



the Parents Press



Duke Memorial Weekday School

December 2010



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Your
Calendar

Parent Council Meetings

(held in Whitford Hall)

December 1st, @ 9.20am

January 5th, @ 9.20am

February 2nd, @ 9.20am

March 2nd, @ 9.20am

April 6th, @ 9.20am

May 4th, @ 9.20am

Teacher Christmas Lunch

December 13th

DMWS Dining Out

December 14th @ Tomato Jake's,
5pm - 9pm

Christmas Break

December 17th -

December 31st - NO SCHOOL

MLK Jr. Holiday ,

January 17th - NO SCHOOL

Parent Conferences

January 24th & 25th

Parent Coffee Mornings

January 24th & 25th

Registration for Existing Students

January 26th

Carnival & Silent Auction

March 5th

2011-12 Registration Update

On January 24th & 25th at the Parent Conferences, parents will receive applications for the 2011-12 school year for all currently enrolled students. Please come by the office to get applications for siblings. Registration dates are :

January 26th

- Existing students and siblings

January 27th

- Church members and alumni

January 28th

- PMO Lottery

February 2nd

- Lottery for the General Public at
10:00am in Whitford Hall.



At the time of registration a **NON-REFUNDABLE** application fee of \$75.00 is due for returning students and siblings along with one month's tuition. This tuition will be applied to May 2012. This is also **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

Inclement Weather Policy

When Durham Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, DMWS will be closed. If Durham Public Schools are delayed, DMWS will be closed. Please listen for an announcement on WTVD or call the school answering machine at 688-5130. In addition you can also check out our website at www.dmws.org.



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Check Us Out On The Web

Remember to
check out the DMWS
website. Go to
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BUNDLE UP!!

Please remember to dress your child warmly for our playground! It is very shaded and therefore very cold. Please send in mittens, a hat and a warm coat. Remember to label each article of clothing with your child's name.



The TREE HOUSE THREES

By Andy Ritchey



Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Chappell's 4 Day 3's

It's hard to imagine going to school in a tree house but these kids manage to do it. Mrs. Turkington, Mrs. Chappell and these twelve kids spend their days in a great room that has a loft, painted to resemble a tree house. The kids love to climb up to read books, play in a world of dress-up and make believe underneath the loft, or learn at the computer center. Every day the children have jobs to do, which they keep track of on their chore wheel. One of the best jobs that the whole class has had so far was leading the school in the Halloween parade. They did a terrific job! This isn't hard to imagine with such a spirited bunch.

The class recently had a great time for spirit week. I had a chance to ask each child about their favorite team, real or imaginary. Audrey likes the Blueberry team, Jane likes the team with Princesses, and Evie loves her Durham Bulls. Theo, Will B. and Luke all like Duke, because, as Theo says "they play basketball and football." David, Sam and Merritt like their parent's alma maters, Ohio State, Georgia, and Michigan State. Thomas is a fan of Mommy and Daddy's team, which I'm sure they'll be pleased to read. Harper likes his soccer team but can't remember their name. Will H. likes his team because his dad is the coach. Mrs. Turkington and Mrs. Chappell share their favorite team Their twelve kids in the Tree House Threes!



Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play !!

Mrs. Eva & Mrs. Perkins talented group of Pilgrims and Indians came together for another successful Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play this year.

This is always such a treat for all the other classes to watch this DMWS tradition!!



G i v i n g T r e e 2 0 1 0

The Giving Tree is set up down the hall, past our preschool office.

We hope you stop by with your little one and sponsor a child.

This year we are partnering with First in Family of Durham, a state-wide initiative that seeks to help children with developmental disabilities and their families.

We will be collecting gifts up to December 10th.



Thank you for your support
and happy holidays to you
and your family.



Merci !!

During this busy time of year... a big thank you to all our DMWS families that took the time to donate to the Durham Rescue Mission Toy and Clothing Drive! It was a great success and the shelter was thrilled with the contributions. Your generosity goes a long way, putting smiles on many faces throughout this Holiday season.

Thanks to you all !!

MRS. CHARLES & MRS. SNEED'S 3 DAY 3'S

BY ~ HARRIET PUTMAN

Fall is in the air in Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Sneed's 3 day 3's class! Songs are being sung about leaves falling, crafts with pumpkins and fall wreaths are being made, and lots of books are being read about the changes the season brings. There is no mistaking what month we are in when you visit the class!

