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MEADOWBROOK
CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL
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DAYCARE
HANDBOOK

Meadowbrook Christian School

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MISSION STATEMENT

“Building solid citizens, one child at a time, in a Christian atmosphere”

VISION STATEMENT

“Attaining excellence in faith and learning”

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Meadowbrook Christian School is strongly committed to an emphasis on Christian Education, including a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and living according to Biblical principles. Each staff member has professed a personal faith in Jesus Christ and is conscious of setting an example by which others may also be brought to the Savior.

Meadowbrook is committed to a strong academic program. Teachers and staff prepare both academically and spiritually in order to furnish the highest level of education for each student. The goal of Meadowbrook’s teachers and staff is to equip each student so that he or she is able to handle all phases of life, mentally and academically. This institution provides a strong emphasis on an education that will further assist the student socially and physically. Meadowbrook Christian School prepares activities in an environment that fosters development both spiritually and morally. We desire to exemplify Christ to stage an atmosphere that encourages spiritual growth. The purpose for a spiritual surrounding is not to shelter a student from external influences, but to equip the child to make decisions and choices based on a Biblical worldview. With God's help, we will fulfill these responsibilities with those students that have been entrusted to us.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Meadowbrook Christian School is a ministry of Christ Wesleyan Church and welcomes all interested students who desire a strong academic program from a Christian perspective. Meadowbrook Christian School admits students of any race, color, gender, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

The following policies represent the most recent expression of the administration of Meadowbrook Christian School in order to provide for equitable and consistent educational treatment of students. To assure that Meadowbrook Christian School achieves and maintains the purpose of this handbook, and assure the school’s ability to meet the needs of its students under changing conditions, Meadowbrook Christian School reserves the right to modify, augment, suspend, or revoke any and all policies, procedures, practices, and statements contained in this handbook at any time.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Preschool at Meadowbrook Christian School (MCS) is designed to provide opportunities for each child to learn and grow spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and academically according to his or her readiness and potential. Preschool is divided into three grade levels: Nursery School, K4, and K5. In Preschool, one grade level is not a prerequisite for the next. It is a nice advantage but is not necessary for every child. Each year’s curriculum reviews and builds upon the concepts and skills learned the previous year. However, the curriculum does permit a child with no previous school experience to begin at the appropriate age and developmental level.

DAYCARE

Daycare is provided for Preschool students who need childcare in addition to school. Students must register for the use of Daycare.

Requirements for Enrollment: A child must be:

1. Toilet-trained – Child is encouraged to be independent in the restroom. (See Toilet-Trained Definition and Policy.)
2. Three years of age on or before October 31.
3. Enrolled in the NS, K4, or K5 program at MCS.

Naps: A nap area is available for children in Daycare. A child will be given a nap at the request of the parent or at the discretion of the Daycare staff. Children should bring a blanket and small pillow from home to use. Please label all belongings with the child's name.

To and From Class: Children using Daycare will be taken to and from class by teachers and staff.

NURSERY SCHOOL (NS)

Nursery School is provided for children who will be at least **three** years old on or before October 31st of the upcoming school year. Nursery School meets three days a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, for two hours a day. Morning or afternoon sessions are available. (See Hours of Operation.)

Requirements for Enrollment: A child must be:

1. Toilet-trained – Child is encouraged to be independent in the restroom. (See Toilet-Trained Definition and Policy.)
2. Three years of age on or before October 31 – Because each child's pattern of growth and development is unique, we realize that some students, especially those that are younger in age, may need a second year of Nursery School in order to be successful in K4.

Commencement: The closing Preschool program will be held in the MCS gymnasium in late spring.

Transportation: Transportation to and from Meadowbrook Christian School is the responsibility of the parents. Public school transportation is not available for Nursery School students.

4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN (K4)

K4 is provided for children who will be at least **four** years old on or before October 31st of the upcoming school year. K4 has morning or afternoon sessions available. K4 classes meet five days a week, for three hours a day. (See Hours of Operation.)

Requirements for Enrollment: A child must be:

1. Toilet-trained – Child is expected to be independent in the restroom except for some assistance with snaps and buttons. (See Toilet-Trained Definition and Policy.)
2. Four years of age on or before October 31.
3. Given a Preschool Placement Screening prior to enrollment.

