



# The Parents Press

Duke Memorial Weekday School

April 2013



## Mark Your Calendar!

- Spring Break: Mar 29 thru Apr 5
- Dining Out: Apr 23 @ 5 Guys (Patterson Place) 4p-10p
- Class Pictures: Apr 22 & Apr 23
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast: Apr 22 & Apr 23
- Family Fitness for 4s and K: Apr 29 & Apr 30
- Last Day of Lunch Bunch: May 10
- Last Day of School: May 22
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20) April 10 May 1



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From the Desk of...

*Susan Grubbs*

Dear Parents,

I know the calendar tells us it is now spring, but the weather just will not cooperate! Even though the temperature is definitely chilly, we are gearing up for Spring-time fun! Lots of egg hunts are being planned, and we will have our annual butterfly release after we return from spring break. Soon our very own butterfly garden will be full of pretty blooms for all to enjoy. It's hard to believe that the school year is winding down.

A huge thank you again to all the people that helped with the carnival and Silent Auction—such a huge success! It was a great day for all and it could not have happened without the help of all of our parents.

Summer Camp applications were sent home a few weeks ago. Our 3 year old class is full, but we have a few spots open in our older classes.

We currently have a few openings for next year. If you have friends or relatives that are interested in attending DMWS, please have them contact me.

*Happy Spring!*

*Susan*



## Spring Book Fair



The Usborne book fair will be held at Duke Memorial from April 30 – May 2 in the Bradshaw Room. The book fair will be open dur-

ing 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](http://whatkidslovetoread.com). Be on the lookout for more information in your child's tote bag in the upcoming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Kruse at [laurenkruse@hotmail.com](mailto:laurenkruse@hotmail.com)

## A Message From The 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

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Open positions on Parent Council for 2013-2014 school year: Hospitality; Silent Auction

*Jenny Mathena*

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. It raised over an amazing **\$14,500.00** !! 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 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.

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 and Mrs. Chappell's 5 day 3's*

By Anna Havens and Kavita Rajagopal



Spring has sprung or so they say. If you can't tell from the weather outside, come check out Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Chappell's classroom. Rainbows adorn the walls and kites are fluttering through the air. Flowers are growing and so are the children in the class!

As the children gathered in circle time to hear a St. Patrick's Day story, they no longer went to look for their first names on their stools but instead were looking for their last names. Once they finished the story they took a few minutes to brainstorm ideas on how to catch a Leprechaun. The ideas ranged from "throwing a big giant bowl over him," getting "an elephant to help you," "using my big brothers' toys," and many other creative ideas. The

students' creative juices were also put into good use when they were able to act out some of their favorite nursery rhymes - there's definitely no shortage of talent amongst this adorable bunch! We were lucky enough to get to watch them play and talk about what they wanted to be when they grow up.

Matheus, who loves to play with the puzzles and blocks, is going to be a helicopter pilot and repairman. Jake, who loves to draw airplanes, is going to be an artist who puts fossils together and works in a museum, and his buddy Joel's favorite thing to do is have a birthday and be an important worker man. Jackson, another budding artist, has decided that he would like to be a Tin Man! Sylvia, who loves to play dress up and bake cakes, would like to be a parent when she grows up, and Layla loves to "dance and dance and dance" and wants to be a Princess! Sanjay loves building with Legos and would like to fly to Mars and be an astronaut while his buddy and fellow Lego enthusiast Josh has decided he will be Anakin Skywalker when he grows up. Ellie, another budding artist, would like to be a designer and design skirts, pants and paper tiaras among other things while Landon, who loves to play with cars and trains wants to be 4 when he grows up!

As parents, we often wish we could be a fly on the wall and watch our kids in their classroom environment, so it was a real treat to watch the kids interact with Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Chappell and with each other. The teachers have done such a wonderful job instilling in the kids a strong sense of community and a love of learning - 'Lucky' was certainly the theme of the holiday and the feeling we walked away with knowing our kids are in such good hands.

