

Bon View News

November 2024

Director's Notes

November is a month to be thankful and we could not be more thankful for the wonderful months of school we have had so far. It is so enjoyable to watch the changing of the seasons through the eyes of a preschooler. There is magic everywhere! We are thankful for your support and for allowing us to spend time with your sweet children each day. I feel blessed each day to come to school and enjoy the time I get to spend with this Bon View family. My heart is truly overflowing with happiness each day!



This month, the teachers are reading stories about Thanksgiving. They will discuss our many blessings and ways we can share with others. Each Bon View student has the opportunity to share with Crestwood Elementary School Food Bank which helps families in need. The children may bring nonperishable food to Bon View by November 15th. The donations will be divided into meals for families in need. The school will provide gift cards for a Thanksgiving turkey to go along with each meal. Remaining items will be given to the school's food bank. Please help us out with this worthy cause by sending in the following non-perishable items:

Group A: canned vegetables

Group B: canned fruits and cranberry sauce

Group C: proteins (tuna, beans, soups, canned chicken, etc.)

Group D and E: gravy, stuffing and instant potatoes

Group 1 and 2: Peanut Butter

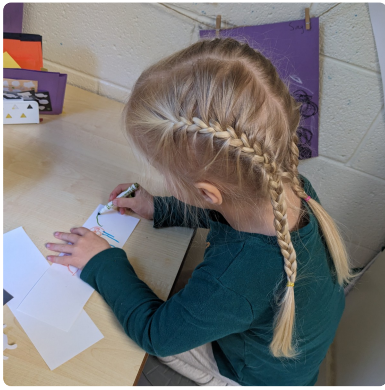
Group 3 and 4: pasta, mac-n-cheese, soup, and pasta sauce

Group 5 and 6: grains (corn bread mix, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc.)

Group 7 and 8: kid friendly snacks (granola bars, fruit pouches, etc.)

May your Thanksgiving be filled with blessings and time well spent with family and friends!

Corey C. Posey, M.Ed., Director



2025-2026 Applications

Applications for the 2025-2026 session of Bon View were emailed to current Bon View families who are eligible to return, as well as our past patrons and Church members. We certainly look forward to having your child with us again next year. As we have a high volume of new applications and as space is LIMITED, it is **very important for you to return your child's application and application fee as soon as possible. We will begin accepting applications for new families on November 15th.**



Important Dates

November 4 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Parent Teacher Conferences

November 5 - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

November 27, 28, & 29 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Holiday



Speak Easy RVA Speech Therapy

Bon View is partnering with Speak Easy RVA to conduct Speech and Language screenings on November 13 and 14. The screening will be completed at Bon View by a licensed Speech Language Pathologist. They will be assessing articulation, language, voice, dysfluency (stuttering), and social language skills through play/observation and informal checklists. This gives the information to determine if a child is on target regarding their speech and language skills or if further evaluation or therapy is

warranted. The results will be provided to parents/guardians via your preference indicated on the google form (email, text, phone call). If you have concerns regarding your child's speech development, please contact your child's teacher. Bon View will cover the cost for your child's screening!

Barnes & Noble Spirit Night

Mark your calendars for our Barnes & Noble Spirit Night on December 4th from 5:00-7:00. There will be books, crafts, and teachers reading some holiday favorites. What could be better? More information to come!



Scholarship Assistance

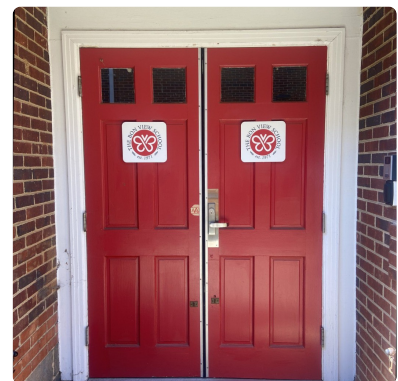
Did you know that Scholarship Assistance is available to those that may need it? Scholarships are needs-based and recipients are awarded partial tuition assistance in varying amounts based on need and availability of funds. The Bon View School Board Scholarship Committee reviews applications once a year. To apply for Scholarship Aid, a Scholarship Application needs to be completed with documented proof of income including the most current tax return. Following the receipt of these forms, the

Committee will review scholarship requests and applicants will be notified in writing of the Board's Decision.