Commencement: The closing Preschool program will be held in the MCS gymnasium in late spring.

Transportation: Transportation to and from Meadowbrook Christian School is the responsibility of the parents. The parents can either drive the child to MCS daily or contact the public school transportation system to check on the availability of busing.

5-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN (K5)

K5 is provided for children who will be at least **five** years old on or before October 31st of the upcoming school year. K5 is also a five-day-a-week program; meeting three hours a day, either morning or afternoon. (See Hours of Operation.)

Requirements for Enrollment: A child must be:

1. Toilet-trained – Child is expected to be fully independent in the restroom. (See Toilet-Trained Definition and Policy.)
2. Five years of age on or before October 31.
3. Given a Preschool Placement Screening prior to enrollment.

Commencement: Commencement for K5 will be held in the MCS gymnasium in late spring. Graduation fees must be paid in full for each student.

Transportation: Transportation to and from Meadowbrook Christian School is the responsibility of the parents. The parents can either drive the child to MCS daily or contact the public school transportation system.

TOILET-TRAINED DEFINITION AND POLICY

One of the requirements to be enrolled in Preschool at Meadowbrook Christian School is that a child **must be toilet-trained**. However, it is not our desire to force toilet training on any child, instead we want parents to wait to enroll their child until he or she is toilet-trained. **A child who is toilet-trained consistently realizes his or her need to use the potty without reminders. He or she is able to undress, use the potty, wipe, and redress independently.**

Nursery School students are encouraged to be independent in the restroom. However, they will be assisted with their clothing and reminded to flush and wash their hands each time. **K4** students are expected to be independent in the restroom except for some assistance with snaps and buttons. **K5** students are expected to be fully independent in the restroom.

An occasional accident is understandable, but should not be a regular occurrence. Parents are to supply extra clothing for their child for bathroom accidents and other emergencies. Please place a change of clothing (including underwear) in a zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name. If an emergency arises and your child does not have a change of clothes at school, you will be called to bring clothing when it is needed. For **Nursery School, K4, and K5** a change of clothes must be kept in your child's backpack throughout the school year. Children using **Daycare** must also keep a change of clothes in Daycare.

Please note that if your child needs their clothes changed, the soiled clothing will be placed in a plastic bag and sent home without being rinsed. This often surprises parents, and we know that it would be much more convenient for you to get clothing that has been rinsed. However, we are following recommended standards for infection control. Please remember to send a clean change of clothes to school the next day.

The ability to use the restroom independently is an important self-help skill. Being able to get clothes off and on without assistance from an adult is necessary for a child to be independent in the restroom. The following is a list of clothing suggestions that will encourage independence.

- ❖ *Elastic-waist, loose-fitting pants:* We recommend these instead of bib overalls or pants with belts, buckles, snaps, or buttons because they are easier for children to pull up and down themselves.
- ❖ *Waist-length undershirts:* Many children cannot snap and unsnap Onesie-type undershirts or bodysuits. In addition, the long backs can fall in the toilet and get wet.
- ❖ *Skirts and loose-fitting tights:* Using the toilet can be difficult for little girls when they need to use one hand to hold up their dress. Skirts that can be pulled up and down like pants work better. Close-fitting tights are usually difficult for little girls to manipulate.
- ❖ *Shirts with sleeves that can be easily pushed up:* Hand washing is an important part of learning to use the restroom independently. Shirts with long sleeves that button at the cuffs are difficult for children and frequently get wet in the hand-washing process.

HOURS OF OPERATION

<i>SCHOOL RECEPTIONIST</i>	7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
<i>SCHOOL OFFICE</i>	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
<i>DAYCARE</i>	6:30 AM – 5:30 PM

NURSERY SCHOOL – Tardy/Absentee Information

SCHOOL HOURS: (M, W, F – 3 days)

AM Class – 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

PM Class – 12:15 PM – 2:15 PM

AM Arrival Time

9:15 AM

AM Departure Time

11:15 AM

PM Arrival Time

12:15 PM

PM Departure Time

2:15 PM

K4 and K5 – Tardy/Absentee Information

SCHOOL HOURS: (M–F – 5 days)

