



# The Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

November 2010



Mark  
Your  
Calendar

### Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

- 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

### Veteran's Day

November 11th

### Spirit Week

November 8th – 12th

### Book Fair

November 8th – 14th

### Fall Gathering

November 14th

### Kindergarten Play

November 17th @ 11:00am

### DMWS Dining Out

November 18th  
Jason's Deli, 12pm – 9pm

### Vision Screening

November 18th & 19th (\$10 fee)

### Poinsettia Orders Due

November 22nd & 23rd

### Thanksgiving Break

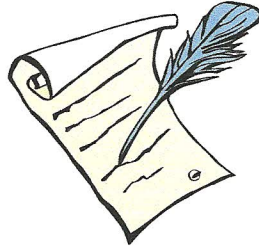
November 24th – 26th

### Kindergarten Open House

Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st & 2nd

### Carnival & Silent Auction

March 5th, 2011



From the Desk of...

Susan  
Grubbs

Dear Parents,

The signs of fall are all around the halls of DMWS even if the temperature outside is still very warm! November promises to be another fun-filled month with lots of activities planned. Many classes will be having Thanksgiving feasts and doing lots of cooking experiments during the month. The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Gathering is quickly approaching along with the Fall Book Fair.

As the weather gets colder please remember to dress your child for our cold playground. Please send in mittens, a hat and warm jackets all labeled with their name. The children will all go out on the playground each day unless it is raining.

Our Kindergarten Play will be on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in Whitford Hall. Please join us for this special day!

A HUGE thank you for helping with our carpool line this year!!! It is running very smoothly and quickly. Please remember not to use your cell phone while in the carpool line. ALWAYS HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND WHILE CROSSING THE STREET AND IN THE PARKING LOT UNTIL HE OR SHE IS IN THE CAR! Also remember if you arrive to pick up your child and the orange cone is out where we load the children that is the sign that you are late. **We are very careful not to put out the cone until 12:10pm.** Please send in the late fee of \$10.00 the next school day.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the school in the next few weeks!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Susan Grubbs



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### Inclement Weather Policy

When Durham Public Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, DMWS will be closed.



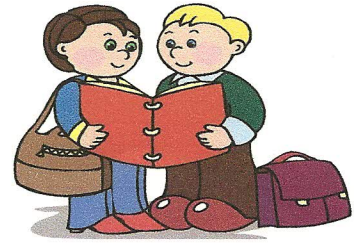


## story time !!

The Fall Book Fair is almost here! Our book fair is a popular tradition and an important fundraiser for our school. It provides books for our classrooms and library, as well as cash for special school projects or needs. The book fair is packed with a wide selection of age-appropriate titles that help spark a child's imagination and open the doorway to reading.

Sharing stories with preschoolers enriches their relationship with books and the world around them. So, make your birthday and holiday gift lists and come join us at the book fair! We are still looking for some help to run the book fair. If you are able to volunteer any time, please contact either Tiffanie Hoover at [thoover25@hotmail.com](mailto:thoover25@hotmail.com) or Lauren Kruse at [laurenkruse@hotmail.com](mailto:laurenkruse@hotmail.com).

**Where:** The Bradshaw Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
**When:** Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm  
Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm  
Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm  
Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm  
Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> during the Fall Gathering

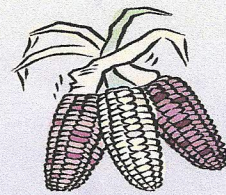
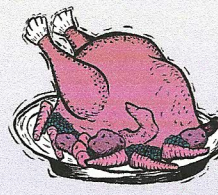
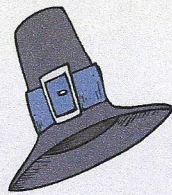
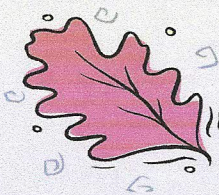


## The Fall Gathering

Our Fall Gathering is just around the corner on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of food and fun are in store for all. Here's a schedule for the evening:

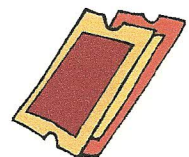
4:30-5:15 Open House in the Classrooms  
4:30-6:00 Book Fair in the Parlor  
5:00-6:00 Dinner in Whifford Hall  
6:00-6:30 Music and dancing with the Sandbox Band!

If you have volunteered to bring a fruit or dessert to the Fall Gathering, please deliver it to Whifford 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!!!



