

Established in 1960, Meridian Hills was the first co-op in Indianapolis to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. From the beginning, our commitment has been to the education of parents as well as children.



Our rich history and excellent reputation continue to grow today. The school, housed at the First Congregational Church, includes six bright, well-equipped, handicapped accessible classrooms (three rooms for each class) and a beautifully designed, shaded, half-acre outdoor play area.

The Director has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Butler and 14 years experience in kindergarten and nursery school. The adult/child ratio is excellent. Summer playdates and teacher visits make the transition to pre-school and kindergarten as comfortable as possible for your child. Parental involvement, a key indicator of student success, is top priority at Meridian Hills Co-op Nursery School & Kindergarten.

## Meridian Hills Cooperative Nursery School & Kindergarten

We are a non-profit, cooperative organization where teachers and parents work together to create developmentally appropriate programs so that our children grow and thrive emotionally, socially, intellectually, and physically.

### Goals for Children:

- ◆ Develop strong, positive self-concepts and independence in preparation for school years.
- ◆ Develop socialization skills and awareness of the feelings of others.
- ◆ Develop self-control.
- ◆ Develop fine motor and large muscle skills.
- ◆ Develop appropriate language, science, and math skills.
- ◆ Stimulate curiosity and promote a desire to learn through exploration, discovery and imagination.
- ◆ Encourage creativity!

### Goals for Education:

Meridian Hills Cooperative offers a constant learning environment. We build the foundation for reading, writing, math, science and language. Open a college prospectus and you will find our curriculum, taught the way young children learn.

### Goals for Parents:

- ◆ Learn patient and positive guidance techniques.
- ◆ Understand limitations and capabilities of preschoolers.
- ◆ Accept all children as they are.
- ◆ Develop new friendships and support networks.
- ◆ Develop self-potential.
- ◆ Develop respect and appreciation for the importance of best practices in parenting and become better parents.

### Parent Involvement Means:

- ◆ Participating in the classroom approximately once or twice per month to enrich your child's education and to develop and enhance your parenting skills.
- ◆ Serving on the school governing board, which results in a high quality program at an affordable cost.
- ◆ Learning valuable parenting lessons by working and learning at orientation, parent education programs with expert speakers, group meetings, workdays and school-wide events.
- ◆ Finding that in spite of today's demands, co-oping is a workable and
- ◆ Rewarding choice for you and your child.

### APPLICATION FORM (PLEASE PRINT)

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enrollment Packet \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Placement \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For School Use Only)

To apply, return this form and a \$25 (non-refundable) Application Fee to:

MHCNS Attn: Membership  
 7171 N. Pennsylvania St.  
 Indianapolis, IN 46240

I am interested in enrolling my child in MHCNS for the 10/11 11/12 12/13 13/14 14/15 school year. (Circle one)

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_ Either parent an alumni? \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Returning family? Yes/No If yes, number of years at MHCNS? \_\_\_\_\_ First Congregational Church Member? Yes/No  
 How did you hear about MHCNS? \_\_\_\_\_ Other schools you are considering \_\_\_\_\_

The Application Fee associated with this form is a one-time fee, per child, for applying to MHCNS. If there is a Wait List, this fee also reserves a spot on that list. The order of the Wait List is determined by the date in which the Application Fee is received.

## Weekly Class Offerings

### 2s Class ♦ Finches

9:00 - 11:00 am  
Offered on Monday  
Age 2 by Sept. 1

### 3s Class ♦ Chickadees

T/Th 9:00 - 11:00 am  
Age 3 by Sept. 1

### 4s Class ♦ Robins

M/F 9:00 - 11:30 am  
W 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Age 4 by Sept. 1

### Kindergarten ♦ Kinderbirds

T/Th/F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Age 5 by Sept. 1

### Enrichment

A "Music and Movement" class is taught by a degreed music teacher and is offered twice per month to the 4s and Kindergartners and is included in the tuition fee.

### Optional Programs

"Lunch Bunch," an extended day program, is available to the 3 year old class based on parent interest.

## Tuition ♦ 2010-2011

Class	Monthly	Total
2s/Finches (8 hours per month)	\$48	\$432
3s/Chickadees (16 hours per month)	\$69	\$621
4s/Robins (36 hours per month)	\$151	\$1,359
5s/Kinderbirds (56 hours per month)	\$233	\$2,097

### Additional Fees (Non-refundable)

<b>Application</b>	\$ 25	A one-time fee, per child, for applying to MHCNS. If there is a Wait List, this fee also reserves a spot on that list. The order of the Wait List is determined by the date in which the Application Fee is received.
<b>Enrollment</b>	\$ 40	Due with payment of first month's tuition deposit.
<b>Orientation</b>	\$ 20	Due at the time of enrollment.
<b>Field Trip</b> 4s/Kindergarten only	\$25	Trips include: Clowes Hall, IMA, fruit picking, nature centers and hikes, Peewinkle Playhouse, fire station, horse barn, Conner Prairie, and many others.
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	\$150	3s Class only-due at the end of the first month of each semester.

*Meridian Hills Cooperative Nursery School & Kindergarten does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational and admissions policies.*

The following story represents a typical day in a four year old class. Other classes are age-appropriately similar.

"I love going to school. Since I am four, I am much less shy now and I try to run ahead in the parking lot to throw open the door to get in my school.

I run down the stairs to be greeted by Mrs. Shipley. She always sits in the same chair and asks me how I'm doing or asks questions about my clothes or what I brought to school. I really like talking to her. Then I take my backpack and coat to my cubby and wash my hands.

Because I'm four, I now know that I go into the meeting room for floor games. If mom or dad is 'ticipating, I may get to choose what we do. I usually know what I want to play, but if I don't, a grown-up is always there to help me.

Once all my friends come, we sit down for Meeting and Mrs. Shipley tells us about the day. I love to see my name on the job board, so I can feed the birds or help with the snack.

Then we can go from room to room and PLAY. Sometimes I paint or cook, build a block home for Squeakers (our guinea pig), or even take apart a radio to see what it looks like inside. I can jump off the jumping board or climb on the climber and on some days, Mrs. Shipley lets us wrestle on the mats! Other days, I just want to do puzzles, read a book or play in the play house. It doesn't matter how I am feeling, Mrs. Shipley lets me do what makes me happy.

After cleaning up from Free Play, we have Circle Time. While I am waiting, I look at a book and Mrs. Shipley visits quietly with each of us. Then Mrs. Shipley sings with us and reads a story. She teaches us things we didn't know before. We count to see how many days we have been in school and try to guess the number in the Guessing Jar. If my mom or dad is here, I get to "Show and Tell" something special I have brought. Sometimes the music teacher visits and we dance and sing and laugh.

After Circle Time, we wash our hands for snack. We have our own placemats, so I find my name and sit down. We wait to eat until we say a prayer, but then I eat fast, so I can go outside to play on the great big playground. I put on my coat (and boots if it is rainy or snowy) and hurry outside to swing, play in the sand, or climb on the climber. We have fun riding down the hill on the Big Wheels and sledding when there is snow. Sometimes we blow bubbles or make kites to blow in the wind. Once a week I get to stay for lunch, but every day before I have to leave for carpool, I get to climb on the climbing tree."

"You are going to LOVE my school!"



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Established 1960

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First Congregational Church  
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