



Learn, Play, & Grow Together

2019-2020

Welcome

Welcome to the Valley Covenant Preschool program. We are pleased you are going to be with us and look forward to working with you and getting to know you and your child better.

Our Preschool will be a place that children will look forward to coming to each day. You can help your child to adjust to the new year by talking about the Preschool experience and introducing your child to the teachers. Preschool can provide invaluable experience for preschoolers in dealing with groups of children their own age, learning to share and play together and to respond to loving adults other than their parents.

Parents are encouraged to be involved. We have an open door policy; parents are always welcome to visit or sign up as a parent helper. By volunteering in the classroom, it gives you the chance to become familiar with this new experience for your child. You get to know their teachers and their friends first hand. It will also give the teachers a chance to get to know you better. Your presence in the classroom will help other students adjust to other authority figures and become comfortable with you. We encourage you to share your special interests or talents with the class. Examples: musical talents, career skills, hobbies and art skills, etc. Parent helpers are a great addition to the classroom! Parents that help more than once every 30 days will need to be fingerprinted to comply with DCFS regulations. Please see Jill Huber for more information.

Areas of development in all preschool classes include:

1. Physical
 - a. Fine Motor and Gross Motor Skills
2. Social and Emotional
 - a. Sharing
 - b. Following Directions
 - c. Listening to Others
3. Intellectual
 - a. Language Development
 - b. Group Discussions
 - c. Self-Expression
 - d. Problem Solving
 - e. Math
 - f. Pre-Reading Skills
4. Creative
 - a. Art
 - b. Music and Rhythm
 - c. Dramatics
5. Spiritual
 - a. Short Bible Stories

Three-Year Old Classes

The emphasis on our 3- year-old classes is to provide challenging activities designed to meet the individual needs of children during the active time of growth and development. Daily we use consistent routine and engaging activities to help create a love of school. Hands-on learning allows students to develop skills in language arts and math while building self confidence and self-esteem in the classroom. We provide the materials, experiences and the physical space

for children to explore through touch, sound and sight. Children are offered hands on experiences and encouraged to work with each other.

Four Old Pre- Kindergarten Classes

The Pre-Kindergarten classes help prepare young minds for elementary school with the emphasis on more structured learning.

Within the Pre-Kindergarten program, the focus is to help promote an enthusiastic and receptive attitude toward school. The program offers child centered learning activities allowing children to build a positive attitude toward learning through questioning, observing, and experimenting with varied materials. Teachers help promote the children's construction of knowledge and build foundations for school success in reading, math, science and arts. Children are offered hands-on activities and are encouraged to work together, promoting language development, perspective taking and conflict resolution.

Enrollment

Registration forms are available on our website: www.valleycov.org click preschool.

To enroll your child in Preschool a non-refundable Registration fee (\$75 before June 1st and \$85 after August 1st) and first month's tuition is due. The following forms need to be completed and returned with all the signatures as needed.

- **Application and Written Consent**

Please print & fill in all 3 pages (Make 1 & 2 front to back.)

- **Medical History and Immunizations**

Also available from your doctor. Not required until first day of school.

Please make sure your doctor includes either date of TB test and lead screening, or a note for both. Also make sure the child's parent has signed this form.

- **Verification of Receipt**

Not required until first day of school. Read this document from DCFS, then **print out page 2**, fill out and sign.

- **Discipline and Dismissal**

Please read, then sign and return on first day of school.

- **Birth Certificate** We will need a certified copy of your child's birth certificate). Please bring it with you on the first day of school.

* For students who were in the program last year, we will keep your child's records on file. We will ask you to update our records at the open house in the fall. New students need to complete all required forms.

** Medical forms do not need to be turned in until your child's first day of school. Please make sure that all immunizations are up to date and medical forms are completely filled out, including parent and Dr. signatures. Please ask your physician about the TB skin test and lead screening, these are required by DCFS to place your child in our facility. If your physician does not feel that the test is needed at this time he/she must attach a note stating that the child is not at risk.

If your child has a summer birthday, (before Sept. 1st) you may want to read the book, [Summer Children: Ready or Not for School](#), by James K. Uphoff, June E. Gilmore, and Rosemarie Huber. There are excerpts from this book in the following article, "[Ready or Not?](#)" This may help you make a decision about when to start preschool or if you want to

put your child in two or three years of preschool. If you are wondering which class would be best for your child, please call Jill Huber 645-8882.