## DMWS Raffle

The Fall Gathering is almost here! This year we will be raffling off some wonderful prizes including: a Museum of Life and Science family pass, a gift certificate to Icing on the Cake, a massage gift certificate to A Stronger Tomorrow, Football tickets for the Duke/Carolina game and as always a month of FREE TUITION. Ticket prices are \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Please remember the deadline for early ticket request forms are due by Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.







# DMWS Parent's Press Advertising Pull-Out



We have many parents at Duke Memorial Weekday School who own small, at-home-businesses. This is an opportunity for you to see a few of the different and unique businesses you'll find among DMWS families. In addition, if you make a purchase from one of these businesses during the months of November and December and mention the ad below, the owners have generously offered to donate 10% of the sale to Duke Memorial Weekday School! So get your holiday lists together and let's go shopping!

## Love Bug Designs

I specialize in Personalized Canvas Ornaments, Burp Cloths, Ribbons Blankets and more. Great Christmas Presents and Baby Shower Gifts. DMWS gets 10% of the proceeds! Call 919-740-6653 or email [mcangelcm@yahoo.com](mailto:mcangelcm@yahoo.com) for ordering information.

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# MRS. EVA & MRS. PERKINS KINDERGARTEN CLASS

## BY ~ GRETCHEN WALSH & ERIN BREDEMANN

There is something pretty magical about walking into the Kindergarten class, especially for a mom who dropped her little 2 year old off for 2 day twos just 3 years ago.

The children have gone from having great days full of friends and fun to being active, curious learners, all under the careful guidance of two amazing women Mrs Eva and Mrs Perkins.

As we joined them on Monday morning, before we took off for their first field trip of the year, each one got out their pencil box and sat down to make a turkey decoration for Fall Gathering. Once feathers, beaks, feet and bodies (or "peanuts" as Houston H claimed) had been cut out to perfection they put their supplies away and got out their letter boards and while using the "hand writing without tears" method, they carefully crafted each letter of the alphabet -- and some numbers and shapes too.

And this is all before 9:30.

Then we loaded up the cars and headed over to Waller Family Farm. It was here that Farmer Mark gave us all, parents included, some lessons about life on the farm, and life in general. From how to grow and protect from the frost 27,000 strawberry plants to how many eggs a chicken lays a day (one) to what you call a sleeping male cow (a bull dozer).

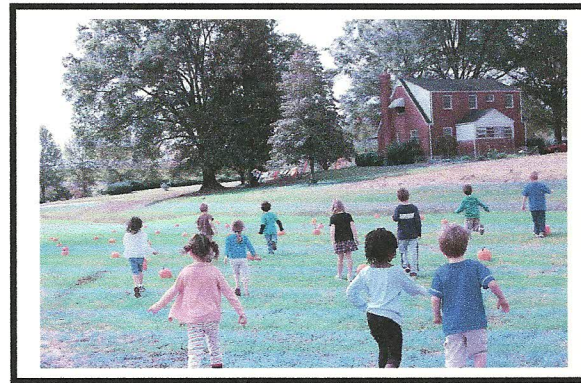
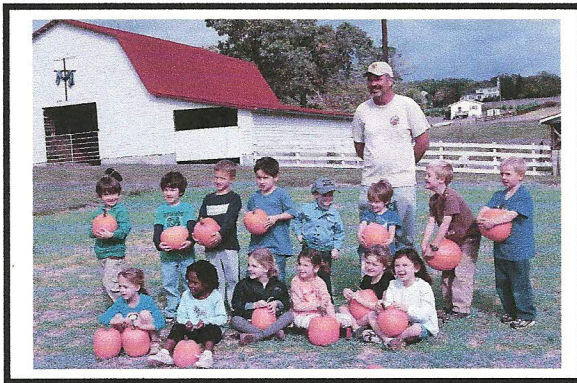
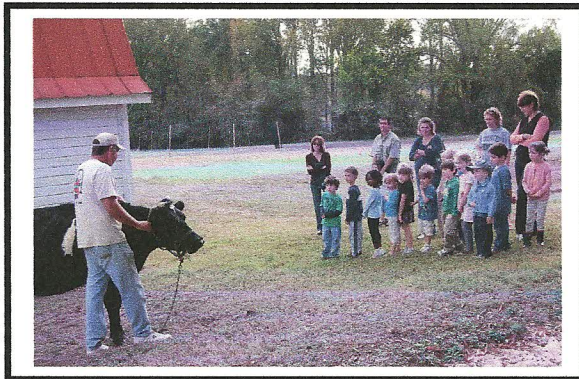
Each child listened intently and raised their hands to speak. And then Holly tried to stump Farmer Mark with a question... Why did the chicken cross the road? His response, "to prove to the possum it could be done!" And that was just one of no fewer than 50 questions that the children grilled Farmer Mark with, as their proud teachers and parents looked on.

