



# The Parents Press

Duke Memorial Weekday School

October 2012



## Mark Your Calendar!

- Spirit Week: Oct. 8—14
- Book Fair: Oct. 8—14
- Fall Gathering: Oct. 14
- Student Pics: Oct. 11—12
- Fire Truck Visit: Oct. 17
- Teacher workdays: Oct. 18—19
- Dining Out: Oct. 23 @ The Q Shack — ALL day!
- Halloween Parade: Oct. 31
- Parent Council Meetings (Whitford Hall — 9:20)  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5  
January 9  
February 6  
March 6  
April 3  
May 1



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From the Desk of...

*Susan Grubbs*

Dear Parents,

The school year is off to a great start! The children seem to be settling in nicely to the new routines of their classrooms. The hallway is now decorated with beautiful masterpieces and lots of happy noise ( a few tears as well!) are spilling into the hallway. I think everyone is happy to be back in the swing of things!

Thank you to everyone for helping make the carpool run smoothly! It does take a few days to work out all the kinks but it is running fairly smoothly! Just a few reminders... PLEASE display your carpool card where we can easily see it. It is best to have it hanging when you turn into the side parking lot. Also, **DO NOT** turn left into the side parking lot from Chapel Hill Road. We had several parents mention that this was happening during the first week of carpool. Lastly, please remember that the carpool line is a cell free zone. All of these reminders are for the safety of your children.

It was great to see so many new faces at the first Parent's Council meeting! The hard work of the Parent's Council is very much appreciated by all of us at the Weekday School. We are continuing to buy new items for the classrooms and the playground. Check out the new Choo Choo Express on the playground! We are very fortunate to have a great group of parents that support DMWS in so many ways!

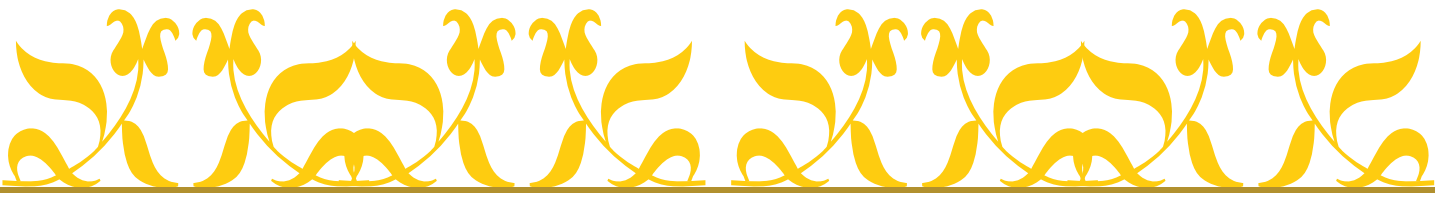
Please feel free to stop by, call or email the office at any time if you have any suggestions or questions. I look forward to working with all of you this year. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Happy Fall!

*Susan Grubbs*

DMWS Director





*New faces joining this year's DMWS staff!! Let's get to know...*

## *Mrs. Mathis*



Our family moved to Durham about five years ago (prior to that we lived in Charlotte, NC). Jake our only son goes to Trinity School and had a perfect foundation from being a DMWS from 2 years of age through Kindergarten. We were welcomed by DMWS from day one and that is when I started substitute teaching. From there, I was offered to be the fitness teacher and now a teacher assistant.

I attended Appalachian State University (GO MOUNTAINEERS!!!) with a bachelor's degree in History and Art History. I returned home after graduating and taught in the Wilkes County school system and then moved to Charlotte - worked at a local financial institution as the Director of Learning Performance and Improvement until we started our family.

I truly love coming to work every day. The children's big smiles just make me appreciate how simple life is at this age. I enjoy all the busy activities that the school provides and of course going out to the PLAYGROUND!!! As many of you know, I am just a big kid at heart.

Tell us about your family...

My Family is what I treasure most. My husband Andy & I have been married for almost 12 years now. We have lived in Durham for over 11 years. I am a mother of 3 wonderful children that are all attending Duke Memorial Weekday School. My son Conner is 4 years old & attends Bartlett/ Wheeler's 5 day 4's. My 2 year old twin girls, Kenzie & Chloe, attend Lowder/ Alkins' 3 day 2's. We also have an 11 year old dog named Scoober.

What do you do for fun? I have a lot of hobbies and interests that keep me busy. I enjoy sewing, crafting, cooking, getting together with friends, shopping, & most of all being with my family.

What did you do before teaching at DMWS? Before becoming a teacher for DMWS, I had the dream life of being a stay @ home Mother for my wonderful children. Before that I had the second best career of my life as an Account Sales Territory Manager for the largest Ophthalmic Frame Company in the US. That position gave me great opportunities to travel extensively as well as help me grow to high levels of success.

Why did you decide to teach at DMWS? Deciding to teach at DMWS was an easy decision when the position was offered to me. The staff could not be any better, the parents are so kind, and the children are the best.

What do you like most about teaching at DMWS? Seeing the enthusiasm in the children's eyes and excitement of learning makes teaching at DMWS so rewarding.

## *Mrs. Kelly*





## *FALL GATHERING*

DMWS's annual Fall Gathering is right around the corner, and we'd love for you to be there! It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect & socialize, students to show off their classrooms & art-work, and everyone to enjoy dinner and a show together.