If your child is already enrolled in our Preschool or you are interested in more information, please be sure to read the [Preschool Handbook](#) and the [Open House](#) Letter.

2017-2018 Fee Schedule

- 3-year old's (2 Day) - \$75.00/month
- 4-year old's (3 Day) - \$115.00/month

Tuition is divided equally into 9 monthly payments.

Tuition is due on the first of each month. A late charge will be added of \$1.00 a day after the 5th unless you have spoken to the director about paying late. No refunds are given for absences due to illness or family vacations.

Online Bill Pay: Schedule your payment to automatically pay on the first of each month through your bank.

Address: Valley Covenant Preschool 103 S. Maple St (not our PO Box). Please put your child's name as the "account number" and / or in the "memo line". ([Stillman Bank](#) has FREE online bill pay.)

Payment envelopes will be handed out the week before tuition is due to serve as a reminder. If you do not use the payment envelope, **please return to be reused for next month.**

Please put payment into payment envelope and put in teacher's box or mail to:

**Valley Covenant Preschool PO Box 250
Stillman Valley, IL 61084.**

Check:

Please put your **child's name** in the **memo line**.

Make checks payable to: **Valley Covenant Preschool. Cash:**

Please remember to include your **child's name** somewhere (preferably on a piece of paper inside the envelope.)

Pay Ahead: You may also choose to pay more than one month at a time.

Doors will be locked and will open five minutes before class time. Teacher Prep time is needed to prepare for the students. Please do not drop off early unless prearranged with the staff.

When you arrive at school

- Sign In
- Hang up Book Bag & Coat (please have them labeled)
- Child washes hands
- Check mail box

We understand that there may be times that you are running late, please notify us if this occurs.

When you pick up your child

- Sign Out
- Pick up Book Bag & Coat
- Check mail box
- Make sure a staff person sees you leave.

Schedule / [Calendar](#)

Vacations and holidays are set up concurrently with the calendar of the [Meridian Community District #223](#).

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Valley Covenant Preschool follows the Meridian CUSD#223 inclement weather policy. Unless otherwise notified by Valley Covenant Preschool, all families should follow that policy. A remind message will be sent to all families. Closings and delays will be announced on any of the three T.V. channels, and on radio stations WHRL and WROK.

Snacks

Due to the many allergies of our students we will be changing snack to student choice. The children will be able to choose from goldfish crackers, pretzels or crackers.

Birthday Treats

Children can bring a take home treat to send home with their classmates.

Notes Home

We will only send printed notes home to those who do not have e-mail. Please check your e-mail often. **If you are not able to check your e-mail at least once a week**, please let us know and we'll send notes home to you both in print and by e-mail.

Also find us on Facebook.

Contact Us

- By phone 815-645-8882
- Email: preschool@valleycov.org
- Remind App (information on this will be included with registration packet)

Health

V. HEALTH AND SAFETY HEALTH POLICY For the health and safety of staff and students, every family must follow this Health Policy and report to the School if their student has had symptoms of, exposure to, or diagnoses of any of the following:

- Fever (must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to work)
- Symptoms of severe illness such as lethargy (more than expected tiredness), uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing, or other unusual signs (until medical evaluation determines you can return to School)
- Diarrhea
- Blood in the stools not explained by diet change, medication or hard stools
- Vomiting two or more times in 24 hours
- Persistent abdominal pain (lasting more than 2 hours)
- Mouth sores with drooling
- Rash with fever
- Purulent conjunctivitis (pink or red eye lining or whites of the eyes with white or yellow pus coming from the eyes)
- Scabies
- Tuberculosis
- Strep throat, or other streptococcal infection
- Chickenpox or shingles
- Whooping cough (pertussis)
- Mumps
- Hepatitis A
- Measles
- Rubella
- Unspecified respiratory tract illness
- Herpes simplex
- Norovirus
- Salmonella typhi (typhoid fever)
- Shigella spp. Infection
- E.coli infection (Escherichia coli or other)
- Impetigo

- Lice

If students become ill at school, parents will be called and expected to pick up the student as soon as possible. A student should not return to school until he/she is fever free without medicine for 24 hours. If your child becomes ill during the day we will make every effort to notify you immediately, so be sure we have your current home phone, cell phone, or work phone numbers. If your child becomes ill or is injured and needs emergency medical treatment, we will arrange transportation to the nearest emergency medical care facility. All children must have permission for emergency medical treatment by a physician.

