

Bon View News

October 2024



Director's Notes

What a wonderful start we have had to our new school year. We are so thankful that each of you are a part of our 54th year! We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we all adjust to our new routines and schedules. We especially appreciate your help in getting our drop off and pick up procedures running smoothly. Having your child ready to exit the car each morning is allowing us to unload the entire school in just a few minutes. We also kindly ask that all toys stay at home. This ensures that we

can transition the children from car to school smoothly and get your kiddos into their classes to start their day.

As I walk through the school and playground, it warms my heart to see and hear the children playing joyfully. Having parents in the building is also creating that loving sense of community that Bon View is known for! I look forward to getting to know you all throughout this school year!

Corey C. Posey, M.Ed., Director

Teacher Training

Please note The Bon View School will be closed on **Friday, October 18th**. Our entire staff will be attending training. We require our teachers to accrue 20 plus ongoing education hours each school year. This ensures that our staff members are up to date with current educational philosophy, early childhood curriculum, and ongoing research in our field. We then bring that knowledge right back to our classrooms where it is put into action to ensure that your child is receiving the best early childhood education possible!



Carpool Reminders

You can help us keep carpool running smoothly by doing the following things:



1. Please pull all the way up to the car in front of you so that we can keep cars from backing up on Buford Rd.
2. Please keep your visor with the carpool number down until you exit the parking lot.
3. 1:15 carpool, please wait until the 12:45 carpool has wrapped up before entering the carpool line (usually around 1:00).
4. Please have your child use the bathroom before leaving home in the morning. With one teacher helping with carpool, that leaves one teacher in the classroom to supervise the children, and it can

be tricky when friends come in needing to use the bathroom first thing.

Thank you for all of your help!

Important Dates

October 3 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** for holiday

October 18 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** - All teachers to attend training

October 21 – Fall Pictures Groups C, E, 1, 3, 6

October 22 - Fall Pictures Groups 2, 4, 5, 7

October 23 - Fall Pictures Groups A, B, D, 8

October 29 & 30 - Parent Coffees 9:45-11:00 in Fellowship Hall



Fall Pictures

We are very excited to have Meg Winston here in October to take our fall pictures of each child. We will also take a class photo of each group. Dress your child in their fall best. Trust me when I say they will be ADORABLE!

If you have siblings enrolled at Bon View and you would like them photographed together, you are welcome to have sibling pictures taken prior to the start of school. Sibling pictures will begin at 9:00am in the Church Commons (park at the rear of the school and enter through the double red doors by the school courtyard). We will begin our class pictures promptly at 9:45am, so please plan on arriving early for sibling pictures. If you have twins that are in the same class, the teachers are happy to have them photographed together during their scheduled class time.

Play-Based Learning

Here at Bon View, we believe that a play-based curriculum is the most appropriate and effective preparation for young children. Spontaneous, voluntary, self-directed play provides children with greater cognitive, physical and social understanding of the world around them. Although it may appear to us that children are “just playing”, for children, play is the hardest work they do as they grow and develop. Teachers at Bon View create an environment that supports and enhances children’s play and actively engage with children in the class while honoring each child’s individual skills and abilities.

Learning through play leads to these advantages:



1. Helps build a strong educational foundation by developing a broad knowledge base and real-life skills. *“Play is the cement holding the foundation together and it is the foundation that will*

in turn support the house of higher learning.” Lisa Murphy

2. Helps develop an abundance of imagination and creativity. These children can “think outside of the box” and be problem-solvers by constructing limitless solutions and not just striving for one right answer. *“It can’t be in the mind until it’s been in the hand and the body.” Bev Boss*
3. Helps create a natural love of learning that continues throughout their lives.
4. Helps support happiness throughout life by providing well-practiced social skills and successful interpersonal relationships. Play turns children into social human beings.
5. Builds self-esteem and promotes risk taking in trying new things and ideas in all areas.



Stay In the Know!

Did you know that we post updates, cancellations, closings, reminders and other general information on our Facebook and Instagram pages throughout the year? Like and/or follow our pages for the most up to date information.

We also use the REMIND system to notify parents of last minute changes or closings. If you have not joined your class REMIND group yet, please do so.

Our school calendar can also be found on our website at www.bonviewschool.com to refer to as needed.

Reminder

It is very important that we have your correct contact information. If you have any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you!



Staff Highlights

Our staff is incredible, and they deserve to be recognized for their commitment to the field of early childhood education! Part of our teaching requirement is that our teachers receive 20 hours of training in early childhood every year so that we stay up to date on the latest information. This ongoing training comes right back into the classrooms to benefit you and your children! This month we'd like to recognize our amazing 5-day teams!

GROUP A:

Emily De Luca and Jennifer Phillips are our Group A team this year! With an undergraduate degree in Human Development and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, Emily has substantial knowledge in child development and teaching early childhood students. Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University and is entering into her sixth year of teaching at Bon View! Emily and Jennifer love the play-based philosophy of Bon View and hope to spark joy, create space for independence, build confidence, and entice exploration for each child in Group A.

GROUP B:

Molly Nuckols and Krista Brown are the Group B team this year! Molly has a degree in elementary education and many years of experience in teaching elementary and early childhood. When you combine Molly and Krista's teaching experience at Bon View, they are entering their 17th year! That's a lot of years in play based early childhood education! They believe that children are so capable, and they love being able to create opportunities for them to grow. They believe that when you look at the world through a child's eyes, you will discover why it's so amazing. The spark that children ignite when they learn something new is contagious, and Molly and Krista love being able to experience that joy with them.

GROUP C

Ann DiSalvo and Abbie Engelhard are in their second year working together in Group C! Ann has a degree in Early Childhood Development and has been putting all that knowledge to work here at Bon View for 32 years! Abbie has a Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University. She joined our staff last year and is reaping the benefits of working alongside Ann. They believe there is so much to learn from children and that in early childhood, lifelong skills are being developed. Two of their favorite quotes regarding the importance of play are:

"Playtime is precious. Play builds brain pathways for thinking, creativity, flexibility, empathy and many other lifelong skills." ~ Heather Shumaker

"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood, for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul." ~ Friedrich Froebel



Mrs. Phillips & Mrs. De Luca



Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Nuckols



Mrs. Engelhard & Mrs. DiSalvo



Contact Us

Email: bonview@bonviewschool.com

Website: www.bonviewschool.com

Location: 1645 Buford Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

Phone: [804-320-7043](tel:804-320-7043)

Facebook: facebook.com/bonviewschool

Follow Us on Instagram!



Cori Fitzgerald

Cori is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

