



Tall Pines Tidings

President's Message

Hello and welcome back to another exciting year at Tall Pines!! My name is Nicole Kiser, and I will be serving as the Board President this year. For those of you who don't know me, I have actually been a Tall Pines parent for the past 5 years. During that time I have come to truly understand what an amazing place our school is. The teachers are all outstanding. And, the families you meet will become lifelong friends. I look forward to connecting with you again at orientation, and to meet all of our new families. If you ever have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me! And, if I can offer up a piece of advice it would be this: send your children in their Tall Pines t-shirts, (and definitely wear yours when it's your work day) ~ it's so much more fun when they're allowed to get messy ☺
Here's to another wonderful year ~ Nicole

Important Dates

September 9	General Meeting 7pm
September 13	Board Meeting 6:30pm
September 25	Day of the Young Child
October 11	Board Meeting 6:30pm
October 18-22	Fall Break for some elementary school- Tall Pines is open!

Class Representatives

M/W/F older	Debby Caddy
T/Th older	Lindsay Yogi
M/W younger	Tanya Telford
T/Th younger	Megan Hood
PT1	Sherry Andreini
PT2	

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Welcome Friends!

It's good to see all your shiny faces at school. First and foremost thank you for all the help in getting the school ready for our little students. As we go into the school year remember to make sure you read everything we give you or see on the walls. Information about all our activities make the school run smoother if you take the time to read everything.

Our first General Meeting is Thursday September 9th at 7pm at school. Many things will be reviewed for your information.

See you at the meeting!

Glad you are here~

Thanks, Teacher Debby

Kerler's Corner

I realized today, as we got through our first day of orientation, that summer is truly behind us...Bill and I have officially said "good-bye" to the pool! (those of you who see us there often~in our "spot"~ know just how hard that was for us)...but looking at the positive~ we are getting to see our old Tall Pines' friends and our new friends just joining

us at Tall Pines!! It is an exciting time! Paperwork is a part of our job~ and I will say this about that--PLEASE GET YOURS IN!~ Remember this is not a "Kerler" rule...it is not even a Tall Pines' rule...it is a STATE of CALIFORNIA rule...so please cooperate, and make sure your child's file is up to date!!

Scrip/grocery rebate also falls under our domain this year...make sure you show your 'card' at all of our local grocery stores!! It really is the best fundraiser---it costs you NOTHING!! And if you shop online--remember BETTY @ i-give...and if you have not met Betty at i-give, just ask us...she will let you know frequently how Tall Pines' was supported by you shopping online!! (ask Rachel P. about her--I think they are close personal friends now!)

And even in the 'business' side of things, don't miss out on what a wonderful place you are now a part of...this is such a special place and such a special time in your child's life (and your life too)~ I hate to tell you, but there is truly no place like Tall Pines. So be involved in every way you can...not only for your child, but also for you!

♥~Nancy and Bill

General Meeting Info.

Our first general meeting is September 9 at 7 pm. Please remember that attending general meetings is an important and a required part of participating in a parent cooperative preschool. Part of what is so special about our preschool is the amazing community of parents, children and teachers. This sense of community is built in part at our general meetings. If you cannot make it to a general meeting please contact Megan Littlejohn at

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273-3536 or by leaving a note in her envelope on the kitchen door.

Many Thanks!

Hi Everyone...Ruth Purwin here. I just wanted to THANK YOU ALL for the AWESOME job in the pizza booth this year! It was so much fun, and we made a lot of money for the school. *Tall Pines* could not do this without all of you. I hope that it was as easy as possible for you to be there. I am doing the Pizza Booth again this next year, and I am excited to have new families, as well as our returning veterans to help me. Thank you again. You are the BEST!

I hope that works for you and is not too late!!!

