



Tall Pines Tidings

Important Dates

May

- 19 General Meeting 7pm at school. Board members please arrive by 6:30 for the budget vote.
- 20 Last day of School for PT 1 & 2 and Friday class
- 23 6pm Board Meeting at school. Bring a salad to share. Outgoing board members please bring your binders.
- 23, 24, 25 Packing the school
- 25 & 26 Last Day of School for M/W and T/Th
- 25 School is packed up by all M/W parents. Bring your child to school at the regular time with a sack lunch with your child's name on it and sunscreen. Parents who are scheduled to work that day will be outside on the playground all day with the children. We will have water-play if the weather is nice. Everyone else will be inside packing up the school.
- 26 School Move Out. All T/Th parents go to Minnie Park at 9:00 to drop off your children with a sack lunch with your child's name on it, a drink, sunscreen, and good shoes. Then go immediately to school to help pack, move & clean. You will be sent back to the park before 12 to pick up your children. (Minnie park is on the corners of Brighton St, Minnie St. and Butler St, next to the fire station.)
- 26 Ice Cream Social at school outside in the play area. 6-7:30 pm. Bring a topping to share.

June 1 – July 5

The school office is closed for a well deserved summer break. We are monitoring the phone off and on so if there is an emergency leave a message.

July

- 15 Children's Festival at Pioneer Park in Nevada City. The morning session is from 9-12 and the evening session is from 5-8. This is a wonderful event for children.
- * Look for your fair booth postcard reminder of the date and time that you work.

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August

- 9 Fair Pizza Booth set up
- 10-14 Nevada County fair
- 15 Fair Pizza Booth clean up
- 30 School gets moved in by Cal Fire and CCC
- 31 Mon-Wed classes orientation and unpack the school.

September

- 1 Tues-Thurs classes orientation and unpack the school.
- 2 Meet your teacher
- 6 First day of school for Tues/Thurs classes
- 7 First day of school for Mon/Wed classes
- 9 First day of school for Parent-Toddler classes.

President's Message

Hello Tall Pines Families! I know it doesn't seem possible, but here we are at the end of the school year! I want to leave you with a "Tribute to our Teachers." It's an article that a wonderful past president, Shannon Martinez, wrote for her final newsletter. She did such an amazing job, that I want to share it with you.....

"It is difficult to believe that we are at the end of another school year at Tall Pines Nursery School. The joyful moments that we have shared will live on in our memories and the memories of our children for a very long time. But, it is not only memories that we give our children when we become part of the Tall Pines Family. We also give them a sturdy foundation in the wonder of discovery, the importance of community, and the magic of childhood. And, it is our incredible Tall Pines Teachers who spread this magic with warm smiles and generous hearts each school day! The influence of a caring teacher is not to be undervalued. So, I leave you in this last

newsletter with a couple of quotes on the importance of special teachers."

"An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."

-Carl Gustav Jung

"No bubble is so iridescent or floats longer than that blown by the successful teacher."

-William Osler

Tall Pines Teachers, We Thank You!!!

Enjoy your summer everyone ~ Nicole



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A Note from Teacher Debby

We all have had a wonderful year together. Your children have grown in many areas, a sense of being capable, socially developing the way they should and learning to problem solve. Your children are all sparkle bugs. Some of you are moving on and some are returning. Just remember we will see you soon: have a great summer. We'll see you at the fair. Play-play-play!!! We thank you all for your dedication to Tall Pines. The love of your children and the time you spend now is a gift to them. We ♥ you.

Teacher Debby
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Teacher Michelle
Nancy & Bill



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Kerler's Korner

So here we are, it is hard to believe the end of the school year is already upon us~ weren't we just chasing leaves, and carving pumpkins!?? We would like to thank each of you for allowing us to be part of your Tall Pines experience~ we truly believe Tall Pines gives back to us much more than we could ever give to you~ so thank you, you are each a gift to us.

On the business end of things, we are finishing the school year strong~ classes this year are full, and registration for the fall is stronger than we have seen in several years. Continue to tell your friends about Tall Pines, word of mouth publicity is the most effective and the most affordable way to let others know about our wonderful school!! I have notified those of you who have a balance on your account~ please take care of that immediately~ we would also like to have a summer vacation, and having those loose ends tied up is very helpful!

Well, as Teacher Debby says, 'we never say good-bye around here, just so long'...we have been trying to put off this moment as long as possible, but I guess the time is here..."so long" to those of you who have taken root in our hearts...you have been a significant part of our lives these past few years~ thank you, we will think of you often and miss you even more. Let us know how kindergarten is going, and just remember your home is always at Tall Pines. And for those who will be back next year, enjoy your summer...enjoy your children...the time goes quickly~ these truly are the days you will make memories of a lifetime...

Our best to you all...and oh yeah~ 'so long'...
Nancy and Bill

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Thank you Teacher Nicole!

