# Bon View News

October 2022

#### **Director's Notes**

What a wonderful start we have had to our new school year. We are so thankful that each of you are a part of our 52nd year! 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. We also kindly ask that all toys stay at home. This ensures that we can transition the children from car to school smoothly and get your kiddos 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. At this time, our policy is that children who test positive for COVID stay at home for 5 days following the positive test result. On day 6 they can return to school as long as they wear a mask for 5 more days or produce a negative test. 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 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. Having parents back in the building is also creating that loving sense of community that Bon View is known for! I look forward to getting to know you all throughout this school year!

Corey C. Posey, M.Ed., Director



## **Teacher Training**

Please note The Bon View School will be closed on **Friday, October 7th**. 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 7 - SCHOOL CLOSED - All teachers to attend training

October 24, 25, and 26 - Fall Pictures

October 31 - November 4 - Scholastic Book Fair (more info coming later)

#### **Fall Pictures**

We are very excited to have Meg McCann here in October to take our fall pictures of each child. We will also take a class photo of each group. Dress your child in their fall best. Trust me when I say they will be ADORABLE!

If you have siblings enrolled at Bon View and you would like them photographed together, you are welcome to have sibling pictures taken prior to the start of school. Sibling pictures will begin at 9:00am in the Church Commons (park at the rear of the school and enter through the double red doors by the school courtyard). We will begin our class pictures promptly at 9:45am, so please plan on arriving early for sibling pictures. If you have twins that are in the same class, the teachers are happy to have them photographed together during their scheduled class time.



## **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 develops an abundance of imagination and creativity.

  These children can "think outside of the box" and be problemsolvers 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.

#### **Fall Festival**

Bon Air United Methodist Church (BAUMC) will be holding its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00am - noon. Join us for some good Fall Fun; including trunk or treat, pumpkin painting, and a bouncy house. Be sure to visit the Bon View Trunk! A flier will be sent home soon with more details, but be sure to mark your calendars now. All are welcome!!



## Stay In the Know!

Did you know that we post updates, cancellations, closings, reminders and other general information on our Facebook and Instagram pages throughout the year? Like and/or follow our pages for the most up to date information.

We also use the REMIND system to notify parents of last minute changes or closings. If you have not joined your class REMIND group yet, please do so.

Our school calendar can also be found on our website at <a href="https://www.bonviewschool.com">www.bonviewschool.com</a> to refer to as needed.

#### Reminder

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!



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