

# Welcome to The Bon View School!

August 2022 Newsletter

## Director's Notes

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Session of the Bon View School! We are so excited to have you and your child as part of our 52nd year in the field of Early Childhood Education.

We are excited about our upcoming year! We look forward to building parent partnerships with each of our Bon View families. Please know that you and your ideas are valued here at Bon View. We consider you, the parents, your child's most important teacher. It is essential that we work together during your child's early learning years to provide for their optimal development.

If you have any questions pertaining to this newsletter or your child's enrollment, please contact us at 804-320-7043 or via email: [bonview@bonviewschool.com](mailto:bonview@bonviewschool.com). We will be working through the remainder of the summer to finalize plans for our upcoming school year. Please take a few minutes to read through this email as it contains a lot of important information and a couple action items. If you have a child that is enrolled in any program other than our 2's and Young 3's Programs who is NOT yet POTTY TRAINED, please contact the school office ASAP.

On a personal note, I am beyond thrilled to be a part of the Bon View family again and look forward to meeting you and your children.

Working together as a team, this will be a terrific school year for you and your child! We are excitedly awaiting our first day to greet each smiling face!!

Corey C. Posey, M.Ed., Director

## First Day of School

The first day of school for the 2022-2023 School Year will be as follows (your teacher will email you your group number by August 25th):

Groups A, B, C, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7: Tuesday, September 6th

Groups D, E, 1, 6 and 8: Wednesday, September 7th

School Day Hours Are:

9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. -for Groups 7 and 8

9:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m.-for Groups D, E, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

9:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.-for Groups A, B and C

**\*\*\* Groups 5, 6, 7 and 8 will dismiss early the first week of school \*\*\***

The carpool doors will open at 9:45 a.m. each school day and dismissal will begin at the times listed above. Parents, please arrive promptly each morning so that your children may begin the day's activities with their friends. Prompt arrival at dismissal time is also important to young children who have difficulty "waiting" when their friends have already been picked up.



## Parent and Student Orientation

The following are opportunities planned for orienting new families to our school. We are hopeful that ALL new families—as well as all returning families will be with us at the events listed below:

Parent Orientation will be Tuesday, August 30th at 6:30pm. We will begin the Orientation in the Church Sanctuary, therefore, please enter at the side of the church through the stained glass doors. After a brief overview and introduction of our teachers and staff, parents will go to their child's classroom (or designated area if the classroom is a shared space) to hear from their teachers and explain the expectations for the school year.

Student Orientation will be held on either August 31, September 1, or 2. This is a time for students to visit their classroom and meet their teachers and some of their classmates. Your child's teacher will email your child's classroom assignment and your arrival time and date for orientation by no later than August 25th.

We look forward to having each of you with us at these important orientations! We truly want to start building our home-school connection as early as possible.

## Our Philosophy

The Bon View School serves as an outreach ministry for young children, ages two to six, in our Church and community. We focus on developing the Whole Child through a play-based, hands on curriculum. Our philosophy includes emphasizing social and self-help skills to create independent, Can-Do kids who go off to Kindergarten with confidence.

## Student Activity Fees

Each School Year, we collect a Student Activity Fee for each child. The fee reflects the costs of student activities for one parent and one student for each of the Programs' field trips. In addition to field trips, the Student Activity Fund defrays the cost for paid resource people who visit throughout the year. It also covers a fee per child to the Patrons' Committee for expenses incurred from hosting the annual Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon.

For the 2022-2023 School Year, the Student Activity Fee will be \$65.00 per child and will be due by September 9th. This fee can be paid by cash or check. If you prefer, you can pay this fee with a debit or credit card on our website. A nominal convenience fee will be added to any online payments. Please note that we cannot accept debit or credit cards over the phone or in person.

## Important Reminders and Action Items

September tuition and the Student Activity Fee are due by September 9th. We thank you for your prompt payment.

In order for your children to begin school the week of September 6th, we need to have the following on file by September 2nd:

- We need to see an original copy of your child's birth certificate. (This applies only to students NEW to Bon View). Please bring it with you to Parent Night or your child's Orientation Visit.
- A current Virginia Health Form and Immunization Form; the first part of this form (Medical History) should be completed by you, the parent. The second part must be completed by your child's physician.



