

Tall Pines Tidings

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March 2018

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A Letter From the President



Reminders

- ✓ Special Person's Day 3/3, 9:30am
- ✓ General Meeting 3/15, 6:30pm
- ✓ Easter Parties & Egg Hunts 3/21, 22 & 23
- ✓ Spring Break 3/26-3/30



My house gets out through the wringer. Five people in 900 square feet is tight. The kitchen floor usually gets the brunt of it. I feel like I am constantly wiping something off of it. I've stopped wondering what it is I am cleaning up. In just the last two weeks some of what I have cleaned off the floor has been: vomit, mud, a gallon of apple juice(kids attempting to pour from a full container), cereal, spaghetti, and my personal favorite was the giant container of hot cocoa mix I found the kids skating in. Then there was the time my oldest was two and he discovered how awesome my olive oil pour spout was. I had 30fl ounces of an oil slick coating my floor. One thing I have learned is that if I clean the floor too well every kid who walks in slips and falls. So, I keep a layer of dirt traction for every one's safety. I'm sure the day to day disasters are even worse then I know. For that, I thank my dog.



School Calendar 2018

March

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| 1 | Tuition Due |
| 1 | T/Th Classes Parent Teacher Conferences |
| 3 | Special Persons Day for Younger & Older Classes |
| 12 | Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines |
| 14,15 | School Bus Safety & Ride, 10:30am |
| 15 | General Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines |
| 16 | PT School Pictures |
| 19, 20 | Older & Younger School Pictures |
| 21, 22, 23 | Easter Celebrations & Egg Hunts |
| 26-30 | Spring Break, No School Return to School April 2nd |



April

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| 1 | Tuition Due |
| 2 | Back to School |
| 9 | Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines |
| 14 | Family Festival, 11am – 2pm |
| TBD | Farm Fieldtrip to Starbright Acres – more info to come! |
| TBD | Wild Things – more info to come, look for flyer! |



May

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| 1 | No Tuition Due if already paid |
| 2, 3, 4 | Un-Birthday Day |
| 5 | Bike-A-Thon, 10:30am – 1:30pm |
| 7 | Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines |
| 9, 10, 11 | Mother's Day Brunch at Tall Pines |
| 10 | General Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines |
| 17 | Ice Cream Social, 6:00-7:30pm at Tall Pines |
| 18 | PT Classes Last Day |



From The Director



Hello Tall Pines families! I cannot believe that it is March! Time is flying by and I am so enjoying your children. They are all growing and thriving and it makes me feel so privileged to spend these amazing days with them. They are forming new friendships and stepping out of their comfort zones everyday. I see them developing in all capacities... as I am doing assessments to prepare for Parent/Teacher conferences I am filled with joy as I reflect on truly how much they have grown. Your children inspire me to slow down, to really listen and to live in happiness and they teach me the beauty of life everyday.

Thank you,
Teacher Kelsey



Alternatives to calling her "Princess" or "Beautiful":

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| Brave | Inventive | Decisive | Fit |
| Smart | Respectful | Resilient | Kind |
| Strong | Spirited | Insightful | Caring |
| Curious | Focused | Thoughtful | Honest |
| Warrior | Confident | Determined | Reliable |
| Healthy | Athletic | Imaginative | Dynamic |
| Creative | Humane | Trustworthy | Artistic |
| A leader | Capable | Resourceful | Upbeat |
| Original | Unique | Great friend | Vibrant |
| Sensitive | Gentle | Quick thinking | Loyal |
| Generous | Funny | Entrepreneurial | Witty |

From The Office



Reminders From Nicole

The Business Office continues to be a very busy place these days ~ registration for next school year is in full swing! If you haven't already done so, stop by and pick up a registration packet for next year. Remember, we give priority to our current membership....but when we open up registration to the general public on March 19th, it's 'first come, first serve!' Speaking of which, please let your friends know that they will be able to register beginning Monday, March 19th ~ or if they are alumni of Tall Pines, Wednesday, March 14th. All you need to register is a signed contract, plus a check for registration and first month's tuition. You will have all summer to complete the remainder of the forms. The fees for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

- Registration for the 2 or 3 day per week program ~ \$100
- Registration for the PT program ~ \$65
- **Please note that the maximum registration per family is \$100
- Two-Day per week Tuition ~ \$132 per month
- Three-Day per week Tuition ~ \$198 per month
- PT Tuition ~ \$55 per month

**Please note these fees are non-refundable. I would be happy to work with you on a payment plan if needed.

During this busy time, you may notice a few more visitors stopping by to check out our program ~ please welcome them and share your reasons for choosing our wonderful school!

As always, please ask should you have any questions. And, thank you to everyone for remembering to pay your May's Tuition in February!!

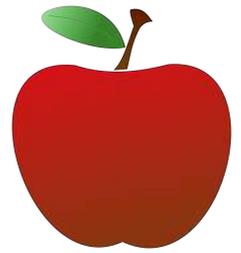
~Nicole



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From The Teachers



Parents, Read Aloud to Your Kids, Say Experts

Research shows that whether a child has been read aloud to on a regular basis is the single biggest predictor of a child's success in learning to read, says University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Associate Professor of education Kathleen Martin, Ph.D.

Martin and UAB Assistant Professor Kay Emfinger, Ph.D., are authors of the new book "Sharing Books Together: Promoting Emergent Literacy Through Reading Aloud and Home-School Partnerships."

"Reading aloud to children helps them develop oral language," says Martin. "It teaches them how to listen and how narrative is structured. They also learn vocabulary and how print works and that it is read from left to right."

Children who are not read aloud to often enter kindergarten and first grade lacking these skills, which Martin says are important for learning how to read.

"A lot of parents know that reading aloud to their children is important," says Martin, "but often they don't realize that it continues to be of value as the child ages. Also, many parents probably have less time to read aloud to their children these days.

"It is never too early to begin reading aloud to children," Martin said. Even infants can enjoy looking at illustrations in a book as their parents read to them. When children are past kindergarten, they still need to be read aloud to in order to learn about more complicated subjects and how to listen to and comprehend more sophisticated text, Martin said.

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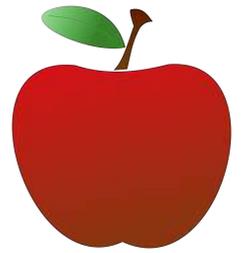
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