Today, during circle time the kids were reading a book about all the ways we see fall around us. Mrs. Charles talked with them about different fall vegetables and had opened up the top of a pumpkin to show them the seeds. The kids were looking forward to carving the pumpkin and roasting the pumpkin seeds. Although the activities relating to fall that the kids have been doing are a highlight, my son Will and his friend Tyler shared with me their favorite thing to do during free play is to "play with the jungle animals" and of course sing the Superman Blessing before snacktime! They had fun showing me the "stained glass" leaves they had made earlier in the week that were now hanging from the ceiling. As a parent of a child in Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Sneed's class, I am continually amazed at all the things they fit into a week! Mrs. Charles sends weekly updates on Fridays and they include all of the important skills they are learning such as identifying colors, starting to learn letters, and learning the days of the week. The updates are also filled with all of the creative and fun ways these skills are taught. Whether it's through making pumpkin muffins or making their own "Stoplight snacks" with graham crackers and peanut butter, there is never a dull moment.

Since starting school in Mrs. Charles' and Mrs. Sneed's class, our home is filled with new songs Will has learned and much joy over the artwork he brings home to share!



Holiday Greetings from The Parents' Council

We have been busy this fall at DMWS! We have started our 60th year off with a bang! Beginning with the sale of our newly designed tees and totes, continuing with our delightful dining out fundraisers, a successful Fall Gathering and Scholastic Book Fair you have helped raise funds which will be used to support our students and teachers.

Our successful fundraising can be directly attributed to the extraordinary participation of the families and friends of Duke Memorial Weekday School. We would like to give a special thank you to the committee chairs who donated many volunteer hours to ensure that these fall activities were a success; Lisa John – Tees and Totes, Lindy Mathis – Dining Out, Jenny Mathena and Gretchen Mauney – Fall Gathering, Emily White – Raffle, and Tiffanie Hoover and Lauren Kruse – Book Fair. Thank you also to the classroom parent representatives who assist in providing an essential communication network for school families.

During the month of December, our school friends and families will have the opportunity to provide a small blessing for those families in need. Jackie Crayton is chairing our Giving Tree program. The Christmas tree is already up at the end of the hallway and looks lovely. Each ornament decorating the tree will give the age of someone in need with the First in Families Durham organization. We encourage each of our students to choose one ornament, to purchase a special gift for his or her chosen recipient, and to place the unwrapped gift with attached ornament under the Giving Tree.

Spring Carnival Chairs, Marianne Hark and Harriet Putman, are already busy planning our March 5th event. Silent Auction chairs, Kelly Andrew and Andy Ritchey, are also ready to begin collecting the numerous items, which will be available on the day of our Carnival. Additional information will be sent home soon regarding volunteer opportunities for these events.

To all those who help make Duke Memorial Weekday School such a special place, thank you! From the Parents' Council we wish all of our DMWS families and friends a safe and happy holiday season!

Tiffanie Hoover :	President
Kelly Andrew :	Vice President
Sara Heckler :	Secretary
Gretchen Mauney :	Treasurer



DMWS Annual Carnival & Silent Auction

Please Save the date : March 5th



The holidays are almost here and it is time to start thinking about the silent auction, which will be held on March 5th. This is DMWS' biggest fund raiser of the year and it could never be successful without the support of our wonderful families. While you are out shopping or visiting with your talented friends and family, please ask if they would be willing to donate to the silent auction. If you have questions please contact the Silent Auction chair, Kelly Andrew at swimcoachkelly@yahoo.com.

In addition to the silent auction, the carnival promises to be fun for all ages! Game booths will be set up in each classroom, and a pizza lunch will be served in Whitford Hall. Class carnival reps will meet in January to discuss organizing volunteers from each class. All families are needed to make the carnival and auction a success. We need every family's help and support! Please contact the Carnival chair, Marianne Hark at mhark6@nc.rr.com or co-chair Harriet Putman at harrietputman@dukememorial.org for more information.



Thank You !!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with this year's Fall Gathering! It was a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone... the Sandbox Band had all the kids dancing! None of it would have been possible without so many parents' donating their time during the event and with clean up...we greatly appreciate so many parents pitching in at the end of the evening! THANK YOU!!!

Also, thank you for all your help and support with the Fall Bookfair! It was a tremendous success and we truly appreciate all you do for our school!



Parent's Coffee Mornings



Please join us in Whitford Hall for snacks, refreshments and coffee during the Parent Conference mornings.

You can stay warm, swap child care with another family and have the kids play while you are waiting for your conference time.

When: Monday, January 23rd & Tuesday, January 24th

Where: Whitford Hall

Time: 9AM to 12 PM



Hope to see you then,
Hospitality Committee

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. The submission deadline for the January Newsletter is **Tuesday, December 21st**.