This year's Fall Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 pm. Classrooms will be open for families to visit and spend time with teachers and fellow students. Satisfaction Restaurant will be providing the delicious pizza and salad for dinner. Fruit, dessert, & drink donations are greatly appreciated. Your classroom representative will be in touch regarding sign-ups. If your family would rather not participate in dinner and instead choose to bring your own brown bag meal, then you can simply pay for the entertainment portion.

This year's entertainment will be provided by "Magic by David". Come see this talented magician perform unbelievable tricks and make things appear right before your eyes! We promise you'll leave amazed!

Flyers have already gone home, so please be sure to return them in your child's folder as soon as possible as we'd love to see you there!

There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for all at this event! Here's the 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 "Magic by David"!

If you have volunteered to bring fruit or dessert to the Fall Gathering, please deliver it to Whitford Hall by 4:30 pm that day. We will also need volunteers for set-up (Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>), the event (handing out pizza and salad), and clean-up after the event. Please contact your classroom rep if you are able to help! It would be greatly appreciated!!!

We hope to see you there!

## 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! There are board books, early reader books, chapter books, Christian books, books in Spanish, activity books, even cookbooks! You can also 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: Bradshaw Room (upstairs)

When: Monday, October 8, 9am-1pm

Tuesday, October 9, 9am-1pm

Wednesday, October 10, 9am-1pm

Thursday, October 11, 9am-1pm

Friday, October 12, 9am-1pm

Sunday, October 14, During Fall Gathering



If you cannot attend the Book Fair or have friends & family that would like to do some shopping, please share this link so they can also support Duke Memorial. <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dmws>.

If you are willing to volunteer two hours of your time during the book fair from 9-11am or 11-1pm, please contact Lauren Kruse at [laurenkruse@hotmail.com](mailto:laurenkruse@hotmail.com) or (919) 740-3888. We would love to have your help!!



### DMWS RAFFLE



We would love your help!! DMWS will be holding a raffle in conjunction with the Fall Gathering on October 14th. As in past years, our grand prize will be a month of **FREE** tuition. We would like to have a few other "goodies" to offer as prizes. Donated prizes in the past have included restaurant gift certificates, 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 [bri-anandkatie@frontier.com](mailto:bri-anandkatie@frontier.com) or Susan Salier-Ward at [ssw1231@mindspring.com](mailto:ssw1231@mindspring.com). 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.

If you do not have an item to donate no worries! We hope you will purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our several fabulous prizes. Information about the raffle and the ticket order form will be in children's tote bags the first week of October. We hope you will support the raffle and DMWS.

## Halloween Parade

The Halloween Parade will take place on October 31st. Your little costumed goblins will start at the entrance of the school, pass the playground and walk around the church, finishing up at the school entrance. Parents and other parade watchers are asked to enjoy the parade from the front lawn or the side parking lot. Please note that 2 year olds do not parade for safety reasons, but they will enjoy the parade from their classrooms.

We ask that you remain outside until the parade is complete. 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 safely walk in the parade. It will be "spook-tacular" and we hope to see you there!



## Spirit Week!

### October 8th-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

### Student Pictures

John Elkins will be at DMWS on October 11 & 12 to take individual photos of students. If you would like to bring a sibling to be photographed, arrive at the school by 9am on either day, ready to take pictures!



## Important Reminders



- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CARPOOL LINE IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE!!!**
- 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/exit the parking lot.
- Once your child is loaded, drive as far up Memorial Drive as you can to buckle them or pull into the paved parking lot. The cones are there to deter people from parking along the street. **PLEASE** do not block the crosswalk.
- Remember to exit onto Duke Street, which will free up some congestion on Memorial Drive.
- If you walk up, please have your carpool card with you. We will bring your child to you after the car line is complete.
- **ALWAYS HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND UNTIL THEY ARE SAFELY IN THE CAR!**
- Always use the crosswalk when crossing the street.
- If the orange cone is on the front porch when you pick up your child, you are late and will need to pay the \$10 late fee on your child's next school day.

**HELP  
WANTED**



## ***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 these 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:

Carnival Rep: Speight/Allman; Bray/White-Hensen; Allen/Lambert; Lowder/Alkins (T/Th); Collins/Powell (T/Th)

Silent Auction Rep: Britt/Chappell; Eva/Perkins; Allen/Lambert

If you are able to help fill one of these spots, please contact Jenny Mathena at [jmathena@gmail.com](mailto:jmathena@gmail.com)



Bull City Burger and Brewery served as our inaugural Dining Out night in September. Many thanks for their amazing generosity and support of DMWS!



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## ***Other Fundraising Opportunities at DMWS!***

There are many ways to help raise money for DMWS. One way is by simply shopping at Harris Teeter! Link your 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 dollars to DMWS. Just provide the following code to the checkout clerk: 4246. If you were linked last year, you will need to re-link your VIC card this year. Another way to help is by clipping box top coupons from your favorite General Mills products and sending them to DMWS. This includes all General Mills cereals, Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, Cottonelle, Hefty and Ziploc bags/containers. Each box top coupon is worth 10 cents for our school! Thank you for your help and support!

## ***Get Published!***

The Parents Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Allison Shultz at [ajmckenney@gmail.com](mailto:ajmckenney@gmail.com). The submission deadline for the November newsletter is October 19th.

In addition to information about DMWS, the Parents Press offers space for you to advertise your small, at-home business. The fee to advertise is \$5 and we 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. Ad spaces will be approximately 1/6th of a page, depending on the required article content for that month. Ad submissions are due by the submission deadline.