



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

March 2012



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Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

April 4th, @ 9.20am

May 2nd, @ 9.20am

Carnival & Silent Auction

March 3rd

First Day of Spring

March 20th

DMWS Dining Out

March 28th – Red Robin

(off 15/501), 5pm – 9pm

Teacher Workdays

March 19th & 20th (No School)

Teacher Appreciation Days

April 23rd & 24th

Rags To Riches

March 28th

Class Pictures

April 25th & 26th

Spring Break

April 6th – 13th (No School)

Spring Book Fair

May 1st – May 3rd

Last Day of School

May 23rd



From the Desk of...

*Susan
Grubbs*

Dear Parents

Excitement is building as we gear up for the annual Carnival and Silent Auction!! A HUGE thank you in advance for all of the hard work lots of people are putting in to help make this a great day for all! Lots of great items are passing through the office for the Silent Auction - classroom baskets, Duke items and tickets for magical places! It promises to be an exciting day!

Summer Camp is right around the corner! Applications will go home in early March. The cost of the camp will be \$150.00. The dates are July 16th- 20th and the day will be from 9:00am - 12:45pm. Tuition is due at the time of registration and is NON-REFUNDABLE! Spaces are limited so send in early! Once the classes are full we will start a waiting list.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Carnival on March 3rd!

Susan

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!



Also... just a reminder to use the parent code when entering the building. If you have forgotten the code please stop by the office to get it.



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Alphabet Soup With Mrs. Bartlett & Mrs. Wheeler's 5 Day 4's

By Stephanie Brennan & Angie Schoof

Mrs. Bartlett and Wheeler's fun four year olds started off the New Year with an exciting tour of the alphabet! They are focused on letters and the sounds that they make. Through their daily activities, show and tell (which features items that start with the letter of the week), and even homework (which involves practicing upper and lower case letters and drawing pictures related to the letters), they are building a foundation for reading and writing, learning great habits and having lots of fun! Here are some of the highlights of their journey so far:

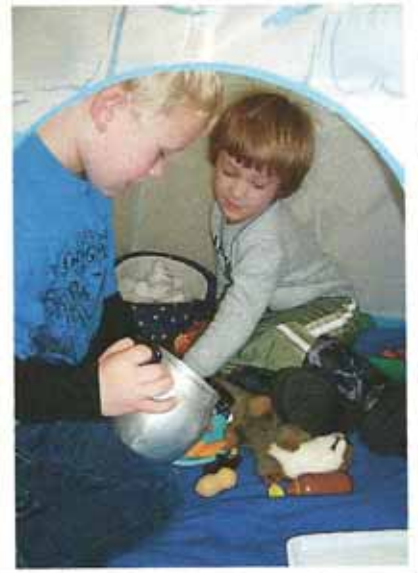
"M": The class spent a lot of time listening for words that begin with "M." They are sure that there are m-millions! They had fun acting out the story, *The Mitten*, adapted by Jan Brett.

"T": The letter "T" brought a yummy tasting party. The kids had sweet raisins, sour lemons, and spicy crackers, among other goodies. They were great about trying everything on their plates, and they voted on what they liked and did not like! The sweet Smartees were the winner with 15 "likes," while the sour lemons had only 7 "likes."

"W": The class talked about different types of weather and about how animals adapt to wintery weather. The kids had lots of fun with an igloo! They experienced what the polar bear must feel surrounded by layers of blubber and decided that the polar bears were warmer than they would be!

"H": Who says homework isn't fun? When your assignment is to draw "horrible hair," it is!

"K Q and U": These letters brought fun with kings, queens, knights and even dragons! The children drew a home for a queen or king and played in a castle. This week was one of the class's favorites! Ellison said she loved playing in the castle, and Ben and Jake report that they especially liked playing with the knights!



Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell's 2 day 2's

By Jill Dunn

"It is a happy talent to know how to play"

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

School days are fun filled, exciting days with exploration, play and learning for Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell's 2 day 2's! Learning how to play, particularly with others, is a grand task for these budding social creatures. Students practice and develop their skills all the while having fun and exploring the world around them. Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Collins gently guide the students toward sharing, taking turns, and resolving disputes (some of our most important skills as friends, neighbors, and families!). Indoor arts and crafts projects allow for creative expression through visual and tactile media, while free play allows for creative expression through imaginative process being acted out in a grand drama on the playground or in the classroom kitchen over making cakes or tea.

Our big learners find out about holidays and celebrate at school with parties and for Thanksgiving, with a feast for the 2 year old palate! Songs and books help to bring holiday traditions alive and add to the fun and festive atmosphere. Birthdays are feted complete with a special snack and crown for the birthday boy or girl. Other special activities include fitness class and attending the kindergarten play. My little guy is so excited to attend every school day that he gets upset if we have to circle the block to get into the carpool line – he can't wait to get in on the good times! This wonderful class truly embodies the Bob Keeshan quote that "Play is the work of children"!





Box Tops for Education

The New "eBox" Program



You can now earn "free money" for Duke Memorial Weekday School through General Mills' eBox Tops Program. All you have to do is create a free account on Boxtops4Education.com's Web site, then use the Box Tops Marketplace's link to get to the merchant's site. There are 100s of stores that offer "eBox Tops." You can still use promo/coupon codes and any other offers you may have. Each company gives the school a specific credit based on the amount of money you spend (for example, Target gives DMWS 1.5 Box Tops for every \$10 spent, Barnes & Noble gives 6 and Magazines.com gives 17.5 Box Tops for every \$10!) There are TONS of great stores on the list, including the GAP/Old Navy line, Children's Place, Best Buy, Disney Store, RedEnvelope, KMart, LEGO, LeapFrog, Macy's, Nordstrom's, Carter's, Dell, Target, Sears, Land of Nod, Walmart -- and LOTS, LOTS more. It is a simple way to earn extra money for our wonderful school!

Art By Me



Duke Memorial is participating in a great fundraiser this spring called Art By Me. Your child is making a creative piece of artwork in his or her classroom and this artwork can then be turned into a wonderful keepsake such as an ornament, mug, shirt, apron, keychain and lots more! Be on the lookout in the next few weeks for your child's Art By Me packet in their tote bag. The packet will contain your child's artwork on a magnet and an order form for other products. Keep in mind these personalized keepsakes make wonderful gifts for friends, family and loved ones. Once orders have been placed you can expect to receive your items by the end of April. If you have any questions, please 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 May 1st through May 3rd. 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



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The submission deadline for the April newsletter is **Tuesday, March 20th.**

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