



The Bon View School



FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Director's Notes

What a wonderful start we have had to our new school year. We are so thankful that each of you are part of our 51st year here at Bon View. 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 unbuckled and ready to exit the car each morning is allowing us to unload the entire school in just a few minutes. This ensures that we get the children into their classes to start their day.

Thank you for continuing to abide by our illness policies. We are all in this together and applaud your diligence in following our policies. Thank you for erring on the side of caution and keeping your child(ren) home if they are showing any symptoms of illness. "When in doubt, keep them out" helps us to keep our school community as healthy as possible.

As I walk through the school and playground, it warms my heart to see and hear the children playing joyfully. We are hopeful to have parents back in our school when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, I am only a phone call or email away. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always here to help!

Lisa Zambito
Director



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!

Teacher Training

Please note The Bon View School will be closed on **Friday, October 8th**. Our entire staff will be attending training. As a requirement of our National Accreditation, our teachers must 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 on-going 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!

Important Dates

October 8 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** – All teachers to attend training
October 18, 19 and 20 – Fall Pictures

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Please note that our Parent Coffees originally scheduled for October have been postponed due to current conditions. We will work to reschedule them as soon as conditions improve.

Fall Pictures

We are very excited to have Meg McCann here in October to take our fall school pictures of each child. We are unable to have pony pictures this fall, but will instead have "apple farm" shots taken. Dress your child in cute overalls, jeans, etc. for a fun look. We will send out some samples as we get closer, so you will see what they will look like. Trust me when I say they will be ADORABLE!!

We will also take a class photo of each group. We will be taking these outside, but would love to take the pictures without their masks. If you have an objection to your child not wearing a mask for an outside group photo, please let their teacher know.

If you have siblings enrolled at Bon View and you would like them photographed together, please let their teacher know. We will work with their teachers to have their pictures taken together during the school day. We will not be able to photograph children that are not enrolled at Bon View.

No Phone Zone

Carpool: We kindly ask that you help in our effort to make our carpool line a "**no phone zone.**" When the carpool line starts moving, we ask that you refrain from using your cell phone. This will help keep our children and staff safe when loading and unloading and also allow parents to engage with their children during this time.

We thank you for your patience with our carpool as we began this new year. Our staff is learning everyone's faces and the children are getting into a nice routine. We are getting faster loading in the afternoon thanks to your help and cooperation!

Facebook and Instagram

Please like our Bon View School page on Facebook. We post cancellations, closings, reminders and other general information on this page throughout the year. We also have an Instagram page where we post frequently. Our school calendar can also be found on our website at www.bonviewsschool.com to refer to as needed.



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.