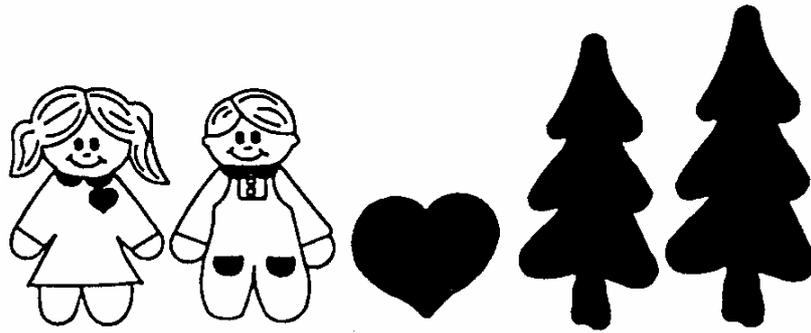


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### Important Dates



#### February

- 1 Feb + May tuition (2 months' worth) is due – late after the 10<sup>th</sup>
- 8 PT I/II Valentine's celebrations
- 11 Board Meeting at 6:30 pm at school
- 13 & 14 Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs Valentine's Celebrations in class
- 15 & 18 Presidents' Holiday – no school
- 20-21 Chinese New Year (2013 is Year of the Snake)
- 27-28 Parent Teacher Conferences – See schedule by sign-in sheets.

**\*\* Registration for next school year begins now, after conference & letter of intent**



#### March

- 1 March tuition is due – late after the 10<sup>th</sup>
- 1 Olive Oil orders due
- 2 Special Person's Day, **Saturday** 9:30-11 am. More info in cubbies.
- 11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at school
- 11 Registration is opened to the general public for 2013-14 school year
- 13 & 14 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
- 15 Hats Off to Wine 7:00-9:00 pm. Indian Springs Tasting Room in Nevada City.
- 20 SVC/CCPPNS Meeting – Folsom. Bright Beginnings
- 21 General Meeting 7 pm at school. Speaker TBA
- 20-21-22 Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt (bring 6 hard-boiled eggs, uncolored)
- 25-29 Spring Break, school is closed.

**\*\*School pictures in March – dates TBA – look for info.**

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## President's Message

Hello Tall Pines Friends.

Here we are just over a month into the new year and it seems the springtime months will zoom by as well, with some friends making decisions on Kindergarten, others deciding what days their little one's will be at Tall Pines next year, and all the fundraising events planned, such as Hats Off to Wine. Be sure to get your tickets to this event. It's a great night out for the parents and you are helping out Tall Pines.

I hope everyone got their Olive Oil orders in. This year there are some fabulous choices to choose from. They do make great gifts for Mother's Day or Birthdays coming up.

A few reminders in February, Valentines celebration is coming up. The kids have so much fun passing out their Valentine Cards they made for their friends. Also no school on the 15th & 18th.

Be sure to check dates for upcoming events and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or leave a note in my folder.

Happy Hearts Day  
~ Sarah

## Business Office

The New Year brings lots of projects to the Business Office ~ the first of which is preliminary work for Registration! I know it's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about next school year. Please return the "Placement Intent" form as soon as possible, as this helps us to plan class sizes and schedules. As current membership, you will have priority when we begin registration at the end of the month. Fall registration will be open to the general public in the middle of March ~ so let your friends know!

Please don't forget that February and May's Tuition are both due by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have been adding a little each month, or have paid in advance, so if you have any questions concerning your balance, please check with the business office. If this double payment causes any financial difficulty, please stop by and we will set up a payment plan that works for you! Thanks!

Since I see lots of different amounts on checks, here is a reminder of what THIS year's tuition is ~

- Parent Toddler ~ \$49/month
- 2 day/week ~ \$119/month
- 3 day/week ~ \$179/month

Thank you for all you do for Tall Pines! We have such a wonderful school because of our GREAT membership and teachers!!

**Tall Pines families can save money at *GV***

***Smog***

**Just mention Tall Pines and save \$10 on your next vehicle smog test.**

**Call Greg at 274-1533**

**11641B Nevada City Hwy @ corner of Joerschke**

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~Your friends in the business office. Nicole, Bill and Nancy.

house, private plane flights over Lake Tahoe, lots of great items for kids and much more!

## LOVE IS...

### M-W Older

- ...Loving my family ~ Whitney
- ...Loving people. I love Grandma ~ Gavin
- ...Love is hearts ~ Micah
- ...A heart I love everyone that I love ~ Pierson
- ...Love is being happy ~ Porter
- ...I love my Daddy ~ Julianne

### T-Th Older

- ...when people love you back ~ Josie
- ...Hugs! ~ Noah
- ...when people take care of each other ~ Paige
- ...Loving cats and when they get scared by other cats ~ Roka
- ...I love my Mommy, my Daddy, my brothers and my sister Chloe ~ Bella
- ...It's a heart--it loves people ~ Belle Star



## Hats Off to Wine !!

Hats Off to Wine is coming up next month. Join us **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** for this fun event!

Hats Off is a combination wine tasting/ silent auction/ raffle held at the Indian Springs Tasting Room in Nevada City. We have yummy appetizers, tastings of Indian Springs wine, fabulous auction and raffle items. We have already lined up a week at a Santa Cruz beach

Mingle with your fellow Tall Pines parents, enjoy a night out and bid on some great prizes... There is fun to be had by all!

On top of their generosity in letting us take over their space, Indian Springs Winery also donates 20% of proceeds from wine purchased that night ... So get ready to stock up!