AM Class – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

PM Class – 11:45 AM – 2:45 PM

AM Arrival Time

8:00 AM

8:00 – 9:30 AM

9:30 – 11:00 AM

AM Departure Time

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Status

School Begins

Tardy*

Absent

Absent

PM Arrival Time

11:45 AM

11:45 – 1:15 PM

1:15 – 2:45 PM

PM Departure Time

11:45 – 1:15 PM

Status

School Begins

Tardy

Absent

Absent

*Students are not considered tardy if their bus is late.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

Morning K4 and K5

Preschool students that are dropped off early (before 7:45 AM) **must register** for the use of Daycare. We would prefer that morning K4 and K5 parents would wait with their child in the hall outside the classroom until 8:00 AM, when the classroom door opens. However, parents who cannot remain with their child due to a work commitment may take their child to the gymnasium between 7:45 and 8:00 AM to line up with their class. The only Preschool students permitted in the gymnasium prior to 7:45 AM are those students arriving by public school transportation. Students in Daycare will be taken to class by the Daycare staff.

Nursery School and Afternoon K4 and K5

Nursery School and afternoon K4 and K5 parents must wait with their child in the hall outside the classroom until the classroom door opens or register for Daycare. Students in Daycare will be taken to class by the Daycare staff.

STUDENT DEPARTURE

All Students

It is important that parents picking up their child arrive at dismissal time. If you cannot be here at dismissal time, please call the school to inform the receptionist and arrange for a late pick-up. (See Late Pick-up Procedure for specific policy details.) If someone else is going to pick up your child, please send a note to inform the teacher of the change, or in an emergency, call the school receptionist. Also, please inform us if there is someone who is never to pick up your child. When you come to pick up your child, please wait in the hall outside the classroom for your child to be dismissed. The teacher will open the door and dismiss children individually to their parents. If someone else is picking up your child, please tell him or her where to wait. Students registered to use Daycare at dismissal time will be taken to Daycare by the teacher.

LATE PICK-UP PROCEDURE

The teacher will take a child that is not picked up promptly at dismissal time to Daycare. **You will be charged a late pick-up fee of \$10.00 for the first fifteen minutes. An additional fee will be charged for each fifteen-minute interval or any portion thereof beyond the first fifteen minutes.** After three late pick-ups, you will be required to register your child for Daycare provided that there are spaces available during that time. If Daycare is full, you will continue to be charged the late pick-up fee and

additional usage fees. If a child is not picked up from Daycare by 5:30 PM, you will be charged a late pick-up fee of \$10 plus overtime for each employee used in 15-minute intervals.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is required of all students who are enrolled at MCS unless illness or an emergency prevents attendance. Students who have been absent must present a written excuse from their parent or guardian upon returning to school explaining the reason for the absence. Any student who misses more than 3 days in a row may be required to submit a doctor's excuse for that absence. Attendance (including tardiness in K4 and K5) appears on your child's report card.

Planned Absences

We do not encourage or condone vacations during the school year. However, we do recognize that for some families, vacations and/or trips must be taken at different times throughout the year. Parents should obtain an *Application for Permission to be Absent* form from, or write a note to, their child's teacher. The form or note needs to be submitted for approval at least one week prior to the first day of a planned absence. Parents may request their child's work. However, in Preschool, missed work is not required to be completed.

Excessive Absences

Excessive absences not only disrupt your child's school routine but also increase the possibility of retention in the same grade for the next school year. If absences become excessive, a doctor's excuse may be required.

Tardiness

Parents are expected to have their children to school on time. Repeated tardiness is an inconvenience to the child, the teacher, and the remainder of the class. If your child arrives at their classroom late, they will be marked tardy. For frequent tardiness, you will be required to go to the school receptionist to get a tardy slip for your child before he or she may enter the classroom. A child will not be marked tardy if their bus or van (public school transportation) arrives at school late.