Welcome Teacher Nicole to the Tuesday-Thursday younger class for the remaining days of school. She also will be teaching both younger side classes next school year. Teacher Julie found a full time position and we wish much luck to her.

♥ Teacher Debby

End of the Year Ice Cream Social

I know it's hard to believe the end is near... our last gathering before summer is upon us. You don't want to miss this opportunity for some luscious Baskin Robbin's Ice Cream and the chance at some great raffle prizes. Not to mention a time to visit with parents and let the kids play. Please bring a topping to share.

⚙ Thursday, May 26th, 6pm at the school patio area.

General Meeting Info.

Our next general meeting is May 19 at 7 pm. Gail Martin & Karen Nelson will be speaking about the Children's Festival in Nevada City this summer. If you cannot make it to a general meeting please fill out an excuse form and put it in Megan Littlejohn's file on the kitchen door.



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New Kindergarten Guidelines

Senate Bill 1381 changed the date by which a child is required to be admitted to kindergarten. In the past the date was 5 years old by December 2 of the year in which they start kindergarten. For the 2012-13 school year children need to turn 5 by November 1. For the 2013-14 school year children must be 5 by October 1. And for the 2014-15 school year and each year thereafter children must be 5 by September 1 to attend kindergarten in California.

Grocery Rebate Cards

GROCERY REBATE CARDS STILL WORK OVER THE SUMMER BREAK!! You still eat over the summer, RIGHT?? Use your 'card' or 'coupon' and Tall Pines will still get the kick-back!! If you need additional coupons for SPD or BriarPatch, please stop by the office~ we are HAPPY to help!! The following merchants generously participate in this program~ SPD, Raleys, Safeway, Sav-Mart, BriarPatch and California Organics...and don't forget--if you shop online, sign up with I-GIVE... If you have any questions about how you can participate, if you are not already, please check in with us before the end of the school year!! This is an easy way of fundraising~ there really is no excuse not to participate!!

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Teacher Debby's Parent Page

Encourage Creativity

- ♥ Take time with a child's art.
- ♥ Show respect for the art and the artist's process.
- ♥ Comment on lines, shapes, & colors: "I see you used these colors."
- ♥ Show curiosity: "How did you get this effect here?"
- ♥ Comment on changes: "Your drawings look bigger these days."
- ♥ Ask open-ended questions: "Will you tell me about your picture?"
- ♥ Provide fuel for creativity: "What other materials do you need?"
- ♥ Collect recycled boxes, tubes, and lumber scraps. Make 3D creations.
- ♥ Provide a variety of drawing, painting, and clay materials.
- ♥ Avoid coloring books.

Parent Involvement

Research shows that parent involvement in their child's education is positively related to learning and achievement.

How can parents nurture children's creativity at home? Art can be a wonderful family activity.

Parents who understand the value of art are more likely to keep art supplies at home, designate a household area for "messy art", and become involved in art themselves.

Parents and teachers working together to nurture creativity- imagine the possibilities!

Tall Pines Family Camping Trip

Malakoff Diggins State Park Rangers and Tall Pines Parents Christy and Greg Sherr invite all Tall Pines Families for a free camp-out at the park. Friday, May 20 at noon until Saturday May 21 and noon. See the flyer in your cubby for more information and don't forget to sign up to bring something to share.

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Summer Activities for Children

Swim Lessons

Penguins Swim Team: 530-265-Dive, penguinswim.org

Nevada City Rec Department: City office-530-265-2496 x129, Pool- 530-265-8223
www.nevadacityca.gov/content/parks-recreation Click on 2011 Summer Program Guide.

South Yuba Club: 530-470-9100, www.southyubaclub.com

Summer Camps

Gold Country Gymnastics: 530-273-3680, www.goldcountrygymnastics.com

Rock-n-Horse Ranch: 530-272-3289 www.rocknhorseranch.net

Gold Country Kuk Sool Won: 530-478-1412, www.goldcountrykuksoolwon.com

Many more summer camps and activities can be found in the most recent issue of the Parent Resource Guide that was in your child's cubby.

Special Events

Nevada County Library Summer Reading Program: **"ALL ABOARD!** for Summer Reading. Readers of all ages will travel the globe this summer as Nevada County Library presents **"One World, Many Stories"** through programs, story times, a reading program, crafts, music, dance and more. Sign-ups begin June 6! More dates to come!

Music in the Mountains Kinder Konzert: July 2, 10 am. "It's an exploration of the Symphony orchestra, preceded by an outdoor picnic and "instrument petting zoo". No admission fee.

Children's Festival: July 15 at Pioneer Park in Nevada City. 9-12 and 5-8pm. Last year admission was \$3 per person.

Sierra Storytelling Festival: July 22-24 at the North Columbia School House in North San Juan. www.sierrastorytellingfestival.com

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