Finally they ran through the pumpkin patch and chose the perfect pumpkin, which made for the perfect picture.

Then back to school for lunch and pick-up, when they all headed home with bags full of crafts and inventions and the books that Mrs Eva and Mrs Perkins have hand-picked for them to work on their reading with.

It was pretty much a perfect morning.

So, if you get a chance when you are walking down the hallway one day, look in the big Kindergarten class (first room on the right once you are in the double doors). There is no doubt the best of the future is in that room, and we have Mrs Eva and Mrs Perkins to thank for helping to nurture and inspire our children.







## Giving Tree 2010

Dear DMWS Families,

Every year, DMWS partners with an organization as a way to reach out in our community and help families in need during the holiday season. The Giving Tree is our way of giving a helping hand and fostering a giving heart in our children.

This year we are supporting **First in Families of Durham (FiF)**, a state-wide initiative that seeks to help children with developmental disabilities and their families. This local project is housed at the Arc of Durham. FIF helps by advocating for services, building community relationships, finding and purchasing equipment, funding respite care, and coordinating transportation needs. One third of the families FIF supports have household incomes below the federal poverty line and are in need of assistance, particularly during the holiday season.

The tree will be set up by **November 14<sup>th</sup>** for the Fall Gathering and will be at the end of the hallway. There will be tags on the tree with wish list items for kids of various ages. We hope you come in with your child to pick a tag.

Your unwrapped gift will need to be placed under the tree by **December 10<sup>th</sup>** with the tag attached.

We thank you for your support throughout the years and wish you and your family a blessed holiday season.

Thank you.



## DMWS Annual Carnival and Silent Auction

Please save the date : March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011



It's not too soon to start thinking about the DMWS Carnival and Silent Auction, which will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This annual event will offer fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom, and a pizza lunch will be served in Whitford Hall in addition to the Silent Auction. This is our school's biggest fundraising event and it requires the help of all families to make it a success.

Be on the lookout for more information about his upcoming event and ways in which you can help out.

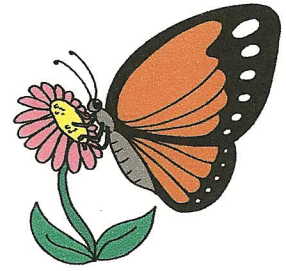
Classroom Representatives will soon begin collecting names of Carnival and Silent Auction Reps from their classrooms, as there will be a planning meeting in January. We are looking forward to another successful carnival and auction!





# DMWS Butterfly Garden

If you haven't had the chance yet to see the new DMWS Butterfly Garden located in the kids playground, please take a moment and check it out. We owe all the great planning, orchestrating and materials for the garden to Piedmont Plots / Landscaping Design and Stone Brothers & Byrd. Many thanks for a wonderful job!!!



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### **POINSETTIA SALE**

We will have our annual Poinsettia Sale again this year. Orders will be due on Monday and Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.



The plants will be ready for pick up the first week in December. More information will come in your child's folder.

### **READY!! STEADY!! COOK!!**



DMWS is hosting an upcoming Pampered Chef Fundraiser. Look for more information to follow in your child's bag. The theme of the fundraiser is "Power Cooking".

Preparing multiple meals at once saves time, money and energy. "Power Cooking" combines the tasks of planning meals, buying groceries, and slicing and dicing with FUN tools while assembling healthy meals for your freezer. Bring your family back to the dinner table with ease.

After Power Cooking, you will save money by reaching into your freezer for your family's meal rather than reaching for the telephone for take-out.

### **Spirit Week at DMWS**

November 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Monday - DMWS Day (Wear a DMWS t-shirt or sweatshirt)
- ❖ Tuesday - Favorite Team Day
- ❖ Wednesday - Favorite Color Day
- ❖ Friday - Favorite Outfit Day



### **Get Published**

The Parents' Press is published throughout the school year by DMWS Parents' Council. Please send submissions to Laura Lloyd at [lloyd519@earthlink.net](mailto:lloyd519@earthlink.net). The submission deadline for the December Newsletter is **Wednesday, November 19th**.



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