FINANCIAL PAYMENT POLICY

To avoid any misunderstanding with respect to the payment of tuition for those attending MCS, the following policies have been established unless prior arrangements have been made with the Director of Finances and approved by the School Board Finance Committee and full Board:

1. All tuition is to be paid on the 15th of each month *in advance*. When an account is 30 days in arrears, the parent must make some satisfactory arrangements. If arrangements are *not made within 60 days*, the student will not be permitted in class.
2. There is a *late charge* of \$20.00 per month 10 days after your due date. Parents are required to contact the Business Office with an explanation stating when payment will be made.
3. An exact account status may be obtained by contacting the Director of Finances at the school. *Report cards will not be issued if an account is not current, nor will a student be allowed to enroll until the past year's tuition has been paid.* In the case of extenuating circumstances, arrangements must be made with the administrator, and with School Board approval.
4. No children of parents owing a previous year's tuition will be readmitted to MCS. All unpaid tuition accounts from past years are due to MCS. Unpaid accounts are not cancelled or "written off" at the end of the school year.
5. Report cards and/or transcripts will be held back for those families owing tuition or other financial obligations at the time of withdrawal, expulsion, or at the end of the school year.
6. Accounts paid with post-dated checks will be assumed unpaid until the check is cleared.
7. If any check is declined payment for any reason by the bank, i.e., stop payment, nonsufficient funds, etc., you will be re-billed and a \$25.00 fee will be assessed. Two NSF checks will require future payments to be made with either cash or money order/bank draft.
8. No deductions are to be made from the tuition payment for any absence due to illness, death in the family, or any other reason.

9. Should a student attend any part of a month, the full month's tuition is due.
10. When the parents withdraw a student from the school during any semester, tuition charges for that student will continue until the end of the month (regardless of number of days in attendance) based on one tenth of annual tuition. Regarding withdrawals of students, parents must notify the Director of Finances; otherwise, billing will continue until final notice has been received from the parent. *When an expulsion or withdrawal is at the request of the school, tuition will be prorated and due at a 1/180th of the annual rate for each day school is in session.*
11. Total tuition for the new school year may be paid before August 16 with a percentage discount.
12. Prices and policies may be revised yearly.

Scholarship Program

Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants for students in Nursery School, K4, and K5. In order to be considered for a scholarship in a given school year, a family must submit a scholarship application form for that school year. A financial needs assessment will be conducted for a nominal fee by a third-party organization to determine the financial needs of the family. *Our desire is that no family would be kept from a Meadowbrook education based strictly on finances.*

GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. ***Address/Telephone Change:*** Any time an address or phone number is changed, whether it is home, work, or emergency, please provide the school with the new information.
2. ***Birthdays:*** For your child's birthday, you may send a special snack to school according to the calendar assigned by the teacher. Please send enough snacks for the entire class.
3. ***Change of Clothes:*** In case of an emergency (drink spills, bathroom accidents, illness, etc.), extra clothing must be available at school for your child. Please place a change of clothing (including underwear) in a zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name. If an emergency arises and your child does not have a change of clothes at school, you will be called to bring clothing when it is needed. For **Nursery School, K4, and K5** a change of clothes must be kept in your child's backpack throughout the school year. Children using **Daycare** must also keep a change of clothes in Daycare.
4. ***Class Newsletter:*** At the beginning of each month, your child's teacher will send home a newsletter and a calendar to keep you informed of class activities and events. Please read it carefully and make note of important dates.
5. ***Class Parent:*** Each class is assigned a "class parent" who will coordinate the other parents in the class. The class parent works with the teacher to create a network for correspondence and information sharing. (All questions or concerns regarding classroom situations or students should be discussed directly with the teacher.) The class parent will organize other parents for class projects and events as directed by the teacher.
6. ***Communication with the Teacher:*** A note is the best way to communicate important information to your child's teacher, especially any changes in your child's arrival or dismissal routine. Notes should be placed in your child's folder. Any money sent to school should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the purpose of the money written on the outside of the envelope.
7. ***Conferences:*** Please make appointments for conferences through your child's teacher. Each teacher welcomes opportunities to talk to parents, answer questions, and discuss progress or concerns. During school hours, the teacher's time belongs to the class; parents should limit conversation to instructions necessary for the welfare of the child.
8. ***Field Trips:*** The purpose of field trips is to extend learning beyond the classroom setting. In order to participate in a field trip, a student must have a permission slip signed by a parent and a car seat provided by a parent. In Preschool, we ask some of the parents to drive their own vehicles in order to car-pool to our destination. Car-pooling reduces the number of vehicles needed for the trip and gives each child an opportunity for a positive social experience with his or her classmates outside the classroom. Parents and students are expected to participate in the car-pooling

arrangements as organized by the teacher unless prior arrangements have been made due to extenuating circumstances or unless an emergency arises.