If you're new or haven't attended before and are not sure if you should get that babysitter lined up, just ask some long time parents! You don't want to miss it!

Hats Off to Wine will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25 per person. Look for the sign-up sheet near the office door Feb. 27.

If you have a business or talent or a friend with a great business or talent – think about a donation for our Auction/Raffle prizes. If interested or have ideas, please contact Monique Derenia.

## Olive Oil Sales

Olive Oil sales went great! Thank you for all you did to support this unique fundraiser. We will be bottling the olive oil and getting it into your child's cubby the third week of February.

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## A Poem from Teacher Kelsey

### Roots and Wings

If I had two wishes, I know what they would be  
I'd wish for Roots to cling to, and Wings to set me free;  
Roots of inner values, like rings within a tree,  
and Wings of independence to seek my destiny.



Roots to hold forever to keep me safe and strong,  
To let me know you love me, when I've done something  
wrong;  
To show me by example, and help me learn to choose,  
To take those actions every day to win instead of lose.



Just be there when I need you, to tell me it's all right,  
To face my fear of falling when I test my wings in  
flight;  
Don't make my life too easy, it's better if I try,  
And fail and get back up myself, so I can learn to fly.



If I had two wishes, and two were all I had,  
And they could just be granted, by my Mom and Dad;  
I wouldn't ask for money or any store-bought things.  
The greatest gifts I'd ask for are simply Roots and  
Wings.

By Denis Waitley

*This has always been one of my favorite poems. It truly expresses what I firmly believe to be the essence of raising children, as a parent and as a teacher. As caregivers, it is our responsibility to provide a safe, nurturing environment that our children can GROW in. We must be patient because the process is as important as the "end result". As we guide our children through the process of learning we are*

*most successful when we provide stability combined with clear expectations and definite boundaries. Once they begin to "take root", we in turn see them gain confidence in making their own choices and furthering the*

*exploration of their world. It has been an absolute joy to be a part of your children's lives as we make our way through this year and watch our little friends grow their "roots" and find their "wings".*

*Thank you for letting me share this special time with you.*

–Teacher Kelsey



## Teacher Debby's Reminders

### Please Sign up:

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** are going to be held on February 27 & 28. There is no school on these days. They start at 9 am and go every 15-20 minutes. This is a great way for you to meet with your teacher and chat about "your" child. This is for the children in M-W Older/Younger and T-Th Older/Younger. If your child is in the Parent-Toddler classes and you would like a Conference, please check in with Teacher Michelle.

### Special Person's Day

We make up that lost day of class by having a Special Person's Day on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 am** at school. This is great fun for the children because they can bring a Dad or Mom, Grandma or

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Grandpa, Aunt or Uncle, and have a fun morning with an adult that is not the "usual" one. We do request that the Special Person be an adult, and limit it to one person. They are so proud to show off their school!

**DON'T FORGET:**

- Please bring back library books that you and your child have checked out before you check out more.
- You can bring in a book to donate to our library on your child's birthday day.



## Make your Valentines!



Please regard the following requests when helping your child prepare Valentines for their classmates.

Homemade cards are great! Keep it simple and have your child do a few at a time. **START NOW!**

No Candy please (we will be having treats during the class party).

No need to put classmates names on each Valentine. Just have them put their own signature (some children may need help with this part). It makes it simpler for your child to "mail" them.

You can use stamps and stickers in place of your child "writing" his/her name.

Please check your new class lists to know how many to make. or ask your Teacher.

Some ideas:

Cut out heart shapes and glue them onto doilies. Cut out hearts from a finger-painted paper and add stickers.

Use your imagination or go online for cute ideas

Keep it simple!!



**REMINDER:**

The weather is changing. We sometimes do have snow days because of weather. Please listen to KNCO 8:30am or KNCO.com for school cancellation information.

When it rains you can drive in and park by the school. Go through gate 5, no faster than 5 mph at all times!!

Do NOT park on the grass. Park by the school in back.



## Kids are Cooking in February

Feb 6 & 7~ Heart pretzels

Feb 13 & 14~ Valentine in class celebration

Feb 20 & 21~ Chinese New Year. sticky rice and mandarin oranges in class.

Try this fun and easy ice-cream making recipe at home (next page)...

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## Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism,  
they learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility,  
they learn to fight.  
If children live with fear,  
they learn to be apprehensive.  
If children live with pity,  
they learn to feel sorry for themselves.  
If children live with ridicule,  
they learn to be shy.  
If children live with jealousy,  
they learn what envy is.  
If children live with shame,  
they learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with tolerance,  
they learn to be patient.  
If children live with encouragement,  
they learn to be confident.  
If children live with praise,  
they learn to appreciate.  
If children live with approval,  
they learn to like themselves.  
If children live with acceptance,  
they learn to find love in the world.  
If children live with recognition,  
they learn to have a goal.  
If children live with sharing,  
they learn to be generous.  
If children live with honesty and fairness,

they learn what truth and justice is.  
If children live with security, they learn to  
have faith in themselves and in those  
around them.  
If children live with friendliness, they  
learn that the world is a nice place in  
which to live.  
If children live with serenity, they learn to  
have peace of mind.  
With what are your children living?

*Dorothy L. Nolte*

## Play with me

*I tried to teach my child from  
books;  
he gave me only puzzled looks.  
I tried to teach my child with  
words;  
they passed him by, oft  
unheard.  
Despairingly I turned aside;  
"How shall I teach this child?" I  
cried.  
Into my hands he put the key;  
"Come", he said. "Play with  
me."*

Author Unknown

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