Lice Policy

The School has a “No Lice/No Nits” policy, meaning that students will be sent home for treatment if lice are found, and students cannot return until all lice or nits (eggs) are gone. Clothing, hats, scarves, pillow cases, bedding, and towels worn or used by the affected person at school in the 2-day period just before treatment is started will be machine washed and dried using the hot water and hot air cycles because lice and eggs are killed by exposure for 5 minutes to temperatures greater than 53.5°C (128.3°F). Items that cannot be laundered will be dry-cleaned or sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks. Furniture and floors will be vacuumed to remove an infested person's hairs that might have viable nits attached. Such measures should also be taken at the home and in the car of the affected student. Re-checks of students who are classmates, but are not considered affected with lice, remain the responsibility of the family and should be conducted on a regular basis.

HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All children must be fully up to date on immunizations. Immunization records and birth certificates are required prior to the beginning of the school year, or the child will not be allowed to attend school.

GENERAL SAFETY

- Staff is trained in CPR, First Aid, AED and general safety procedures.
- All staff members are required by law to report any suspicion of child abuse/neglect
- An Emergency Plan has been developed.

Ways Families Can Help:

1. When dropping off and picking up, use the designated School entrance and exit in the parking lot (please follow one way traffic flow).
2. Monitor your children carefully in the parking lot; do NOT leave children in the car unattended.
3. Make the staff aware of any safety issues or concerns.
4. Keep current on children's immunizations and check-ups.
5. Teach your children good health practices at home (wiping nose with tissues, brushing teeth after meals, flushing the toilet, washing hands before meals and after toileting, cleaning up after self, etc.). It helps if we are consistent with health practices at home and school.
6. Keep all information current with Valley Covenant Preschool. This includes phone numbers for home, work, and cell; home address; and e-mail address.
7. When you drop off or pick up your child, contact the staff so they know you are dropping off/picking up. Never take your child without letting a teacher know.
8. Keep teachers informed about your child's health, mood, eating habits, family situation or anything that might affect your child's behavior at school.
9. Teach your child about safety practices (good strangers/bad strangers, practice fire and tornado drills at home, stop, drop and roll, etc). It helps if we are consistent with safety practices at home and School.

FIRE DRILLS

Fire Drills are conducted once a month, each room has a visible evacuation chart with the route to be taken clearly indicated. Other drills are practiced as needed.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

A Crisis Management/Emergency Preparedness Plan has been developed approved and is in place. All employees have been trained accordingly. Crisis Management is an integral component of our School safety. The most important consideration in both crisis management and safe School efforts is the health, safety, and welfare of

Health Requirements for Staff

Staff members are certified by a practicing physician to be free from any disability which would prevent them from caring for children.

Pest Control Notice

Due to DCFS Regulations, we are required to inform all parents that Adams Pest Control will be spraying the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3:15 pm

Transportation

Transportation for all children must be arranged privately by the parents. Only authorized persons as stipulated on the enrollment form may pick up the children. Children must be accompanied by an adult as they enter and exit the building. When you arrive with your child, make sure that a teacher acknowledges your presence. As you leave, again, make sure a staff member knows that you are leaving with your child.

Parents will be notified in advance of all field trips and will need to sign a permission slip for each trip. Field trips will be within walking distance, so we won't need to worry about car seats for a whole classroom of students.

Clothing

Children should be dressed in comfortable, easy to launder, clothing. All removable clothing (such as hats, boots, mittens, jackets etc.) should be **clearly marked with child's name**. We are not responsible for lost items if they are not marked.

Discipline and Dismissal

Harsh punishment is prohibited. Discipline will be handled with kindness and understanding. No child shall be subjected to cruel, harsh, humiliating, petty, severe, or provocative treatment, or corporal punishment. No child shall be subjected to verbal abuse, threats, or derogatory remarks. No child shall be deprived of needs or any part of meals or snacks as punishment. Discipline measures shall be designed and administered in such a way as to help the individual child develop his own self-control and to assume responsibility for his own actions.