9. **Individualized Education Program (IEP):** With written parental consent, the Intermediate Unit (IU) can share information with a child's teacher regarding the development and implementation of an IEP. The teacher will try to coordinate instructional efforts for the child with the IU provided that the instruction fits into Meadowbrook's curriculum and the classroom setting. However, Meadowbrook is not required to follow any IEP.
10. **Invitation Distribution:** The Preschool teachers would be happy to distribute party invitations for you to your child's class, provided that there is one for every child. We would prefer the distribution be done through your child's teacher and not through Daycare. In order to avoid any misunderstandings or hurt feelings, if you are including only a select few of your child's classmates, please mail invitations using the addresses provided in the school directory.
11. **Playground:** As weather and class schedules permit, we will go outside and use the playground. You, the parent, are welcome to use the playground with your child before and after class, provided that there are not students supervised by Meadowbrook teachers or staff using the playground. **However, we ask that anytime there is a group of children on the playground supervised by Meadowbrook teachers or staff that you please yield the playground to that group.** Those students are there for their designated playground time, and we do not want to interfere with it.
12. **Sibling Attendance:** Due to lack of space and materials, siblings are not permitted to attend field trips, Parent Visitation Days, or class parties with parents.
13. **Teacher Web Pages:** Each teacher maintains a web page with current information pertaining to the class on the school's website at www.meadowbrookchristian.org. To view a teacher's web page, you must first be registered as a member, then go to the teachers' pages area.
14. **Toys:** The school provides toys and games. Toys are not to be brought to **Nursery School, K4, or K5** except for Show and Tell or with prior approval of the classroom teacher. For **Daycare**, children are permitted to bring additional games from home to be played with by other children. Please place the child's name clearly on the case, box, or container.
15. **Withdrawals:** All withdrawals must go through the MCS office.

HOLIDAY POLICY

Meadowbrook Christian School celebrates Christmas and Easter as Christian holidays. Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is the celebration of His death and resurrection. For this reason, we do not promote the figures that the "world" associates with these holidays. Therefore, the fictional characters of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny are not part of Meadowbrook's holiday celebrations.

Meadowbrook does not endorse Halloween or any of the practices which accompany that day. However, we do attempt to offer an alternative, such as a harvest celebration, knowing that All Saints' Day follows.

All parties and decorations are to be Christ-centered and appropriate to the Meadowbrook Christian School environment. Please assist Meadowbrook in this effort by making sure that items sent to school for holiday celebrations are in accordance with this policy.

HEALTH/SICKNESS POLICY

Some of the most trying questions parents face are: "When should I keep my sick child home from school?" or "When will my sick child be sent home from school?" Here are some guidelines we have compiled to help you decide.

- ❖ We have found the best rule of thumb is: **You should keep your child out of school and Daycare if he or she needs frequent, one-on-one care from an adult or lacks the energy or alertness to learn or to play.**

- ❖ Keep your child home if he or she has a contagious condition such as chicken pox or strep throat. Let your doctor decide when it is safe to allow your child return to school.
- ❖ Your child should take the day off or will be sent home from school if he or she has any of the following symptoms. (If a child is needs to go home, the office will call the parent or emergency contact.)
 - ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or higher within the last 12 hours, especially when combined with other symptoms.
 - ✓ A fever that recurs as medication wears off.
 - ✓ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - ✓ Persistent headache or body aches.
 - ✓ Undiagnosed or contagious skin rash.
 - ✓ Excessive sleepiness, tiredness, or irritability, even if caused by medication.
 - ✓ Loss of appetite for more than a day.
 - ✓ An excessively runny nose or eyes that show sign of infection.

A sick child needs more care than we can provide in our school setting. Keeping your child at home is not only the best thing for him or her, but also shows consideration for classmates. A child who is absent from class because of illness is not permitted to attend Daycare that same day. Let's work together to keep all of our students as healthy as possible.

INABILITY TO FUNCTION

A child who is unable to function in the classroom on any given day due to physical or emotional reasons such as excessive tiredness, inconsolable crying, or extreme anger or aggression will be sent home. A parent will be called to pick up the child and they will be marked absent for the day.

