



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

March 2011



Mark
Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

April 6th, @ 9.20am

May 4th, @ 9.20am

Carnival & Silent Auction

March 5th

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th

First Day of Spring

March 20th

DMWS Dining Out

March 22nd - Moe's

Rags To Riches

March 23rd

Teacher Workdays

March 28th & 29th - (No School)

Teacher Appreciation Week

April 4th

Class Pictures

April 13th & 14th

Spring Break

April 18th - 25th (No School)

Spring Book Fair

TBD

Last Day of School

May 24th



From the Desk of...

Susan
Grubbs

Dear Parents

We are excited about the Carnival coming up! We all know that means spring is just around the corner! All of the classes have been busy with their Silent Auction items and the office is filling up with some great items! A huge thank you to everyone who is making this event possible!

Summer Camp is scheduled for July 18th - 22nd. The cost will be \$140.00 for the week. The camp will run from 9:00am - 12:45pm. Space is limited and for rising three year olds - 6 year olds. Applications will be coming home in folders in mid March. The tuition is due at the time of registration and is NON-REFUNDABLE. We will open the camp up to new students in April if space allows.

I hope to see everyone at the Carnival on March 5th!

Susan



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Please keep in mind...

Please remember that if your child has had fever, vomiting, diarrhea or pinkeye within the past 24 hours they **MUST** stay at home!



The Imagination of Four Year Olds

Bartlett/Wheeler 5 Day 4's

By Lindy Mathis

Do you remember when.... You could not wait to be a bride... Wanted to open your own jewelry store... or thought that 42 inches in height was tall...

Albert Einstein once quoted "Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there will ever be to know and understand."

We could not ask for two teachers that balance these two points more than the Bartlett/Wheeler 5 day 4's. As they arrive in their classroom the children are eager to write their names on the dry eraser board and then go to play with their friends. Afterwards, circle time begins which brings any many topics of discussion (weather, pledge of allegiance, word of the day, and much more). Finished by going outside and just being children.

Thank You! Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Wheeler for caring for our children and preparing them for the world that is ahead of them.



2-DAY 2'S WITH MRS. COLLINS AND MRS. POWELL

By Kimberly Layton and Jodi Koviach

In the middle of February, we had the pleasure of spending a bit of time with Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell and their 2-day 2's class. Our first stop was Fitness with Mrs. Mathis where the children are transported to a world of make believe. Each class begins with a warm up and we watched our 2's stretch towards the sky like growing flowers, stomp like dinosaurs (roar included) and jump like frogs and bunnies.



Once everyone was warmed up, Mrs. Mathis asked the kids if they remembered the theme of their class to which the kids responded with a resounding, "TEAMWORK!!!" With that, each child was given a hoop (red please!) and then one by one, with Mrs. Mathis in the lead, the children formed a human caterpillar connected by hands and hoops. This was quite a feat of teamwork of which the kids were most proud.

The last activity was musical rings (a take on musical chairs), where the children were encouraged to hop, skip, gallop and jump to a snazzy tune until the music stopped. At the music's cessation, a mad dash was made towards the rings where the kids used teamwork to help an increasing number of their classmates find a spot to stand on a decreasing number of rings. This activity culminated in the entire class plus Mrs. Mathis huddled on one ring!



Fitness class ended with a huddle of children and teachers, hand piled one on top of the other cheering, "One, two, three teamwork."

Our last stop was Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell's classroom. Having expended all their energy in Fitness, the kids took a break to exchange valentines. Adeline was first, dropping one valentine in each kid's envelope, then Vikram and finally Jack. The kids seemed a little hesitant about their valentine exchange, but come Thursday when they brought home their envelopes they had a delightful surprise of sweethearts, chocolates, and candy rings. From Fitness to fun in the classroom, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell's 2's are a real treat!





FIT & FUN



Obesity in the United States has reached epidemic proportions: the incidence of obesity has increased by more than 50 percent among America's children and teens since 1976 and continues to grow at a staggering rate! North Carolina is in the top five for most obese children in the United States. Forty percent of 8 to 21-year-olds worry about their weight. We need to log off the computers and start exercising. Kids who play sports develop general physical fitness in a way that's fun, and they establish life-long habits for good health.



I9 Sports is all about bringing fun, safety, and convenience to team sports. No tryouts, no fundraisers, and no mandatory volunteering. Participants get equal playing time and learn about all the positions on the field or court. Only a two hour, one day a week time commitment is needed to play with I9 Sports. Sign up as a free member of our website, www.i9sports.com, and stay in the loop for all our upcoming activities.

I9 Sports - South Durham & South Orange Counties is registering girls and boys for our Spring flag football, cheerleading, soccer and basketball. Basketball will be played at the Emily K Center on Saturdays starting April 2nd. The court is the 2001 Final Four basketball floor. Flag football, cheerleading, and soccer will be played on Sunday afternoons at Lowe's Grove Middle School.

Art By Me



Duke Memorial is participating in a great fundraiser called Art By Me this spring. Your child's artwork can be turned into so many wonderful keepsakes and gifts including magnets, shirts, mugs, keychains, pillows, aprons, calendars and so much more! Be on the lookout for your child's Art By Me pack in their tote bag in March. The packet will include a magnet of your child's artwork and an order form for any other product you would like to order. These items make wonderful Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday and grandparent gifts. Look for the Art By Me table upstairs during the Silent Auction on March 5th. There will be many items on display to help you decide what you would like to order. Once the orders have been placed you can expect to receive your items by the end of April. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lauren Kruse at laurenkruse@hotmail.com.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce that this Spring we will be hosting an Usborne Book Fair! The book fair will be held in May, exact dates will be confirmed shortly, more information will follow in the coming months. If you wish to take a look at what the books are like, please feel free to visit the website at www.whatkidslovetoread.com



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 April newsletter is **Tuesday, March 22nd.**

Durham Academy Used Book Sale

This is an amazing opportunity to pick up books for all ages at discount prices, most only \$1.00. We hope to see you at the Durham Academy Middle School gym April 9th and 10th.