We will establish simple rules that set limits of behavior required for the protection of the group. The Preschool reserves the right to dismiss any child for disruptive and / or damaging behavior. Parents will be notified of such behavior and required to help develop a plan to correct such behavior. If the child is still unable to adjust to the school routine and engages in continued disruptive behavior, the child will be dismissed. This policy is without regard to race, sex, and creed. This policy is enforced so that we can ensure all children attending the Preschool will have a safe and comfortable atmosphere in which to grow and develop.

Please read the [Discipline and Dismissal Policy](#) found at the back of the handbook. Then sign and return. **Insurance**

/ Accreditation & Personal Information

The Preschool is covered by accident insurance in case of injury to your child while in attendance at Preschool. We are licensed by State of Illinois under the Division of Children and Family Services. The teachers and aides are qualified and licensed according to the State regulations. By law, teachers are required to report cases of child abuse to the Department of Children and Family Services. No personal information about your child will be released without written authorization

Fundraisers

In the past we have purchased playground equipment, laminator, binding machine, bikes, die cut machine & die cuts

IN THE FALL

Computers for Education - We usually raise \$850 - \$900 We need 100% participation.....It's very EASY - Just fill out the whole book **COMPLETELY and TURN IN at the open house** - you may use each individual family member on a separate page even if they have the same address (Mom, Dad, brother, sister, grandma, grandpa, etc. Some people even use pets!) They will receive an offer to purchase magazines. If they are not interested tell them to just throw it away. If they don't order they will receive a second notice they can throw away and that will be the end. They will not bother them anymore. If someone does order your child may earn a free t-shirt.

Tupperware - We receive ½ the profit Last year we raised \$1500. Participation not required, but help if you can!

Please turn in by: Sept. 22nd

Kids Kreations - www.kidskreations.us Kids Kreations specializes in transforming original works of art into personalized gifts and keepsakes that families will treasure for a lifetime! This art based fundraiser offers a large and unique selection

of products made with children 's art. We plan to do this in time for Christmas gifts and we'll create the art here at preschool. These would make a great gift for Grandparents, Aunt/Uncles and other special people in your life.

ON-GOING . . .

Office Max/Office Depot Recycling

Please bring us your empty inkjet cartridges, laser, toner or fax cartridges etc. We are enrolled in the Office Max/Office Depot rewards program. Through this program we earn rewards for turning in cartridges monthly, and also given 2% back on all of our purchases. Reward certificates are then issued to Valley Covenant Preschool for use in the store or online.

Amazon Smile

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization, please choose Valley Evangelical Covenant Church (all proceeds go to the preschool). For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. These funds are then deposited quarterly into our account.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3846120>

Scholarship Fund

You may also donate to our scholarship fund to help families with tuition.

Fund-raising Fee

If you do not wish to participate in our fund-raisers (that cost money), you have the option of giving a flat donation directly to the school. Suggested donation: \$25(or more as you desire).

August

*August 19 (Mon.)	Open House (M/T classes 8:15/12:00)
*August 20(Mon.)	Evening Open House (anyone who cannot attend during the day 6:00)
August 21 (Tues.)	First day of class (M/T classes)
*August 22 (Wed.)	Open House (W/Th/Fr classes 8:15/11:45)
August 23 (Thurs.)	First day of class (W/Th/Fr)
August 30 (Fri.)	No School (Early Out Meridian)

Open House

*Please make arrangements to attend one of these sessions. At this time you will meet the staff, and there will be a brief presentation about the school year. Children will play in the classroom while parents are listening to the presentation

September

September 2 (Mon)	Labor Day No School
Sept. 24, 25 (Tue. - Wed.)	Picture Day!

Scholastic Book Orders: Book orders will be placed in your child's mailbox each month. There are two ways to order, either fill out the form and send back with your check written to Scholastic Book Club, or order online: scholastic.com/reading club, Online **Class Activation Code:** GPZM7. If you are purchasing books for your child as a gift, please indicate on their form or send us and email, and we will put the gift books in a brown paper bag so your child does not see their special surprise. For each order the preschool will receive bonus points to use towards books or other items for the classroom.

School pictures: You should have received your picture packet in your child's mail box. Pictures will be taken outside - in case of rain we will reschedule. On picture day the students will not be playing outside so their clothes won't get dirty.