See you soon, Ruth

Tall Pines Family Businesses

The next issue of our newsletter will include a directory page listing businesses owned by members of our Tall Pines family. If you would like your business included in this directory please send the information you would like to have printed to Samantha Jones at samanthajo@gmail.com. You may send a jpeg of your business card or a few lines of text. The October directory listing is free. You can continue to have your business information printed in the newsletter for \$5 per issue or \$35 for the entire school year.

Bike Riding After School

We are so excited to start another year at Tall Pines! My kids have been counting down the days until school starts and have been reminding me to "bring their bikes so they

can ride after school!" One of the many great aspects to Tall Pines is the location. After a fun day at school some of the parents stay afterwards and groups of kids ride around the fairgrounds. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and join us. Be sure to bring helmets and snacks.

Lindsay Yogi
T, TH Older Class Rep

Introducing Our Teachers!

Teacher Michelle
Parent/Toddler

Welcome to Tall Pines Cooperative Nursery School. Congratulations on making one of the best parenting decisions for your child(ren)! My experiences with Tall Pines during the past 13 years have been amazing working with other parents, teachers, and the children to build relationships that foster the lifelong love of learning through play. A parent once shared with me that teachers and school always frightened her. She was determined for her daughter to have the opposite outlook on school and never imagined how it would change her as a participating parent. You are vital to cooperative education and I look forward to getting to know your family. I am excited to see many returning families to the Parent-Toddler Classes and enjoyed meeting the newest little ones this summer.

Love, Teacher Michelle

Teacher Nicole
M/W younger teacher

Wow, I can't believe it's time to start another year at Tall Pines. I am really looking forward

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to my second year as the Monday - Wednesday younger side teacher. Now that I have one year under my belt I am feeling ready to get going again. I feel that the past five years have really given me a great understanding of what a special place Tall Pines is. Being both a Tall Pines parent and teacher has taught me a lot. Part of what makes Tall Pines so wonderful is the parent involvement. As a teacher, I feel this is very important and feel very lucky to get to work with both kids and parents. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please feel free to get a hold of me. We are all in this together.

If I have one word of advice for you this year it would be to arrive early. It can take a long time to walk from the car to Tall Pines. I have found that kids feel most comfortable when they arrive on time and are able to start their day with the rest of the class.

It's going to be a great year and I am very excited to get started.

Teacher Julie

T/Th younger teacher

Hi Tall Parents and Special Friends. I will be teaching the T- Th Younger Class this year. I have been teaching for 30 years. I have a degree in Child Development and have worked at several schools in our area. My favorite things to do with children are singing, creative movement and Art projects. This is going to be my second year teaching at Tall Pines. Last year was so much fun and I learned a lot about how a parent co-op works. Tall Pines is the best preschool program in our area. I love the hands on program where your child can discover relationships with peers and other loving

adults. In our program your child will learn to solve problems, and have fun learning through hands on participation. I hope they learn to be more independent and learn to enjoy the program and feel comfortable in our classroom. I am looking forward to meeting all the parents and children and to begin an exciting year at Tall Pines.

Teacher Debbie

Older side teacher

Another year has started! This will be my 27th year at Tall Pines Nursery School. My daughter, Amy, who will be 30 in February, attended Tall Pines from 1983 to 1986. I became the co-director in 1985, and the director in 1986. Wow! When you put it that way how time has flown by. Amy is now a Math teacher at Forest Charter School. My husband will retire from the US Forest Service as a hydrologist in a year and a half. Amy and I are both Chico State graduates. I have a degree in Recreation Administration and I later got my Early Childhood Education certificate. I was the Assistant Recreation Director at Northstar at Tahoe for 5 years. I grew up in Truckee, and what you did was ski! So I was a supervisor in the ski school. I got married, had Amy 3 years later, quit my job at Northstar, and the rest is history!

My passion and a great happy place is Tall Pines. I always look forward to a new year. Some returning faces and new friends, too. You and your children are a great pleasure. You and your children will both grow this year. Let's do this together!

Love, Teacher Debbie