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The Bon View School for Early Childhood Education



December 2011

Dear Bon View Families,

We are so pleased that we were able to provide dinner to two families in need over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Many thanks for the generosity of our Bon View families who provided canned and nonperishable foods for the dinners. The turkey and other items for the dinner were purchased by the school. We were also able to donate a large amount of canned goods and boxed food to the Chalkley Elementary School Food Pantry. These items will benefit many families.

This fall we have also collected many paper Grocery Bags and children's art for the Meals on Wheels program. Your participation throughout the year is appreciated.

The week of Christmas Bon Air United Methodist Church will again host CARITAS (winter cots ministry for the homeless). Forty homeless guests (men) will be welcomed here at the church over the Christmas holiday. The holidays offer a great time to teach children about sharing and helping those less fortunate. You and your child can help with this mission project. Allow your child to shop with you and then bring in the following items to school:

- 1) Groups A, B and C are asked to bring deodorant, soap, baby powder and travel size shampoo.
- 2) Groups D & E are asked to bring deodorant, travel size shampoo, soap and lip moisturizer
- 3) Group 1, 2, 3 & 4 are asked to bring (travel size) toothpaste, tooth brushes and washcloths
- 4) Groups 5, 6, 7 & 8 are asked to bring snack items, bottled water and baked goods.

Many thanks to all of our Bon View families that participated in our Fall Fundraiser with Classic Cookie Dough. Also, thanks to the families who made a donation to the Scholarship Fund. We are so proud that we can make our quality preschool accessible to more children. We are so blessed to have had such a successful fundraiser and be able to add almost \$3,000 to the fund.

You are invited to join us on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Children's Christmas Service. The service will feature the Christmas Story performed by children (many who are Bon View students). This service is child-appropriate in length and content and is followed by a visit to the Living Nativity outside in front of the church. It is a perfect Christmas Eve service for the young ones.

May your holidays be filled with love, family time and the blessings of the season!

Lisa Zambito

Julia Dorsey



December Events:

- Groups A-E will be visiting the **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts** for "Madonna and Child Art Tours" with Mrs. Holly Peters (our Bon View Art Teacher). The schedule is as follows: 11/29- Gr. B, 11/30-Gr. D & E, and 12/1-Gr. A & C
- **December chapels** are scheduled for Thursday, 12/7 and 12/8 at 10:00. Parents are welcome to join us.
- Bon View's annual Staff Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, 12/8. **Reminder: School will close early on that day.** Your help is needed in picking up your children on the following dismissal schedule: **Noon**-Groups 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 **and 12:15** Groups A, B, C
- **Christmas Parties** will be held in the classrooms our last week of school.
12/14: Gr. D, E, 6, 8
12/15: Gr. A, B, C, 3, 4, 5, 7
12/16: Gr. 1, 2
- Our **4's and 5's Christmas Program** will begin at 11:00 on Friday, Dec. 16th in the Church Sanctuary with a Family Open House to follow in the gym. Children will be dismissed immediately following the program to their parents.
- **Dismissal on Friday, Dec. 16th will be at 12:15 for Groups 1, 2 & 8.**
- Our 2012 Book Study will begin on Friday, Jan. 6th. *Reminder: Book study registrations are due Friday, Dec. 2nd.* These are needed so that we may order, receive and distribute the books prior to the Christmas holidays.
- All CARITAS snack donations will be accepted through Dec. 16th. All toiletry items are due by Dec. 9th. Thank you for the blessings you share with those less fortunate.

Thought for the Month

Being part of Family Traditions helps reaffirm your child's sense of security and personal identity.

APPLICATIONS for the 2012-13 Session of Bon View School are being received in large numbers. Enrollment contracts will be mailed in January 2012 to those for whom we have applications and space available. Therefore, it is very important for you to return your child's application form ASAP if you have not already done so.

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Our Four's and Five's 2011 Christmas Program will be presented on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the church Sanctuary with an Open House to follow in the gymnasium for Groups A, B, C, D, E families.

Group A (Mrs. Rowe) and Group D (Mrs. Michael) parents are reminded to bring the treats you have prepared to the gymnasium by 10:30 a.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the Open House. Many thanks to our Group A and D parents and our Patrons' Committee Co-Chairs- Sherry Vladimirov, Maura Varley-Twyman, Leslie Hctor, Felice Eisenegger, Sabrina Cordovana, Karen Stallard, and Krista Dodson for coordinating this event.

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Our Winter 2012 Book Study will begin on Friday, January 6th and conclude on February 28th in Room 1102. The eight week Book Study will focus on the outstanding book, *Parenting with Love and Logic*. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at Noon each week.

Childcare will be provided in the Church Nursery for those who indicated on their registration forms that they needed this service. Please plan to arrive at the nursery before 9:55 with children who need child care.

We plan to send the books ordered home with the children of parents who have registered for the book study as soon as they arrive.

We are pleased to announce that our student tuition accounts are now computerized in an accounting program. As a kind reminder: Tuition installments are due on the first of each month. Please remit no later than the 15th of the month. After the 15th of each month, a \$10 late fee is automatically posted to the account. If you are paying after the 15th, please be sure to include the \$10 fee in your payment. We will be sending follow up statements to parents if the fee is not included. We thank you for your support and cooperation as we implement our new accounting system.

Upcoming Events at Bon Air UMC



Searching for Shepherds:

On Saturday, December 24, the church will be holding a traditional children's Christmas Pageant during 5:00 worship. All two year olds through 5th graders are invited to participate. If you would like to be a shepherd or an angel, contact Kelley Lane at klane@bonairumc.org by Thursday, December 10th at the latest.

Advent Festival:

Join us on Sunday, December 4, immediately following 11:00 worship. A lasagna and hot dog lunch will be served for \$5 per family. We will have crafts, Christmas carols, cookie decorating, fun and fellowship. Mrs. Zambito and Mrs. Dorsey will be helping with one of the crafts and hope to see some of their Bon View friends there! Sign up in the commons or e-mail Kelley Lane at klane@bonairumc.org.

Small Groups for Spiritual Formation:

Are you interested in growing closer to God in 2012? Small groups for spiritual formation will be meeting beginning in January. The time for these groups will be determined by those in the groups. Contact Kelley Lane at klane@bonairumc.org or call Kelley at 272-2042 x200 for further information.