



The Bon View School

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



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We wish all our Bon View families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Director's Notes

Many thanks for the generosity of our Bon View families who provided canned goods and nonperishable foods for our food drive. We were able to provide very full meals to three families in the Crestwood Elementary community, as well as lots of other non-perishable food for their food bank. Bon View provided gift cards for families to purchase the turkey and perishable items. We are so blessed to be a part of this generous community.

We will partner with the church on a coat drive as our Christmas donation drive this year. They are collecting new or gently used coats for children at Chalkley and Crestwood Elementary Schools. They are collecting coats sized 4T through 14. They can be dropped off in the collection bin at the church entrance (doors facing Vietor St.) or by sending them in with your child. If you choose to send it in with your child, please put the donation in a separate bag and label it "Coat Donation." Thank you for help supporting this worthy outreach effort.

We are looking forward to spending the month of December with your sweet children. Christmas is always more magical when seen through the eyes of a child. Thank you for sharing them with us in this most wonderful season of all.

Lisa Zambito
Director

2022-2023 Applications

Applications for the 2022-2023 Session of Bon View School are being received in large numbers. Enrollment contracts will be mailed in January 2022 to those for whom we have applications and space available. Therefore, it is very important for you to return your child's application form ASAP if you have not already done so. The only payment we need right now is the \$25.00 application fee. The Registration Fee and Deposit will be due after you receive your acceptance letter. Also, should you have family or friends who are interested in enrolling their children for Bon View's 2022-2023 Session, now is the time to contact us.

Important Dates

December 10: early dismissal for staff luncheon - *Groups D, E, 1, 2 and 8 dismiss at 12:15 and Groups A, B and C dismiss at 12:45*

December 20 – 31: SCHOOL CLOSED for Christmas Break

Christmas Program

The Bon View Four's and Five's classes will have their Christmas Program on Friday, December 17th in the Church Sanctuary. Children from Groups A, B, C, D, and E will perform several songs that they have been working on with Mrs. Fidler, our music teacher. Some important details include:

- Groups C, D, and E will perform at 11:15am
- Groups A and B will perform at 12:15pm
- We ask that families arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time so that we can maintain appropriate social distancing and ensure that each group has time to exit
- Parents and grandparents are able to attend the Program, but must be masked while indoors (younger siblings may also attend)
- Masks are optional for students (Parents that wish for their child to remain masked during the Program should reach out to their teacher with this request)



Gelati Celesti “Spirit Afternoon”

Please join us for first ever Gelati Celesti “Spirit Afternoon” at the Bon Air location on December 17th from noon – 3:00pm. Please mention that you are with The Bon View School or show the flier (will be distributed closer to the date) to ensure that your purchase is attributed to us.

As we are unable to host a reception after the Christmas Program due to church COVID guidelines, this is a great opportunity to visit with classmates and families, support a local business, and help fundraise for our school. Thank you for your support!

Water!

The Bon View School is joining other educators across Virginia by promoting water drinking through the Rev Your Bev initiative. This is a statewide initiative in Virginia to raise awareness about the importance of healthy hydration. Establishing water drinking habits early protects children's health now and in the future!

Did you know?

- Obesity starts in early childhood. With 1 in 5 children ages 2–5 years overweight or obese, prevention efforts must target our youngest children.
- A child's dietary preferences and health foundation is established in early childhood.
- Sugar-sweetened beverages are the only food or beverage that has been directly linked to obesity, a leading cause of heart disease, type-2 diabetes, and some cancers. A typical 10oz grape juice drink contains 8 teaspoons of sugar—twice the recommended amount for preschoolers!
- Decreasing the amount of sugar sweetened beverages consumed as a child is a first step to developing healthy habits as they get older.
- Ideally, preschoolers should be limited to one serving per day of 100% fruit/vegetable juice. Other choices during the day should be water and milk.
- Bored with plain water? <https://revyourbev.com/discover/> has some great recipes for adding extra flavor to your water.



Thank you to everyone for sending in your loose part donations! The children have been enjoying them. Feel free to send items in throughout the year.