Applications will be sent out in late January for the 2025-2026 School Year. If you would like to receive an application, please contact the office at bonview@bonviewschool.com no later than January 6, 2025.

Main Entrance

We love visitors at Bon View! Did you know our front entrance is for carpool only. If you visit the school any other time, please park in the back by the playground and walk through our courtyard to our double doors. We will buzz you into the school from there. 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 3-day teams!

GROUP D

Kim Towne and Jessica Harrigan are in their first year of working together at Bon View! We were fortunate enough to have them each join the Bon View team last year. Both Kim and Jess have backgrounds in art education and have a combined 16 years of experience working in the field of early education. As a team, they believe that early childhood is a time for exploration, creativity,

and play. They are passionate about fostering children's natural curiosities and helping them develop the skills they need to navigate the world with confidence and empathy.

GROUP E:

Amanda Rodes and Beth Tolley are the Group E team! Amanda has an undergraduate degree in Human Development and her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with 9 years experience teaching elementary school. After pursuing an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts, Beth decided to extend her learning and received her certification in early childhood education. This is Beth's fourth year at Bon View and Amanda's second. Together, they believe preschool is such a magical time full of growth and development. Their goal is to provide a warm, welcoming space for children to feel safe taking risks and learning through play. They are so grateful to be a small part of your child's learning journey!

GROUP 1:

Toni Gardner and Elizabeth Scott make up our Group 1 team! Toni has extensive knowledge in the field of early childhood education and is entering into her fifth year here at Bon View. She and Elizabeth have been heading up Group 1 for four years together and have a combined total of 9 years immersed in the Bon View play based philosophy! Together, they believe it is important to foster a love for reading, an appreciation for nature and a sense of wonder. They continue to create an atmosphere for the children to be able to engage in a deep level of play and connection. One of their favorite quotes regarding early childhood is...

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." ~ Fred Rogers

GROUP 2:

Erin Powell and Jeanne McLemore have been working together in Group 2 for 7 years! Jeanne was a lead teacher at Bon View for many years before she and Erin switched roles. They both have immense experience in the field of education. Erin has a bachelor's degree in Art Education and a certification in early childhood education. Jeanne has a degree in education from Virginia Tech and is entering her 23rd year here at Bon View and this will be Erin's 8th year! They are firm believers in play based learning for children and believe preschool should be filled with fun and friendships! This is a place where children can build confidence and be willing to take risks. They strive to provide a loving classroom environment for Whole Child Development (social, emotional, physical, language, cognitive, aesthetic, and spiritual). Through play, and hands-on experiences with art, music, and movement, children are learning life skills and pro-social behaviors that will help them form a positive attitude towards school and learning. They love Bon View so much that after their own children finished their preschool years here, they stayed!

GROUP 3

Candace Converse and Lauren Dail are our Group 3 team! Candace has a degree in education and has 8 years of teaching experience prior to joining us at Bon View. She was an assistant teacher last year and has stepped into the lead teacher role this year! Lauren has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from VCU and has been part of the Bon View family for many years, as a parent, a substitute, and an assistant teacher. Lauren and Candace enjoy building rapport and relationships with children and their families. They believe children learn best when they are in a community where children feel valued and loved. Candace and Lauren delight in the magic that takes place between children's genuine curiosity and creativity and strive to provide the type of environment where children thrive.



Mrs. Harrigan & Mrs. Towne



Mrs. Rodes & Mrs. Tolley



Mrs. Scott & Mrs. Gardner



Mrs. Powell & Mrs. McLemore



Mrs. Dail & Mrs. Converse

Resource Room Needs

If you have clothes (shirts, pants, underwear, or socks) that you are donating, please consider donating a few items to Bon View! We are in need of larger sizes (4T, 5T, 6T) in our extra clothes bin in the resource room. Thanks!



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