October

October 4 (Fri.)	No school
October 11 (Fri.)	No school
October 11 (Mon.)	No school, (Columbus Day)
October 29(Tues.)	Dress up Party for M / T classes
October 31(Thurs.)	Dress up Party for W / T / F classes

***The Stillman Valley Fire department will come to the preschool for Fire Prevention Week.

Dress up Party: Please no "scary" or "spooky" costumes. We want to prevent any tears from kids who might get scared. Try and stick to characters or occupations. Your child can bring their costume and change in time for the party. Watch for Sign-up sheets for: Treats, Drink, Cups, Paper plates (6" - 8"); Napkins; Take home treats; parent helpers & digital photographer. [If you sign up for digital photographer, please take pictures with a digital camera and give us a copy (either on CD or bring your USB cable to download before you leave.) If you do not have a digital camera, but would like to volunteer to take pictures, we have a digital camera that can be shared between upstairs & downstairs. Those that bring things for the party please be aware that there will be parent helpers and maybe a few younger siblings, so please bring extras so we can include everyone in the party.

November

November 8 (Fri.)	No School (Early Out Meridian)
November 11(Mon.)	Veterans Day
November 27,28, 29	No School (Thanksgiving)

December

December 6 (Fri.)	No School (Early Out Meridian)
December 17 (Tues.)	Christmas Party for M / T classes
December 219 (Fri.)	Christmas Party for W / T / F classes
December 20 – Jan 6	Christmas Break

Snow Days: During the winter months, please be sure to watch the weather and check the morning news if you wonder if we will be closed. Generally, we follow whatever the Stillman schools do for snow days.

LABEL, LABEL, LABEL: Remember to label coats, hats, mittens, scarfs, book bags and any other loose items.

Christmas Party: See schedule for dates. Sign-up sheets will be available for: Treats, Drink, Cups, Paper plates (6" - 8"); Napkins; Take home treats; parent helpers & digital photographer. [If you sign up for digital photographer, please take pictures with a digital camera and give us a copy (either on CD or bring your USB cable to download before you leave.) If you do not have a digital camera, but would like to volunteer to take pictures, we have a digital camera that can be shared between upstairs & downstairs.] Those that bring things for the party please be aware that there will be parent helpers and maybe a few younger siblings, so please bring extras so we can include everyone in the party.

January

January 7(Tue.)	Return to School
January 20 (Mon.)	No School, (M.L. King Birthday)

Class Preference: For students currently enrolled in our program, you will be given the chance to indicate your first, second and third choice of which class you prefer for the following year. We do this at this time of year to help us give an idea of next year's class dynamics. Final placements are not made until registration material are passed out in March.

Pre-registration: For new students, we start collecting registration for our 3-year-old classes.

February

February 11 (Tues.)	Valentines Party for M / T classes
February 13 (Thurs.)	Valentines Party for W / T / F classes
February 14 (Fri.)	No School (Early Out Meridian)
February 17 (Mon.)	No School (Presidents' Day)

Valentine's Party: See schedule for dates. When you bring valentine's for your child's classmates, please do not put individual names on the envelopes (just sign your child's name) This makes it easier to pass them out. Sign-up sheets will be available for Treats, Drink, Cups, Paper plates (6" - 8"); Napkins; Take home treats; parent helpers & digital photographer. Those that bring things for the party please be aware that there will be parent helpers and maybe a few younger siblings, so please bring extras so we can include everyone in the party.

March

March 27 – April 3 (Fri-Fri.) No School (Spring Break)

Play Outside: As the weather starts to warm up, remember to bring a coat in case we decide to go outside. Dress your child in comfortable, easy to launder, clothing as the playground is especially dirty in the spring.

April

April 10 (Fri.)	No School, (Good Friday)
April 13 (Mon.)	No School, (Easter Monday)

May

May 8 (Fri.)	No School (Meridian Early Out)
May 11 (Mon.)	Graduation / Parent Tea
May 12 (Tues.)	Class Picnics / Last day of school M / T Classes at S.V. Park
May 13 (Wed.)	Graduation / Parent Tea
May 14(Thurs.)	Class Picnic /Last day of school W / T / F classes at S.V. Park

Parent Tea / Graduation Program - Students come at normal class time - Parents are welcome to attend the program, (Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, baby sitters, friends and other relatives are also welcome to join us.) The program will be held in the church sanctuary and include songs the kids will sing and a picture slide show from the school year. Refreshments will be served following the program in your child's classroom.

