Bon View News

November 2026

Director's Notes



November is a month to be thankful and we could not be more thankful for the wonderful months of school we have had so far. It is so enjoyable to watch the changing of the seasons through the eyes of a preschooler. There is magic everywhere! We are thankful for your support and for allowing us to spend time with your sweet children each day. I feel blessed each day to come to school and enjoy the time I get to spend with this Bon View family. My heart is truly overflowing with happiness each day!

This month, the teachers are reading stories about Thanksgiving. They will discuss our many blessings and ways we can share with others. Each Bon View student has the opportunity to share with Crestwood Elementary School Food Bank which helps families in need. The children may bring nonperishable food to Bon View by November 18th. The donations will be divided into Thanksgiving meals for families in need. The school will provide gift cards for a Thanksgiving turkey to go along with each meal. Remaining items will be given to the school's food bank. Please help us out with this worthy cause by sending in the following non-perishable items:

Group A: canned vegetables
Group B: canned fruits and cranberry sauce
Group C: proteins (tuna, beans, soups, canned chicken, etc.)
Group D and E: gravy, stuffing and instant potatoes
Group 1 and 2: Peanut Butter
Group 3 and 4: pasta, mac-n-cheese, soup, and pasta sauce
Group 5 and 6: grains (corn bread mix, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc.)
Group 7 and 8: kid friendly snacks (granola bars, fruit pouches, etc.)

May your Thanksgiving be filled with blessings and time well spent with family and friends!

Corey C. Posey, M.Ed., Director

2027-2028 Applications

Applications for the 2027-2028 session of Bon View will be emailed to current Bon View families who are eligible to return, as well as our past patrons and Church members on November 1st. We



certainly look forward to having your child with us again next year. As we have a high volume of new applications and as space is LIMITED, **it is very important for you to return your child's application and application fee as soon as possible. We will begin accepting applications for new families on November 15th.**

Important Dates



November 2 – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
November 3 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25, 26, & 27 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Thanksgiving Holiday

First Priority Occupational Therapy

First Priority OT will be hosting occupational therapy screenings the week of November 9th (during your child's typical school hours) at Bon View. Please consider an occupational therapy screening for your child if you have concerns related to self-regulation, emotional and social awareness, sensory interpretation and processing, attention and focus, transitions, fine and gross motor skills, visual motor and perceptual skills, and/or functional play skills. If you are interested in pursuing this $35 screening for your child, please contact your child's teacher so she can provide additional information. First Priority will share the results and observations of your child's screening with you via email. Should further occupational therapy services be indicated as beneficial following the screening, First Priority OT therapists are available to provide therapy at Bon View School or privately in-home. Click here if you would like more information or to sign up for an assessment!

Speak Easy RVA Speech Therapy

Bon View is partnering with Speak Easy RVA to conduct Speech and Language screenings on November 11 and 12. The screening will be completed at Bon View by a licensed Speech Language Pathologist. They will be assessing articulation, language, voice, dysfluency (stuttering), and social language skills through play/observation and informal checklists. This gives the information to determine if a child is on target regarding their speech and language skills or if further evaluation or therapy is warranted. The results will be provided to parents/guardians via your preference indicated on the google form (email, text, phone call). If you have concerns regarding your child's speech development, please contact your child's teacher. Bon View will cover the cost for your child's screening! Fill out the form here if you would like to sign your child up for an assessment.



Barnes & Noble Spirit Night

Mark your calendars for our Barnes & Noble Spirit Night on December 2nd from 5:00-7:00. There will be books, crafts, and teachers reading some holiday favorites. What could be better? More information to come!

Scholarship Assistance

Did you know that Scholarship Assistance is available to those that may need it? Scholarships are needs-based and recipients are awarded partial tuition assistance in varying amounts based on need and availability of funds. The Bon View School Board Scholarship Committee reviews applications once a year. To apply for Scholarship Aid, a Scholarship Application needs to be completed with documented proof of income including the most current tax return. Following the receipt of these forms, the Committee will review scholarship requests and applicants will be notified in writing of the Board's Decision.



Applications will be sent out in late January for the 2027-2028 School Year. If you would like to receive an application, please contact the office at bonview@bonviewschool.com no later than January 8, 2027.



Parenting Resources in the Office

Did you know that we have a collection of books and other parenting resources in the office? Feel free to stop by and borrow a book or get a recommendation!







