



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

October 2011



Mark
Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

October 6th, @ 9.20am

November 3rd, @ 9.20am

December 1st, @ 9.20am

January 5th, @ 9.20am

February 2nd, @ 9.20am

March 2nd, @ 9.20am

April 6th, @ 9.20am

May 4th, @ 9.20am

Spirit Week

October 10th – 14th

Fire Truck Visit

October 13th

Book Fair

October 10th -16th

Fall Gathering

October 16th

Teacher Work Days

October 20th & 21st

DMWS Dining Out

October 26th @ Moe's

5pm - 9pm (Patterson Pl)

Halloween Parade

October 31st



From the Desk of...

*Susan
Grubbs*

Dear Parents,

The school year is off to a great start! The tears have mostly subsided and replaced with lots of laughter and happy noises from all of the classrooms and playground! It is nice to be back in the swing of things!

We are refurbishing some of the furniture and toys in the classrooms with the funds that Parents' Council gave to us for this year! Thank you again for supporting all of the programs and fundraisers that the Parents' Council organizes throughout the year. The students and teachers will enjoy all of the new items! A HUGE thank you to all of Parents' Council for all of the wonderful support that you give to the school.

Our carpool line is running very smoothly! Thank you for always displaying the carpool card so that we can see it. Most of the families are using the carpool line so it is important to pay close attention to the car in front of you. **PLEASE refrain from using your cell phone in the carpool line! If you walk up to get your child please stand in the designated area and hold their hand while crossing the street and in the parking lot!**

Please feel free to stop by or call the office at any time with suggestions or questions. I look forward to working with all of you this year! Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Happy Fall !!

Susan



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READ ALL ABOUT IT !!!!

OUR BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! There will be books for everyone to enjoy – toddlers, preschoolers, big kids and even parents! You can even contribute books to your child's class. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. Mark your calendar and we will see you there!

Where: The Bradshaw Room (1st floor)
When: Monday, October 10, 9am -1pm
Tuesday, October 11, 9am -1pm
Wednesday, October 12, 9am -1pm
Thursday, October 13, **NO SCHOOL**
Friday, October 14, 9am -1pm
Sunday, October 16, during Fall Gathering



If you have friends and family who cannot attend the Book Fair but would like to do some shopping, please share this link so they can also support Duke Memorial. <http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2899981>

If you are willing to volunteer with the book fair, please contact Lauren Kruse. We need lots of volunteers! laurenkruse@hotmail.com or 740-3888.

For more information visit the book fair website :
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dmws>

DMWS RAFFLE

DMWS will be holding a raffle in conjunction with our Fall Gathering on October 16th. As in past years, our grand prize will be a month of FREE tuition. We also would like to have a few other "goodies" to offer as prizes. Donated prizes in the past have included DMWS spirit wear, spa gift certificates, sports tickets and items from home businesses. If you have an item you would be willing to donate as a raffle prize please contact Katie Hanczaryk at brianandkatie@frontier.com or 919-225-1582. Please provide a description of the item and an approximate value. This is a great way to advertise your business or product while raising money for DMWS.





The Fall Gathering



Please be sure to join us for the annual DMWS Fall Gathering! This event gives parents and kids a chance to socialize with old friends, meet new ones, visit the classrooms and enjoy dinner and a show!

This year's Fall Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 16th from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Classrooms will be open from 4:30pm – 5:15pm. This will give your child a chance to show you his or her classroom and maybe some artwork too. A pizza dinner along with salad, fruit, dessert and drinks will be served beginning at 5pm in Whitford Hall. If your family does not choose to have dinner, you may only pay for the show and bring a brown-bag meal. Donations of fruit and dessert would be greatly appreciated! Please contact your classroom representative to sign up.

This year our entertainment will be provided by the Bouncing Bulldogs! The Bouncing Bulldogs are an international rope skipping demonstration team made up of children from Chapel Hill and Durham. You and your family are sure to have a great time!

Please look for flyers later this month in your child's tote bag for this fun event. We hope to see you and your family there!



Plenty of food and fun are in store for all. Here's a schedule for the evening:

- 4:30-5:15 Open House in the Classrooms
- 4:30-6:00 Book Fair in the Parlor
- 5:00-6:00 Dinner in Whitford Hall
- 6:00-6:30 Fun entertainment with the Bouncing Bulldogs!

If you have volunteered to bring a fruit or dessert to the Fall Gathering, please deliver it to Whitford Hall by 4:30pm that day. We will also need volunteers during the event (handing out pizza and salad) and after with breaking down tables and chairs. Please contact your classroom rep if you are able to help! It would be greatly appreciated!!!



Student Pictures

John Elkins will be at DMWS on November 3rd & 4th to take individual photos of students. If you would like to bring a sibling to be photographed, arrive at the school by 9:00am on either day, ready to take pictures.

Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for Monday, October 31st at 9:30am. Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, past the playground, around the church and finishing up at the entrance to the school. (Note: the 2 year olds do not parade for safety reasons, but they can enjoy the parade from their classrooms.) Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or the side parking lot.

We ask that you remain outside until the parade is finished. You may come in to take pictures when the parade is over. Please remember to dress your child in a costume that will allow them to walk safely in the parade. It will be a "spook-tacular" event, see you all there !!



Spirit Week at DMWS

October 10th - 14th

- ❖ Monday – DMWS Day (Wear a DMWS t-shirt or sweatshirt)
- ❖ Tuesday – Favorite Team Day
- ❖ Wednesday – Favorite Color Day
- ❖ Thursday – Favorite T-Shirt Day
- ❖ Friday – Favorite Hat Day



ADVERTISE IN THE PARENTS' PRESS



Do you have a small at-home-business that you'd like to advertise in the DMWS Parents' Press? Would you be willing to donate a portion of your proceeds to DMWS with sales you receive from the ad? Well now is your chance! In the upcoming issues of the Parents' Press, we are offering space for you to place an advertisement for your business. There is a small fee of \$5.00 for the ad and we would also ask that you'd be willing to donate 10% of your proceeds to DMWS when sales are made from the ad during the remainder of the school year. Advertising spaces available will be approximately a 1/6 of the page (depending on the required article content for that month). If you are interested, please submit your ad to Laura Lloyd at drago.draco519@gmail.com. Please make sure the advertisement is in a word document. All submissions are due no later than October 20th for the November issue.



Important Reminders



The carpool line is running fairly smoothly. We have had a few parents inform us of a few glitches but overall it is going well. Please keep the following tips in mind:

*** PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE!!!**

It is very important that everyone follow this policy.



* Please keep the line moving! If the car in front of you has moved, please move with it.



*** DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION OF W. CHAPEL HILL and DUKE STREET!** If you cannot pull completely through the intersection, circle around the Police Station.

* Stay on the left side of the side parking lot and stop at the red line and allow space for any church employees or visitors to enter or exit the parking lot.

* Once your child is loaded, drive as far up Memorial Drive as you can to buckle or pull into paved parking lot. The cones are there to deter people from parking along **PLEASE** do not block the crosswalk.

* Remember to exit onto Duke Street. This will free up some of the congestion on Memorial Drive.

* If you must walk up please have your carpool card with you. We will bring your child to you.

*** ALWAYS HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND UNTIL THEY ARE SAFELY IN THE CAR!**



If we all follow these procedures the carpool line will run very efficiently and more importantly, **SAFELY!**

Classroom Volunteers Needed

We appreciate all the parents who have volunteered as classroom, carnival, or silent auction representatives. We need at least one person from each class to fill each of those vital roles. However, we still have some vacancies and hope you will consider volunteering your time to fill one of these positions. The following is a list of classrooms still in need of volunteers:

- Additional Classroom Rep for: Alkins/Lowder
Britt/Noga
- Carnival Rep for: Bartlett/Wheeler
Britt/Noga
Collins/Powell (3 day 3's)
- Silent Auction Rep for: Eva/Perkins

If you are able to fill one of these spots, please contact Kelly Andrew, Parents' Council President at kellyandrew77@gmail.com or 919-479-6766



PLEASE HELP!!!

Parents Council is still looking for key people to be run the following annual school event :

- **Carnival Kitchen (chair)**

This person would be responsible for organizing the lunch portion of the Carnival, which includes assigning class donations and distributing the pizza during the carnival. The Spring Carnival and Silent Auction are our school's biggest fundraising events. If you would like more information about this position please contact Kelly Andrew at

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or 919-479-6766.

RAISING \$\$ FOR DMWS

There are many ways to help raise money for DMWS. One way is simply by shopping at Harris Teeter! Simply link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Duke Memorial Weekday School and when you purchase select Harris Teeter brand products using your VIC card, Harris Teeter will contribute a percentage



of those purchase dollars to DMWS. Just give the checkout clerk the following number for Duke Memorial: **4246**. If you were linked last year, you will need to re-link your VIC card for this year. Another way to help is by clipping box top coupons from your favorite General Mills Products and sending them to DMWS. General Mills products include all their cereals, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Cottonelle, Hefty, and Ziploc bags and containers. Each box top coupon we collect is worth 10 cents for our school! So cut them out and send them in! Thanks for all your help and support!



Check Us Out On The Web !!

Remember to check out Duke Memorial Weekday School on the web!!

Go to www.dmws.org to see what's going on!

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. The submission deadline for the November newsletter is **Monday, October 17th**.



FUN ON THE PLAYGROUND !

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR CLOSED TOE AND HEEL SHOES ! THE MULCH ON THE PLAYGROUND CAN GET IN OTHER SHOES AND BE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE! (NO CROCS, FLIP-FLOPS, ETC.)