



# The Bon View School



FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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## Director's Notes

What a wonderful fall we have planned here at The Bon View School. We look forward to many exciting and memorable times on our Fall Field Trips! Our oldest groups will visit Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens for a wonderful program called "Garden Birds." Our other groups will visit The Pumpkin Patch or Maymont Park this October. Field trips provide many hands-on learning experiences for the children. They also create time for parents to get to know each other and their child's teacher. We are so glad that you and your child can be a part of this!

Chapel time will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am for most of our groups. Chapel is held in the church chapel upstairs as it provides room for interaction between the children and the chapel leader. Parents are always welcome to join us for this very important time!

Many thanks to our Patron's Committee and our Room Parents for attending the meeting this week to plan their activities for this school year. Special thanks to our Patron's Committee this year. Thank you to everyone for your outstanding involvement in the life of The Bon View School!

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!

## Pony Pictures

We are very excited for our Pony Pictures in October. The children love seeing and riding on the ponies! Please feel free to send in "cowboy/cowgirl" accessories for your child to wear on their picture day. How fun it is to have a "Western Look" for your pony picture! Be sure to label all items with your child's name. Parents, you are welcome to have sibling pictures taken prior to the start of school. Please arrive at 9:15am at the front of the church for these. We will begin our class pictures promptly at 9:45am, so please plan on arriving early. If you have twins or triplets that are in the same class, the teachers are happy to have them photographed together during their scheduled class time.



## Important Dates

- October 1 – Virginia Diner Fundraiser Orders Due
- October 2 and 3 – Parent Coffees in the Fellowship Hall
- October 14, 15 and 16 – Pony Pictures
- October 18 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** – All teachers to attend conference

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## Teacher Training

Please note The Bon View School will be closed on **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Our entire staff will be attending a city-wide Early Childhood training conference. 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!

## Extended Play

The Fall Extended Play Program will begin the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> with hours until 2:45 p.m. This program is for students in the following groups: A, B, C, D, E, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Registration is due now if you wish for your child to participate. The dates are as follows:

October 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29, November 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, and December 2/3

## 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.bonviewschool.com](http://www.bonviewschool.com) to refer to as needed.

## Fall Festival Fun

Bon Air United Methodist Church (BAUMC) will be holding its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Trunk or Treat will be from 11:00am – 12:30pm. Join us for some good Fall Fun; including face painting, games, popcorn, hot dogs and a costume parade. 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!!

## 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.

*"Play is related to greater creativity and imagination and even to higher reading levels and IQ scores. Based on research evidence, a new equation is in order: PLAY=LEARNING."*

- Einstein Never Used Flash Cards, Hirsh-Pasek and Golinkoff