



The Bon View School

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



February 2012 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The classrooms are busy with activities focusing on Winter experiences. Many groups are learning about hibernation. This concept was reinforced with a visit from The Storylady, Ali Pfautz who shared a story with each class about animals hibernating in the winter.

Several of the classes also enjoyed Pajama Days during the past month. The children were so excited to come into school wearing their p.j.'s. Hot chocolate, homemade donuts and stuffed animals were enjoyed. Thank you to the parents who helped with the making of the yummy donuts!

Many of you may have noticed our new school logo on the masthead of the newsletter. A big thank you to Laura Marr, a Bon View parent, for creating this great new logo for the school. Her creativity and hard work is truly appreciated. The Patron's Committee is currently offering Bon View Spiritwear for purchase bearing the new logo. You can choose a t-shirt, sweatshirt or decal for your car. There are samples in the office to look at for sizing purposes. We look forward to seeing our students and their parents "sporting" the new logo.

We have sincerely enjoyed the first month of 2012 with the children and families of The Bon View School. We look forward to watching each child grow and develop over the course of the upcoming year. We thank each of you for your support of The Bon View School!

Sincerely,

Lisa Zambito
Director of Education

Julia Dorsey
Director of Operations



February Events:

- 2/1 & 2/2-February Chapels are held at 10:00. All parents are invited!
- 2/9 & 2/10-Grandparents Day at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall for Groups 1 & 2 (Friday) and Groups 3 & 4 (Thursday)
- 2/13-2/15-Valentine's Parties are held in the classrooms.
- 2/15 & 2/16-Jonathan Austin the Juggler performs at 11:00 in the gym.
- **2/20- The Bon View School is closed**
- 2/23-Dr. Clemo presents "The Human Body" to Groups A, B and C
- 2/24-Last Book Study on [Parenting with Love and Logic](#)

The Chalkley Connection

Bon Air UMC helps support Chalkley Elementary School and their families. They urgently need markers, glue sticks, and composition notebooks. They can also use ink pens for the school-wide writing program. If you would like to help, you can bring your items to the school office.

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For those of you who use your child's tuition as a child-care deduction, our Federal Tax Identification Number is 54-0630771.



*Thought for the Month*

*Kids learn best and are responsible when they feel good about themselves. Sometimes that means standing by as our kids struggle to complete a task we could easily do for them*

*Foster Cline & Jim Fay  
Parenting with Love & Logic*

Safety Alert—Please note:

1. We understand that the children are excited each morning to enter school. This makes it difficult to wait calmly outside the double doors (by the drink machine) for the school to open each day. We ask that you be courteous of the church office staff that are working just at the top of the red steps. When children run up and down the ramp it makes it very loud upstairs where they are answering phones and working. The ramp is also very dangerous for children to run up and down as they may fall and hit their heads. We appreciate your supervision of the children during this time so that we can be respectful of the church staff upstairs.

2. We constantly are striving to make carpool as safe as possible. We have noticed that parents are exiting cars and chatting while waiting for the carpool line to start moving. We are so excited to see parents connecting and sharing. However, we have also noticed that the younger children are also exiting the cars and playing in or adjacent to the parking lot. Please remember that there is traffic in the parking lot from all directions as church patrons enter and exit, as well. It is extremely hazardous to allow children to play in or near the parking lot as they may dart in front of moving vehicles. For this reason, we ask that younger siblings remain in your vehicle during carpool.

We thank each of you for your prompt attention to each of these matters. It is always our top priority to keep the students of The Bon View School as safe as possible. Your help and support will go a long way to making this happen!

Acceptance letters were mailed the first week of February to all those having applications on file and as space was available for our 2012-2013 Session. It is very important that those accepted return their enrollment paperwork by March 1st. We will be unable to hold spots for those families who have not returned their paperwork by the deadline. Please contact the school office at 320-7043 if there are any questions.

Spring 2012 Extended Play will begin in March and will be held on the following dates: March 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27, April 2/3, 16/17, 23/24, 30/01. Children in Groups A, B, C, D, E and 1, 2, 3, 4 are eligible to register for this afternoon program which concludes at **2:30 p.m.** for its participants. Registration information will be sent home in early February. Information will also be sent home soon regarding the "Fine Arts in the Afternoon" program. This program is offered to children in Groups A, B, C, D and E.

Upcoming Parent Events

**The Culture of Girls:** Understand the culture of school-age girls, why they form cliques and how to help girls navigate through the social scene. Monday, Feb. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 per person, Location: Innsbrook

**Raising a Responsible and Independent Child:** Stop nagging and reminding your elementary school children and get them to take more initiative. Learn tips to get your child to do chores, homework and show respect. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$25 per person, Location: Innsbrook

You can call 804-545-1272 or enroll online at: [www.commonwealthparenting.org](http://www.commonwealthparenting.org)

Don't forget to turn in your Campbell's' Labels and Box Tops for Education. Just send them in your child's folder. It's an easy way to benefit Bon View and Chalkley Elementary School.