Please take a moment to complete the Parent Questionnaire [here](#). Our Parent Questionnaire is an important tool for our teachers to learn all about your child. This helps them to get to know your child as best as possible prior to their first day of school.

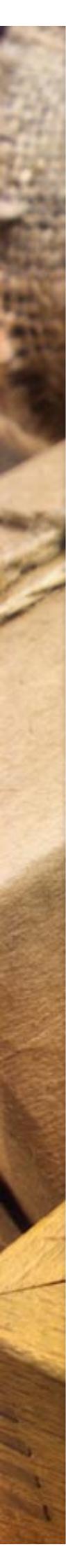
The Parent/Student Handbook can be accessed [here](#). At the Parent Orientation, we will ask for your signature indicating that you have received and read the current Handbook (this is required as part of our accreditation).

## Supply List

Your child will need the following items for the first day of school:

1. A large tote bag **at least 20" x 16"**. A simple tote bag is best. ***Be sure that lunch box and folder fit easily.*** We ask that the bag have an open top without zippers, buckles, etc. Please refrain from using any diaper bags and back packs. We encourage independence and this allows the children to pack and unpack their own bag with ease. If you did not already purchase a Bon View tote bag and wish to do so, we do have a few available for purchase (they will have the Bon View logo, but will not be embroidered). If you purchased a tote bag, they will be given to you on Parent Night.
2. A lunch box and non-spill, refillable drink container filled with water. We have fewer accidents and less frustration when using drink containers with flip top lids. Please be sure the lunch box fits inside the tote bag. Label ALL lunch box/drink containers/other items including tops, spoons, etc., with your child's name.
3. Pocket Folder with Child's first and last name on it. (Pockets on the bottom of the folder preferred.)

## Helping Your Child Have a Successful Start at Bon View



The first day of preschool is a huge milestone in your child's life. With the excitement, also come feelings of anxiety and nervousness for both parent and child. The child may feel a little lonely or lost when their parent leaves and the parent also will feel a little sad as they leave their child at preschool for the first time.

Here at Bon View we realize that this is a BIG DEAL to your child. Our teachers are eager to do everything possible to make your child's beginning or return to Bon View as happy as possible. The most important thing you can do to help with this is to bring your child to their Student Orientation at their scheduled time. This is a great chance to meet the teacher and some of the other children in the class. Seeing the classroom and friendly faces really helps alleviate a lot of anxiety.

Before school begins, you may want to visit a public library to check out some books with a "starting school" theme. Such stories can help your children get in touch with their feelings about going to a new place and separating from you. Reading also gives children an opportunity to talk about their feelings or ask questions about what to expect. Be supportive and acknowledge any fears or concerns they may have. This is normal and hearing your parent say, "It is OK to be scared, I understand" will be very comforting. You may also share with your child that you, too, get nervous or scared in new situations.

It is also important for you to be aware of your own feelings. Many children have increased difficulty with separation because their parents have such a hard time letting them go. Remember, your child will take their cues from you. If you have positive expectations and are enthusiastic about the preschool experience, they will be too!

Encouraging independence helps your children's feeling of self-confidence grow. By allowing your children to take part in their school preparation they will feel more in control of the situation. Allow them to help pack their own snack, choose their own clothing, and carry their own tote bags into school. Giving children choices helps them feel empowered and thus, less nervous or anxious.

We have found that the family pictures you provide us and which we display in the classroom help your child feel more secure. Seeing your family photo on the classroom wall lets the child know that this is where they belong. Please make every effort to bring these family photos with you when you come to your child's Orientation Visit. Also, many of our teachers will send home pictures of themselves to help the child learn their names and faces. Please allow your child to see these as much as possible prior to their start of school. It greatly helps with their separation anxiety, especially in the youngest classrooms.

When dropping your child off in the carpool line, reassure them that you will come back and that you love them. Then say goodbye with confidence. Don't worry! We will take it from there! Working as partners, we can be sure that you and your child will have a successful transition into a new year of preschool!





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