

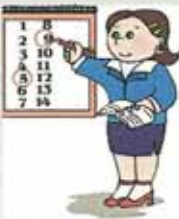


# the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

May 2012



Mark  
Your  
Calendar

**Spring Book Fair**

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Last Day for Lunch Bunch**

May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Kindergarten Play**

May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am

**Last Day of School**

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**DMWS Summer Camp**

July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**2012 - 2013 Parent**

**Orientation**

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

**First Day of School**

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>



*From the Desk of...*

*Susan  
Grubbs*

Dear Parents,

Summer is almost here! I want to thank all of you for sharing your children with us this year! It has been great watching your children grow over the past year. Although the year is quickly winding down, we still have lots of fun things scheduled to help us finish up. Our annual Butterfly release will happen in the next week or so, the May Pole is ready to be danced around, puppet shows, Mother's Day celebrations and many parties are in store for the children. Please plan on coming to see the infamous Kindergarten Play on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This place will definitely be the place to be in the next few weeks!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the parents that helped with Teacher Appreciation Week! WOW!!! The teachers all loved walking in and seeing their doors decorated and the food was delicious!! The cards, flowers and gifts were all very thoughtful! If your family is moving on from DMWS we wish you all the best. For those families returning next school year we will look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Happy Summer!!

*Susan*



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# Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman's "Froggy Friends"

By Anna Havens

As the school year comes to an end, the Froggy Friends classroom has been full of egg-citement. While at this year's Easter party we had the privilege of seeing just how much our children have grown and matured this year under the tutelage of Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman. The party started off in Whitford Hall with the other 4 year old classes and a multitude of Easter crafts and games. Afterwards, the Froggy Friends moved out to the front lawn for their Easter Egg Hunt. Immediately following the big hunt the children made their way back to the classroom for circle time and an Easter snack.



It was in the classroom and at circle time where we were truly able to see the growth displayed by our Froggy Friends. On the walls of the classroom and outside in the hallway were examples of the children's wonderful handiwork, showcasing their proficiency in writing (especially their names), scissor skills and their general craftiness. At circle time the children were responsible for the calendar, weather, the mail and their daily schedule, all of which have been covered in wonderfully engaging units throughout this year.

Currently, the Froggy Friends are working on designing and decorating their costumes and scenery for their Big Show that will take place on May 10. At the Big Show the children will perform some of their favorite nursery rhymes and fairy tales for their family and friends.



There is no doubt in our minds that our Froggy Friends are now ready, thanks to Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Allman, to jump into the wonderful world of Kindergarten!



## I love Mrs. Collins' and Mrs. Powell's 3-day-3's class!

### We have so much fun!

By Leslie Hendricker & Stephanie Wilson

Sometimes, I'm a princess. You have to wear the crown! Or, I'm a chef. I make yummy hot dogs and strawberries. There's a rug. With a road on it. That's where we play with the cars. We drive the cars on the road and try not to run into each other.

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Powell give us jobs to do. I like to be the weather watcher. And the line leader, and the snack helper, and the bell ringer. And, the weather watcher. I know the days of the week and the numbers on the calendar. I can count to 25. It's April.

One time, there was a cave in our classroom. We went inside and we learned all about bears and other animals that hibernate. That's when animals sleep through the winter. We ate lunch in the cave. And, we decorated our class for carnival! It was an underwater theme. We made jellyfish and hung them from the ceiling. It was so silly!

I know how to cut with scissors. I like to cut. I cut everything! And, we use glitter, too. We make lots of fun things in school. Did you know that bugs have a thorax and an abdomen? Bugs are yucky! But, butterflies are cool! They come from caterpillars.

There is a door in our classroom that goes out to the playground. We go out the door to run and climb and play in the sandbox. This is where we watch the weather. Then, we have circle time where we check the calendar and hear stories. We also sing the ABC song.

I miss my friends when I have to go home. Sometimes we get to play together outside of school. That's a lot of fun.

Here are a few of our favorite things about Mrs. Collins' and Mrs. Powell's class this year:

- Ben likes to play with Legos
- Brooklyn likes cutting with scissors and coloring
- Connor loves when Mrs. Collins plays with them and when Mrs. Powell reads to them
- Emerson likes arts and crafts, the playground and lunch bunch
- Katie likes playing on the playground
- Logan likes being a helper
- Natalia loves making art
- Robbie loves to say "Good Morning" to the teachers
- Savannah likes Show and Share
- Thomas likes saying poems and singing songs (especially "The Speckled Frog")
- Wesley loves playing outside with his friends from class



From the teachers:

"My heart is always in a garden, so I am looking forward to our 'garden and planting seeds' week. I always look forward to every day spent with these precious children. My favorite activities are to watch them play together and listen to them share their thoughts at circle time. Love, Mrs. Powell"

## PARENTS COUNCIL - FINAL THOUGHT OF THE YEAR

Parents' Council would like to thank all the DMWS families and teachers for an amazing 2011-2012 year! We raised a record amount of money and all benefited from a great sense of community. We are looking forward to another great year with our 2012-2013 officers:

**President :** Jenny Mathena [jmathena@gmail.com](mailto:jmathena@gmail.com)  
**Secretary :** Asha Patel

**Vice President :** Puttachart Kelly  
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# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

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FRIDAY  
May  
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FRIDAY  
June  
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FRIDAY  
July  
13

FRIDAY  
Aug  
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5:30 to  
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## Spring Book Fair 2012



Don't miss our Spring  
Usborne Book Fair!

Usborne books are high quality, unique, fun, and educational books for ages 0-16. The book fair will be May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Bradshaw room from 9am - 10am and 11:30am - 1pm. If you can't make it to the

book fair in person you can shop online through midnight on May 5. Go to [www.whatkidslovetoread.com](http://www.whatkidslovetoread.com) and click on Duke Memorial.

Hope to see you there!

## A BIG THANK YOU!!!

From the Parent's Council Dining Out

This year has been a HUGE success!! We have visited some new places (Moe's, Five Guys, Red Robin, etc) and still been loyal to our regular restaurants as well (Rudino's, Chick-fil-A, etc). Our total to date is **\$558.61**.

We cannot say THANK YOU enough for all the families that have supported this great fundraiser for the school. It was so nice to see Duke Memorial Weekday School families enjoying a meal and friendship.

Please help me welcome our new Dining Out Coordinator for this coming school year: ANNALIESE GRESHAM

Thanks Again!

Lindy Mathis

## Get Published !!!

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions for next year to Allison Schultz at [ajmckenney@gmail.com](mailto:ajmckenney@gmail.com). The first issue for the 2012-2013 school year will be published in September, so make sure to e-mail Allison by **mid August !!!**

