



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

February 2012



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Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

February 1st, @ 9.20am

March 7th, @ 9.20am

April 4th, @ 9.20am

May 2nd @ 9.20am

President's Day

February 20th (No School)

DMWS Dining Out

February 29th @ Rudino's

Carnival & Silent Auction

March 3rd

Teacher Workdays

March 19th & 20th

Spring Break

April 6th - 13th (No School)

Last Day of School

May 23rd



Important Messages From The Office

Summer Camp 2012

Mark your calendar for a fun-filled week of summer fun! DMWS Summer Camp will be the week of July 16 - 20. The camp is open to students ages 3 - 6. Spaces are limited and they fill up quickly! More information will be coming home in March.



School Door Code

Please remember to use the school code when entering the building during school hours. If you have forgotten the code please call the office. **We also remind you to not let others in the building. All visitors need to buzz the church office to enter the building.** Everyone's cooperation is very much appreciated!



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DUKE MEMORIAL WEEKDAY SCHOOL 20TH Annual Carnival & Silent Auction

PLEASE JOIN US ON

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 - 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 12:00pm 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

The Carnival and Silent Auction are the PC's largest Fundraisers and its success hinges on your support and donations. 100% of money raised goes directly to Parent's Council - which means more resources for your child's classroom! 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 are busy working with the class to put together fun baskets that reflect the interests and talents of each class. Tiffanie Hoover is chairing this sub-committee of the Auction, so please direct all questions to her at thoover25@hotmail.com. THANK YOU to everyone who is working to make these projects great!

We are still accepting items to be auctioned! 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 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.

Dates to remember:

- February 10 - Description of Items need to be turned in to Kelly Andrew
- February 17 - Classroom Projects need to be completed
- February 21 - Start dropping off items at DMWS office
- February 28 - All Items need to be collected
- March 3 - Silent Auction and Carnival

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

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





Busy Bees

Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Henson 5 day 4's



By Tiffanie Hoover

The Busy Bee classroom of Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Henson is always bustling with children laughing, playing, and learning. It has been a super busy month since coming back from Christmas break. The first day back from break the children were SUPER excited to get "REAL HOMEWORK" as my son says. The children think that they are so grown up now that they have homework. I am so thrilled by the amount of pride and excitement they have when they complete their homework each day.



The children have also been very busy learning about New Year's resolutions, the solar system, and hibernation. Mrs. Bray and Mrs. Henson have a fabulous way of making learning so much fun! I always love to hear what Will has to say about his day when I pick him up from school. When talking to the children about New Year's Resolutions here are what some of the children had to share:



- Theo:** Play basketball everyday
- Vivi:** Help Mommy
- Will:** Ride a bike
- Brandon:** Learn how to ride a dirt bike
- Ryan:** Read books
- Will Rafe:** Ride my bike more
- Gavin:** Ride my bike
- Janey:** Learn how to draw a pony
- Sawyer:** Learn how to ride a motorcycle



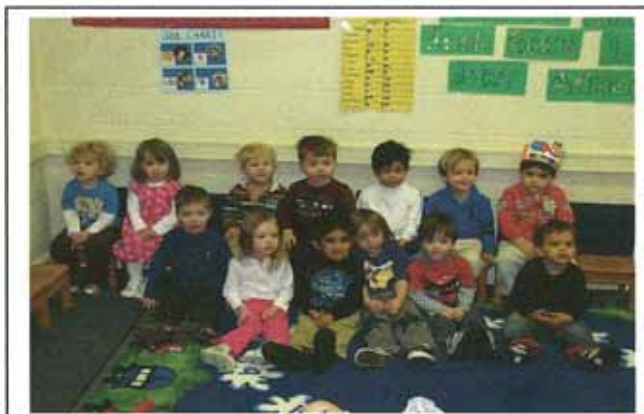
Mrs. Lowder & Mrs. Alkins 3 day 2's

By Katie Frisch

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Lowder and Mrs. Alkins' classroom.

I arrived shortly after the class had settled in. By that point, playtime was in full swing with the children scattered around the room in their own little worlds.

In the middle of the room, Caleb, Josh and Graham were busy pushing their little toy penguins down a bright green slide and making that perfect "vrooming" noise that 3 year olds are so good at.



Nearby, Matheus was enjoying playing in a "snow" bin filled with little white foam pieces. So far, our lack of winter weather sure leaves a lot to the imagination!



Andres, Eliza, Josh, and Zach were all comfortably sitting in a baby pool practicing their scissor skills cutting holiday wrapping paper.

I discovered that the kids had a special "helper chart" up on the wall for tracking who helped with the pre-snack blessing or who helped with the trashcan after snack.

Before I left, I took some class pictures and was happy to find that the class was in full attendance, something that for weeks would have been difficult to do.



I'd like to extend a special thank you to Teri and Leslie for taking such good care of our young ones while reinforcing the ABC's & 123's, interacting with others, teaching them songs, arts and crafts.





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



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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.

DMWS 20th Annual Carnival & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012

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. 24th**.

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 27th and February 28th.

