

# Bon View News

January 2023

## Director's Notes

Happy New Year! We hope your holiday was filled with love, happiness and lots of quality time spent with your loved ones. We are ready to welcome 2023 with open arms and look forward to the year ahead. We know it will be full of blessings and count your family as one of our biggest blessings!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our coat drive in December. In partnership with Bon Air United Methodist Church, we were able to provide warm coats to many families at Crestwood Elementary. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for sharing your sweet children with us again in this New Year! We look forward to continuing to watch them grow, learn and explore with us here at Bon View!!

We wish you many blessings and happiness in 2023!

Corey C. Posey, M.Ed., Director



## 2023-2024 Applications

Bon View will send acceptances for places in our 2023-2024 School Session by the end of January. February is our enrollment month; February 17th is the deadline for returning enrollment contracts and fees.

Should any of you wish to give your young 4 year old the gift of time in Bon View's 5's program, please contact us to send home an application for your child.

Again, many thanks for your vote of confidence evidenced by the wonderful comments we are hearing from your friends who have contacted us in regard to enrolling their children. We still have

openings for next school year so please continue to spread the good word about Bon View to your friends and neighbors.

## **Carpool**

As we head into the new year, we wanted to remind you of a few things that can help us continue to have a safe and efficient carpool. In the mornings, please have your children stay safely inside the car and not hanging out of the windows or sunroofs. In the afternoons, it would be very helpful for all adults to stay in their cars. The teachers will open the door and help your children into your vehicle. We appreciate your assistance in getting your children buckled in as quickly as possible.

At Bon View, we foster independence and create Can Do Kids! Now is a great time to encourage your children to learn to buckle themselves. Thank you for your continued support in helping our carpool run smoothly and safely for everyone. Please share the information with family and friends as well who help you with drop off and pick up.

## **Bon View Kids are Can-Do Kids**

A big pillar of our philosophy here at Bon View is empowering children to take care of themselves and their belongings. When children are Can-Do Kids they grow in self-esteem, independence and most importantly CONFIDENCE! As parents, you too, can encourage your children to be Can-Do Kids and help them grow in confidence. Here are a few tips:

### **1. Let Them Make Decisions**

When your child gets to make choices from a young age, they will gain confidence in their own judgment. Of course, kids love to run the show and having too much control can be overwhelming. It is best to give them 2 options to choose from: For example: instead of asking what they want for lunch ask if they would like pasta or a sandwich for lunch. This gives them a choice, but also keeps the parent in charge.

### **2. Don't Rescue Your Child**

"Kids get the most out of what they can accomplish for themselves. Sometimes that means standing by as our kids struggle to complete a task we could easily help them with or do for them." (from Parenting with Love and Logic). It is natural to want to help your child, but when you intervene – helping put their coat/shoes on, unpacking their tote bag, etc.—you are taking away their chance for practicing an important skill and gaining confidence while doing it. It can be hard when you are in a hurry, but try to allow your child the time to master these skills on their own.

### **3. Support Healthy Risks**

Encourage your child to explore, try new things and stretch out of their comfort zone. For example: trying bigger playground equipment, or carrying their own plate to the dishwasher, etc. New experiences increase their confidence and embolden children to try even more new things. Preschoolers are resilient and can do lots of things when given the chance!

The flip side, of course, of having choices and taking risks is that sometimes your child will make mistakes. This is a good thing. Perfection is not the goal. Children have to make mistakes to learn how

to be successful the next time. So let mistakes happen and know that it means you are letting your child grow.

“It’s not what you have taught your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.” – Ann Landers



## Important Dates

January 2nd: SCHOOL CLOSED for New Year’s Day

January 16th: SCHOOL CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



## Employment Opportunities

From time to time Bon View teachers move or retire, leaving an opening in our teaching staff. In filling any vacancy, The Bon View School looks for teachers and assistants who possess a genuine love of young children. Teachers are required to have a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education and experience in child development or preschool settings. Because of our accreditation requirements we will also be looking for Assistant Teachers who have course work and experience in early childhood education.

Bon View School is an equal opportunity employer. Potential employees must undergo national and state background checks, including fingerprinting. Anyone interested please contact Corey Posey at: [cposey@bonviewschool.com](mailto:cposey@bonviewschool.com)

## Tax Time!

For those of you using your child’s tuition payments as child care deductions, our Federal Tax ID number is 54-0630771.

If you need a printout of your 2022 expenses, please contact our Assistant Director/Business Administrator, Sherry, at [svlad@bonviewschool.com](mailto:svlad@bonviewschool.com)



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