Happy Spring!



## *Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert's 2 day 2's*

By Katie Henderson



Easter is fast approaching, and these days the conversations in our house seem to revolve around bunnies and eggs. But before I know it, Easter will be over and I'll hear the familiar, excited question, "Mama, what comes next?!" Children eagerly live from holiday to holiday, season to season. As adults, time tends to fly by and we rarely stop to enjoy the little things that make each day special. Thankfully, we have our kids and their teachers to remind us.

In Mrs. Allen's and Mrs. Lambert's class, autumn's lessons were full of colorful leaves, spooky Halloween fun and cultural Thanksgiving crafts. The kids came home showing off handmade "candy" apples and the dance moves they learned to the favorite "Gray Squirrel" song. Carving a jack-o'-lantern taught them the parts of the face, and individually decorated Thanksgiving drums were a lesson in rhythm. Wearing my daughter's pasta Native American necklace made me feel like a kid again!

Then came winter and all things snow and Christmas. Making hot chocolate turned into a simple science experiment about clear and cloudy liquids, and baking gingerbread became a tasty lesson of the senses. With Christmas and Valentine's Day, the children were taught the joy of giving. All of them were so proud to make and wrap presents for their parents and exchange cards with their friends. They even gave the birds a gift by making bird feeders out of fruit loops!

Now spring has arrived, and so far, it has been action-packed with rainbows, balloon and wind experiments, and even a mischievous visit from a leprechaun! Later this month, the class will plant seeds and watch them grow throughout the rest of the season, a fitting project to wind down the school year.

Much like the plants, our children have been nurtured and cared for under the hands of Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lambert. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching my daughter and her classmates grow and shine in their class. I have a deeper understanding of why she can't wait for the next holiday, the next season, the next lesson. And I can't wait to learn with her.





## DMWS Annual Durham Bulls Outing

Mark your calendars for the DMWS Annual Bulls Outing! Fliers will be coming home in totes. DMWS has the Home Run patio reserved for a night of food and fun!

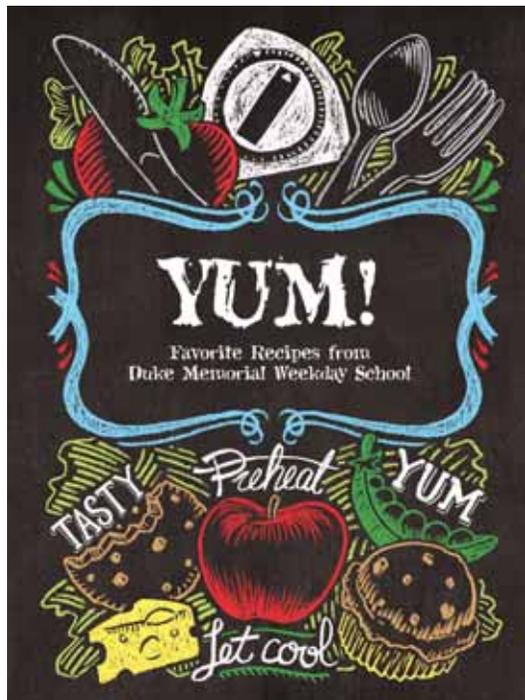
**SUNDAY, MAY 19TH**  
**DURHAM BULLS**  
**ATHLETIC PARK**

## Teacher Appreciation Week



We will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week April 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



Get ready to feast your eyes on "YUM!", a cook-book created with 250+ recipes from DMWS teachers, families and friends! Books have arrived and order forms have already gone home. Additional forms are available in the DMWS office. The cost of each book is \$20 and money raised goes directly to Parents' Council for teacher wish lists. So place your order, cook yummy dishes, and feel good about supporting our wonderful school!

Questions? Contact Asha Patel at [ashacpatel@gmail.com](mailto:ashacpatel@gmail.com)



In March we visited California Pizza Kitchen for Dining Out. Many thanks to their team for their generosity and support to the DMWS community.



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