



# the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

April 2011



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Your  
Calendar

### Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

May 4th, @ 9.20am

### Teacher Appreciation Week

April 4<sup>th</sup>

### Class Pictures

April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Break

April 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> (No School)

### DMWS Dining Out

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Rudino's

### Spring Book Fair

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

### Last Day of School

May 24<sup>th</sup>



*From the Desk of...*

*Susan  
Grubbs*

Dear Parents

Spring is officially here!!! Our Butterfly Garden on the playground is starting to bloom again and we are anxiously awaiting our annual butterfly release. There is lots of fun things going on around DMWS. With the warmer weather please remember to save flip flops and crocs for home! They are not the best shoes for school and especially our playground. Sneakers and closed toe and heel shoes are the best.

Summer Camp applications went home a few weeks ago. We only have openings for the 5 and 6 year old class at this time. If you would like to go on the waiting list please call the office. If you have sent your application in already and we have not returned it then your child has secured a spot.

A huge thank you to the Carnival chairs and the Silent Auction chairs!!! It was so nice to see so many families come out and enjoy the day. Our Parent's Council did a wonderful job to make it so successful and fun for all!

Happy Spring!  
Susan

### Teacher Appreciation Week

DMWS will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week April 4th-8th. We hope each classroom will show in their own way how much they appreciate their teachers.

Thanks to the generosity of parents and Parent's Council members, we will serve breakfast on Monday April 4th and Tuesday April 5th for all the teachers and staff.



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### Spring Book Fair

The Usborne Book Fair is coming to Duke Memorial May 3rd-5th. The book fair will be in the Bradshaw Room from 11am-1pm. Please watch for more information to come home soon. If you would like to take a look at some of the books available through Usborne, please feel free to take a look at this website [www.whatkidslovetoread.com](http://www.whatkidslovetoread.com)



# All Aboard for Mrs. Britt & Mrs. Noga's Five Day 3's!

by Kelly Gordon

By the middle of March it really looks like spring in Mrs. Britt and Noga's five-day-a-week three year old classroom. Kites hang from the ceiling and cherry blossoms make a happy motif for the wall. There is a sunny window looking out onto the playground and several fun activities to pull you in. Sydnee loves playing with the baby bottle; Stella is fond of dress up clothes; and if you ask Janey, Charlee, and Emmy, Tommy is all about Batman! Baby Goo (a role playing game the girls have made up), a birthday cake, and the magnet table are also popular. Many in the class like watching how oppositely charged rainbow magnets can make rings bounce up and down on a pencil. It's the magic of science!



Circle time brings Mrs. Britt and a sing-a-long. The boys and girls pat their laps and follow her soft voice while Mrs. Noga sets up chairs to make a train. This is the teacher's way of reminding everyone about their letter of the week - T! The children are on their way to Alaska and New York City. Those are two long expeditions, so of course the lights go out

for the sleeping passengers to catch their shut-eye.

But it's up again for more fun and excitement. You do not have to stay long to see how much joy there is in the Noga/Britt classroom. It is a wonderful place for playing, learning, and friendship.



## **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](mailto:drago.draco519@gmail.com). The submission deadline for the May newsletter is **Wednesday, April 20th**.



# Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Lambert's 2 Day 2's

by Puttachart Kelly

Smiling faces and happy children fill the classroom of Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert's 2 day 2's. Their day begins with free play, The children rush in and put on their favorite dress up outfits, then it's off to play with all the wonderful new and favorite toys. If you are lucky enough to be at DMWS on a Tuesday, you can hear the hall filled with laughter and shrieks of joy as the boys and girls enjoy fitness time with Ms. Mathis.



Now that Ms. Mathis has warmed their bodies up, it's off to the playground to run, swing, slide, and giggle.

After that, it is time to sing as we get cleaned up from our outdoor adventures. Snack is a favorite and a great place to practice using our manners. Please and thank you's lead to more snack, and that is always a good thing. Next we have story time and then art. There is nothing sweeter to the ears than your little one saying, "I got something for you!" As you see the sparkle in their eye and pride on their face as they show you their latest masterpiece. Picasso has nothing on these kids.



After a little more free play, it is time to clean up. I am hoping Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert share the magic potion they use, because I know clean up time is never as smooth at home as it is at school.



Finally, our little soldiers are sitting so peaceful and orderly as moms and dads come and eagerly scoop them up and listen about their little ones adventures at DMWS. Thank you Mrs. Allen and everyone at DMWS for making it a time they will never forget.





Dear Duke Memorial Families,

Thank you so much for filling out our surveys. Your feedback was very valuable to us.

We have received an outstanding response and are really looking forward to having your child join us at High Five Sports Camp for some fun, friendship, and exercise this summer!

Sincerely  
Lindy and Susan

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## A Message From Parents' Council

The Parents' Council is very excited with the success of this year! Thank you to all of the wonderful families at Duke Memorial Weekday School for helping make this year one of the most successful fund raising years!



If you are interested in a way that you can be more involved with the Parents' Council next year, please take a look at the following list and let me know if you would like more information. Please feel free to email me with any questions you may have.  
[thoover25@hotmail.com](mailto:thoover25@hotmail.com)

Open Positions on Parents' Council next year (2011 - 2012) :

- Hospitality
- Tees and Totes
- Fall Gathering Raffle
- Parents Night Out
- Carnival Kitchen Chair
- Other Fundraisers Chair

Tiffanie Hoover  
PC President

## Silent Auction and Carnival Appreciation

The Parents' Council would like to thank everyone for helping make this year's Silent Auction and Carnival a huge success which raised over **\$10,000.00** !! It was certainly a joint effort and we truly appreciated everyone's involvement. We'd like to offer a special thanks to the **Carnival Chairs**, the **Silent Auction Chairs**, and the **Kitchen Coordinator**. In addition, we'd like to thank all the **Carnival Class Representatives** for their help in recruiting parent volunteers and booth set ups, as well as **Silent Auction Representatives** for their hard work in creating the wonderful class projects. They are a big hit at the auction. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with the auction through their generous donations, solicitation of friends and businesses, and picking up donated items. Without all of this support our auction would have been impossible to pull off. Finally, a big thank you goes to all the students at Riverside High School who volunteered their time to help with the Carnival booths.

All the families who attended the carnival and auction clearly had a wonderful time making our efforts definitely pay off !! We have a wonderful school with amazing parents and teachers who are always eager to help out. Thank you for everything. We appreciate all the hard work you put into this event. It never would have occurred without everyone's support !!

