

## **Attendance**

To ensure academic progress, consistent daily school attendance is a must. Avoid scheduling vacations during dates school is in session. Lengthy breaks are already scheduled in December and April and are the perfect times to consider scheduling a vacation.

## **Free and Reduced Lunches**

Under provisions of the National School Lunch Act, free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches are available to children of families who qualify. In certain cases, foster children are eligible for these benefits.

Free and reduced price breakfast/lunch application forms are available in the office and are available online. Applying online is the fastest way to approval, because the district can review and process the application immediately upon completion. The URL for on line application is: <https://www.fwps.org/lunchapplication> The website explains everything you need to know is very secure, and VERY fast. Occasionally, a change in family income or size during the school year may qualify youngsters who were earlier not eligible. Should this be your case, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families who might qualify to submit the application. The district qualifies for extra funds according to identified number of families qualifying for free or reduced lunches. For more information, call Nutrition Services at (253) 945-5555.

## **Dress**

Appropriate dress as well as appropriate behavior is expected at Meredith Hill. Students should dress in a clean, neat and modest fashion.

The following are prohibited: Clothing presenting a disruption of the educational process, clothing displaying obscene or sexual words, pictures, messages or innuendos; clothing which symbolizes gang membership or which displays gang-related words, symbols, messages, or pictures.

We ask that parents assist students in making responsible choices about their dress for school. Students who fail to comply with the following standards of dress will be subject to discipline, and parents will be notified: No halter tops, or spaghetti straps; tank top straps must be two finger widths wide. No hats, hoods or bandana scarves are to be worn in the building, except on special occasions; no pajamas, slippers, or any shirt that is short enough to expose the stomach; no pants that are unusually low-riding and are worn low on the hips revealing undergarments; shorts/skirts must be fingertip length; shoes need to be appropriate for recess and physical education class;. Clothes must cover midsection; no undergarments showing.

## **Feedback**

We value your input and feedback! We strive to be open in our communication and want to hear from you. If you have a suggestion, concern, or compliment you wish to express, please consider these guidelines:

1. Address your concern to the person most directly responsible (i.e., if you are concerned about a teacher's homework policy, talk with the teacher).
2. If you need to speak to the principal, please call (253) 945-3205 or reach out via email to [HBabbins@fwps.org](mailto:HBabbins@fwps.org)