Class Picnic / Last Day Picnic times will be from 10:00 – 2:00 on your child's picnic day. Location Stillman Valley Park, located behind Meridian Jr. High.

Guidance & Discipline Philosophy

We believe in guidance and discipline, rather than punishment. Guidance and discipline are positive ways to help a child develop self-control and confidence handling their needs in a socially acceptable way. This is an on-going process, not a single act. We are here to teach and guide each child to learn the skills to manage their own behavior.

The Classroom Rules - The rules are reviewed often with the children.

- Use helping hands
- Use listening ears
- Use quiet polite voices
- Use looking eyes
- Use walking feet •

Share with others.

- Be gentle with friends.
- Put toys away.

Guidance & Discipline Techniques Used by Our Staff

- Model socially acceptable behavior and manners along with positive reinforcement and acknowledgement of good behavior.
- Include the children in the problem solving process.
- Give the child choices whenever possible.
- Establish eye contact with the child when talking to him/her.
- Re-direct a child to another activity.
- Remove the child from the area, discuss the improper behavior, what a better choice would be next time, and allow the child to return to the activity when he or she feels they can manage their behavior appropriately.
- Place the child in a time out for no longer than a minute per year of age in a chair away from the group.
- Physically hold a child until he/she can gain control of him/herself. Call a parent to come for the child if the child cannot regain control of self.
- If a child hurts another child, the teacher will attend to the injured child immediately. The child that did the injuring will stay with the injured child and the staff member looking after the injured child, until the injured child is ready to return to the classroom activities.

If the teachers see a continuing pattern of misbehavior, the following steps will be initiated:

- Phone call from the teacher informing the parent of the concern or “red flags” that have been observed.
- Implementation of strategies to correct behavior. These may include but are not limited to:
- Using the many resources and techniques we have available. Trying different techniques can take time.
- Observation of the child by the director and/or other qualified professionals.

- Parental observation of classroom behavior.
- Reinforcing classroom rules with the entire class, (teachable moments)
- Conference with parents, teachers and director, to discuss goals, implementation of goals, and measuring progress.
- Follow-up meetings (face to face or phone) to discuss progress.

Prohibited Guidance and Discipline Techniques

- Any form of corporal punishment.
- Yelling at a child.
- Ridiculing a child or the child's family.
- Blaming, teasing, insulting, name calling, or threatening the child with punishment.
- Withholding food, affection, or positive attention.

Parents Role in the Guidance Process

- Share any relevant information with the teachers to help understand any underlying issues.
- Be open when the teacher gives notification of a concern or if a continuing pattern of misbehavior is observed.
- Follow through on any recommendations made by the staff including evaluation by the school district. Contact should be made within two weeks of this recommendation.
- Work as a team with the staff so everyone can be consistent in expectations and help the child understand what behavior is acceptable and not acceptable.

Child's Role in the Guidance Process

- The child will have a reasonable opportunity to resolve their own conflict before a teacher steps in.
- Make an effort to change any unacceptable behavior.
- If the child has hurt another child, the injuring party will stay with the injured child until they are ready to return to normal classroom activities. The child will be asked what s/he can do to make the child feel better.

Discharge

After attempts have been made to meet the individual needs of the child, any child that has demonstrated inability to benefit from the type of care offered by our school, or whose presence is detrimental to the group, shall be discharged from the school.

2019-2020 School Calendar

August

August 19 (Mon.)	Open House (M/T classes 8:15/12:00)
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August 22 (Thurs.)	First day of class (W/Th/Fr)
August 30 (Fri.)	No School (Early Out Meridian)

September

September 2 (Mon)	No School (Labor Day)
Sept. 24,25 (Tue. - Wed.)	Picture Day!

October

October 4 (Fri.)	No school (Both Teachers out of town)
October 11 (Fri)	No school (Teacher Institute)
October 14 (Mon.)	No school (Columbus Day)
October 29(Tues.)	Dress up Party for M / T classes
October 31 (Thurs.)	Dress up Party for W / T / F classes

November

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November 11(Mon.)	No School (Veterans Day)
November 27,28, 29	No School (Thanksgiving)

December

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December 19 (Thurs.)	Christmas Party for W / T / F classes
December 20 – Jan 6	No School (Early out Meridian, Christmas Break)

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