Staff Highlights

Our staff is incredible, and they deserve to be recognized for their commitment to the field of early childhood education! Part of our teaching requirement is that our teachers receive 20 hours of training in early childhood every year so that we stay up to date on the latest information. This ongoing training comes right back into the classrooms to benefit you and your children! This month we'd like to recognize our amazing 3-day teams!

Group D

Emily De Luca and Jennifer Phillips are our Group D team this year! With an undergraduate degree in Human Development and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, Emily has substantial knowledge in child development and teaching early childhood students. This is her seventh year teaching at Bon View! Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science degree from East Carolina University and is entering into her eighth year at Bon View! Emily and Jennifer love the play-based philosophy of Bon View and hope to spark joy, create space for independence, build confidence, and entice exploration for each child in Group D.

Group E & 4

Beth Tolley and Jess Harrigan are our Group E and Group 4 team! Beth has a BFA in Theater and Music from the University of Kentucky. Her background in music comes in handy in the classroom because they sing every day! She went back to school a few years ago to receive a certification in early childhood education and is entering her sixth year as a teacher at Bon View. Jess has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from UVA and also has an Art certification and license from JMU. She taught Art in public school for 4 years and this is her fourth year being a part of the Bon View team. Beth and Jess believe children learn best through play! They encourage hands-on exploration so the children can discover and develop their interests with support from their teachers. They set up the learning environment with intentionality and purpose and let the children express themselves freely. These teachers are passionate about fostering children's natural curiosities and helping them develop the skills needed to navigate the world with confidence and empathy.

Group 1

Amanda Fuqua and Elizabeth Scott are in their first year working together in Group 1! Amanda has an undergraduate degree in Biology and obtained her certification in early childhood education in order to be a Bon View teacher! Elizabeth holds a Bachelor's Degree from JMU and has been part of the Bon View teaching staff for six years, just like Amanda! They believe strongly that play and letting the students create experiences with hands-on creativity will build a strong foundation of a love for learning in the future. Let them get messy, create, be curious, ask questions; this is how they will discover not only themselves but the world around them!

"Tell me and I'll forget. Teach me and I'll remember. Involve me and I'll learn." Benjamin Franklin

Group 2

Erin Powell and Stephanie Nicholas are our Group 2 team and this is their second year together! Erin is entering her 10th year teaching at Bon View. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from VCU where she received her license to teach Visual Arts. She also received her certification in Early Childhood Development from Brightpoint College. Stephanie is a former Bon View parent and joined the team last year! She holds a Bachelor's from the University of Richmond and a Master's in Social Work from VCU. Erin and Stephanie are firm believers in play-based learning for children and believe preschool should be filled with fun and friendships! This is a place where children can build confidence and be willing to take risks. They strive to provide a loving classroom environment for Whole Child Development (social, emotional, physical, language, cognitive, aesthetic, and spiritual). Through play and hands-on experiences with art, music, and movement, children are learning life skills and pro-social behaviors that will help them form a positive attitude towards school and learning.

Group 3

Abbie Engelhard and Allie Cushing are our Group 3 team this year! Abbie has been an assistant for the past three years and we are excited that she has stepped into the lead teacher role this year! She is currently pursuing her Master's in Education degree. We are thrilled that Allie is back with us this year on staff! She has a Bachelor's degree in Biology from UVA and was an assistant in one of our older classes for many years.
Abbie and Allie believe childhood should be filled with muddy hands, wild imaginations, endless questions, and wonderful little adventures! Fred Donaldson's words beautifully capture why they

love teaching: play is not simply a break from learning; it is how children discover the world and their place within it. Whether building friendships, solving problems, or turning an ordinary afternoon into an extraordinary adventure, children are learning far more than they realize. Abbie and Allie feel incredibly fortunate to nurture that curiosity, celebrate those magical little moments, and help inspire a lifelong love of learning!

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn."
- Fred Donaldson



Group D Mrs. De Luca and Mrs. Phillips



Groups E & 4 Mrs. Tolley and Mrs. Harrigan



Group 1 Mrs. Fuqua and Mrs. Scott



Group 2 Mrs. Nicholas and Mrs. Powell



Group 3 Mrs. Engelhard and Mrs. Cushing

Resource Room Needs

If you have clothes (shirts, pants, underwear, or socks) that you are donating, please consider donating a few items to Bon View! We are in need of larger sizes (4T, 5T, 6T) in our extra clothes bin in the resource room. Thanks!

BAUMC Christmas Pageant

If your child is interested in participating in the church's Christmas pageant this year, please fill out the form here!

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