MEDICAL GUIDELINES

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires the following for your child's school health record. Any student whose records are not in compliance with the state laws may be excluded from school. All new students, regardless of grade entering, must submit a current completed physical exam form. All students entering K5 must submit current completed physical and dental exam forms. All physical and dental exams are considered current if dated no more than one year prior to the first day of school. A record of all immunizations must accompany the physical exam form. Immunizations as required by the state should be adhered to. A current list of required immunizations may be obtained from the school nurse.

MEDICATION POLICY

Ideally all medication should be given at home, but we recognize that students are able to attend school due to modern treatments for acute and chronic illnesses. Any student who is to receive medication at school must comply with Meadowbrook Christian School's medication policy.

Medication will be administered by the school nurse or other authorized personnel if the following criteria are met.

Prescription medications

1. All medication must be submitted in its original container and that container must be clearly marked with the student's name, medication name, dose, frequency, and route to be administered (like – "by mouth" or "topical").
2. Written request by the prescribing doctor to give the medication during school hours.
3. Written permission by the parent to give the prescription medication to the student during school hours.
4. Student should be on prescription medication like antibiotics and anti-fungals for a full 24 hours before returning to school, unless a doctor's note states that the student may return before the 24-hour period is past.

Over-the-counter medications

1. Permission from the parent or guardian to administer the medication to the student. (This was done on the student information sheet.)
2. All over-the-counter medications must be in their original container – NO medication will be accepted at school if the medication is NOT sent in the original container.
3. All over-the-counter medication will be given using the guidelines listed on the label of that medication. Any deviation from the label instructions is a violation and the medication then falls into the “prescription” category and the policy for “Prescription medications” must be followed.

MCS keeps the following over-the-counter medications in stock: Acetaminophen (like Tylenol), Ibuprofen (like Advil), cough drops, liquid Benadryl, and Anbesol. No antibiotic ointment for wound care is kept here, but we do stock a first-aid cream for general wound care. If a parent wants their child to receive a particular brand of medication, we ask that you send the medication to school in accordance with the above policies.

All medications, prescription or over-the-counter, must be taken to the school nurse’s office or Daycare as soon as the student arrives at school. There are locked cabinets and refrigerators for medication storage. Preschool students are not permitted to carry any medication.

PROBATION POLICY

All new Preschool students are admitted tentatively for a nine-week probationary period. The student must meet the school’s spiritual, academic, physical, and social standards. During this period, the administrator will review each new student’s progress. If it is determined that a placement change, a second probationary period, or withdrawal is necessary for failure to meet the aforementioned standards, the parents will be notified.

Any Preschool student could be placed on probation at any time for failure to meet the school’s spiritual, academic, physical, and social standards. Parents will be notified in writing if this should occur and may be asked to attend a conference regarding their child.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Meadowbrook Christian School will follow the Milton Area School District in calling delays, cancellations, or early dismissals. If Milton does not delay or cancel but the majority of the other school districts that bus students for MCS do, we will abide with the majority. When Meadowbrook Christian School has delays, cancellations/closings, or early dismissals, the following radio and television stations will make announcements:

WMLP (1380) AM in Milton
WWBE (98) FM in Mifflinburg
WVLY (100.9) FM in Milton
WNEP Channel 16
WYOU Channel 22

WPGM (96.7) FM in Danville
WGRC (91.3) FM in Lewisburg
WQKX (94.1) in Selinsgrove
WBRE Channel 28

Morning Nursery School, K4, & K5

When Meadowbrook has a 2-hour delay, there will be no morning Kindergarten (including Nursery School, K4, and K5). If the public school district in which you reside is on a delay due to the weather and we are not, you may bring your child at the usual time or you may follow your school district’s scheduled delay.

Afternoon Nursery School, K4, & K5

If we are experiencing inclement weather at 10:45 AM (one hour prior to the start of our afternoon Preschool classes), please check one of the radio or television stations listed above for possible afternoon Preschool cancellations. If an early dismissal is announced after 10:45 AM for the entire school, Preschool will dismiss at the same time as the rest of the school. Please note that if Meadowbrook has a 2-hour delay in the morning, our afternoon Preschool classes will begin at their usual times, unless we have made an additional announcement.

