



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

April 2012



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Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

May 2nd, @ 9.20am

Teacher Appreciation Week

April 23rd & 24th

Class Pictures

April 25th & 26th

Spring Break

April 6th – 13th (No School)

DMWS Dining Out

April 25th – Chick-Fil-A
@ Roxboro Road

Spring Book Fair

May 1st – 3rd

Last Day of School

May 24th



From the Desk of...

*Susan
Grubbs*

Dear Parents

Spring is officially here!!! With the change of seasons come lots of fun-filled happenings around DMWS! We will have our annual Butterfly Release after we return from Spring break. Easter egg hunts will be happening around the front lawn and beautiful spring-related master pieces are on display in the hallways. Spring time is lots of fun around DMWS!

We have had several people express concern over the foot traffic crossing Memorial Drive during drop-off and pick up carpool times. It has been suggested that we wait to deliver children to parents that walk up until the carline has slowed down considerably. We will be trying this for the next few weeks. **PLEASE** remember to always hold your child's hand at all times! We strongly recommend the carpool line as being the safest way for the children. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. (If you walk your child up in the morning please hold their hand until they are safely in the building. **DO NOT DROP THEM OFF AT THE CURB!!!**) Also, if the orange cone is out by the carpool line when you arrive for pick up you will be charged a late fee of \$10.00. Please send in the fee the next school day.

Summer Camp is full with the exception of the 3 year old class. If you would like to go on the waiting list please contact the office. The waiting list will be on a first come basis. It will be a fun week for all!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break!

Summer will be here before we know it!

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Teacher Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week Monday April 23rd and Tuesday April 24th. We hope that each classroom will



show in their own way how much they appreciate their teachers. Thanks to the

generosity of Parents and Parent Council Members, we will be serving Breakfast on Monday April 23rd and Tuesday April 24th for all of our Teachers and Staff. Anyone interested in providing a dish on either day, please feel free to do so. Thanks so much for getting involved.



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Spring Book Fair



The Usborne book fair will be held at Duke Memorial from May 1 – May 3 in the Bradshaw Room. The book fair will be open during drop off and pick up times from 9am - 10am and 11:30am - 1pm. There will also be an online book fair during the first week of May. These are fantastic, high quality books for kids of all ages and you can get a sneak peek at them by going to whatkidslovetoread.com. Be on the lookout for more information in your child's tote bag in the upcoming weeks.

If you have any questions
Lauren Kruse at
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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
kellyandrew77@gmail.com

Open Positions on Parents' Council next year (2012 - 2013) :

- Giving Tree
- Other Fundraisers Chair

Kelly Andrew
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 another huge success which raised over an amazing **\$11,800.00** !! 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 baskets. They were a great addition to this year's 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.

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 !!



Mrs. Britt & Mrs. Noga's 5 day 3's

By Asha Patel & Kristyn Lewis



*"Rainbows and butterflies,
pretty colors in the sky..."*

Spring has sprung in Mrs. Britt & Mrs. Noga's 5-day 3's class! Vibrant kites made by the children are swaying from the ceiling and cherry blossoms adorn the bulletin board. A giant rainbow, made by the class out of torn construction paper, greets you during circle time and provides the model for the week's science focus.

The class has been busy learning about natural rainbows and doing activities centered on their formation and colors. During circle time, Mrs. Britt used water, cups, and food coloring to demonstrate how primary colors make secondary colors. The children took turns pouring water into the cups and observed what happened when two colors were mixed.

"What should we do to make orange?" asked Mrs. Britt.

"Mix red and yellow!" said Ginger enthusiastically.

Oohs and aahs filled the air when Mrs. Britt added filter paper to each cup to show off the colors that the children had created! As Mrs. Britt set the beautiful array of colored water in front of the sunny window, some children shared their favorite colors. Connor loves green, Nathan digs red, and Jack's favorite is blue.



The next day's activity was a favorite one: Playing with homemade play-doh! Each child was given one blue and one yellow ball of dough. As Mrs. Noga helped the children stretch, mold, and blend the dough, they were delighted to see the color green emerge! Pete and Alexis made slithering snakes. Julia, Maya, and Jacob flipped green pancakes. Laura, Scout, and Ginger created beautiful princesses, while Gabe's dinosaur roamed the table.



Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Noga's active scientists cap off their colorful week with a St. Patrick's Day leprechaun hunt through the school. While their search comes up short, they're delighted to return to their classroom--*perhaps the end of the rainbow!*--to discover that someone has left gold coins and a good luck snack for each student. What a colorful world these budding explorers discover at school each day!

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The submission deadline for the
May newsletter is **Wednesday,
April 17th.**



Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert's 2-Day 2's

By Rebecca Roper

The room is filled with lots of laughter and play in Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert's 2-day 2's class. The children love to start their day with free play. Many of the children enjoy playing dress up. The room fills with princesses, firefighters, and football stars.



Tuesday brings a special treat with fitness class and Mrs. Mathis. Then the fun moves outside to the playground, where the kids get to dig in the sandbox, swing and slide, and play basketball. When the kids return to the room, sounds of excitement fill the air at the announcement of singing time. The children join together in singing some class favorites like "Open, Shut Them," "Gray Squirrel," and of course "ABC's." After a yummy snack and some much needed rest time, it is another class favorite, story time.



The children love to sit eagerly as Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert read them stories like Clifford the Big Red Dog and Curious George. The day continues with art time. This time of the year, the children are learning about spring holidays and themes.

They have done projects about Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, wind and kites, and seeds. The class has done several fun experiments this spring. They have used their breath to make a pinwheel move and learned what happens to a balloon when the air is released. They have also done many fun projects to help learn their colors, shapes, numbers and name recognition.



After art time and another fun free play session, it is time to wind the day down with clean up time. The kids really love to help clean-up. Wish we could get Mrs. Allen and Mrs.



Lambert's secret for that!!!

Once the room is nice and tidy again, it is finally time to go sit outside and wait excitedly for mommy and daddy.



