

