K4 & K5 students using public school transportation

If there is an early dismissal for Meadowbrook or your public school district and your child normally uses your public school district's transportation in the afternoon, please call Meadowbrook and let us know whether or not we should still send your child home on the bus or van. If we do not hear from you, your child's teacher will attempt to contact you to make sure that you are aware of the early dismissal; however, if we are unable to reach you, **we will send your child home on the bus or van as usual.** We strongly encourage you to make prior arrangements with a neighbor or to have some type of plan for your child in the event that they would arrive home early and you would not be home.

Daycare

When Meadowbrook has a 2-hour delay, Daycare will open at the usual time. When Meadowbrook cancels school prior to 6:00 AM, Daycare will also be closed. In that event, it will be announced that Daycare is closed. Daycare is not available for use on snow days for families who do not normally use our Daycare.

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS – NURSERY SCHOOL, K4, K5 *Revised – May 2009*

Meadowbrook Christian School believes that there is a close relationship between positive scholarship, neatness, and appropriate dress. It is nearly impossible to satisfy everyone in this area of the school guidelines. We understand fads change; they come and go. Please keep in mind traditional styles when selecting outfits.

The purpose of the dress code is to be obedient to the principles of God's Word and to provide the best possible atmosphere for learning. God's Word says that our dress should be modest and that our attention should be more on improving the inner person rather than the outer person. It is the school's conviction that parents are responsible for the modest dress standards characterizing a Christian young person. Students should also recognize their responsibility and respect for the school, by desiring to attend school in appropriate attire. Traditional styles of clothing are expected. Nothing that will distract from learning and/or draw attention to oneself will be acceptable. Research has proven that the way we dress affects our attitude and desire to learn. For these reasons Meadowbrook has adopted the following Preschool dress code.

A. Pants/Jeans/Sweatpants/Shorts/Capris

1. Must be neat and clean, not faded or baggy, free of tears, patches, or frayed edges, and properly fitted.

B. Shirts/Blouses/Sweaters

1. Must be neat, clean, properly fitted (including no oversized), and properly worn.
2. Strapless tops, spaghetti-strap tops, halter tops, or midriff shirts are not permitted.
3. "Under" shirts are not permitted as outer apparel.
4. Girls' bodysuits are discouraged unless the child is able to properly snap and unsnap the bodysuit by themselves.

C. Dresses/Skirts/Skorts

1. All dresses, skirts, and skorts must be neat, clean, and properly fitted.
2. For modesty, since we sit and play on the floor in Preschool, girls are encouraged to wear shorts under their dresses.

D. Outerwear

1. Coats or jackets are not to be worn in class during the school day without the approval of the individual classroom teacher.
2. Hats, caps, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the school building.

E. Socks/Tights

1. Socks or tights must be worn at all times and must be visible, even with sandals.

F. Shoes

1. Traditional style dress, casual, or sneakers must be worn at all times. Roller shoes are not permitted.

2. Sandals and clogs are permitted as long as they have back straps on them. (No flip-flops.)
3. Must be in good condition (no holes, tears, etc.) and proper size.

G. Jewelry

1. Jewelry is permitted to be worn provided that it does not interfere with the learning process.
2. For girls, two earrings maximum per ear are permitted. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

H. Hair

1. Must be conservatively styled; well groomed (neat, clean, and kept out of the eyes) and of natural coloring.

G. Miscellaneous

1. Inappropriate logos, writings, and/or pictures are not permitted on any article of clothing.
2. Dress code is in effect during school and for all school related events (field trips, programs, graduation, athletic contests, etc.).
3. Extreme fads are to be avoided. Extreme and/or inappropriate styles will be determined by the administration.

Physical Education Dress Code (K4 and K5)

Students are permitted to wear the same styles as regular dress code to school for gym class. Sweatpants or loose fitting pants with a T-shirt or sweatshirt work best for gym. Sneakers must be worn on gym days; other types of shoes are not permitted on the gym floor. For girls, please do not wear dresses on gym days.

NOTE: If the dress code is repeatedly not followed, parents will be notified that for future dress code violations, the child will be removed from the classroom/Daycare and a parent will be called to pick them up. They will be marked absent for the day.