

Tall Pines Tidings

Important Dates

December

- 1 December dues are due – late after the 10th. late fee applies.
- 7 & 8 A Tall Pines Christmas: 6 pm sharp! Please bring food to share: hors d'oeuvres or a dessert (we are a large school, so bring enough for about 10 people)
Mon/Wed classes come Dec. 7 along with the PT I class. 6 pm sharp!
Tues/Thurs classes come Dec. 8 along with the PT II class. 6 pm sharp!
6:00 sing - See attached songs to practice at home!
6:15 share hors d'oeuvres and desserts. enjoy visiting with each other.
7:00 time for us to go.
- 12 Board Meeting 6 pm – Christmas gathering
- 14 & 15 Santa visits Tall Pines (only regular Pre-School classes – too much for PT kids)
- 15 Take out for Tall Pines: Panda Express. Don't forget your coupons.
- 16 PT I and PT II Christmas celebration
- 20 & 21 Christmas celebrations in the classroom
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 3 Christmas Break – no school.

January

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 4 Back to school. Tuition due by the 13th due to holiday
- 9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at school
- 11 & 12 Pajama Day. Kids are cooking pancakes at school
- 16 MLK holiday – no school
- 19 General Meeting 7 pm at school – speakers not confirmed – Kindergarten Night
- 27 Olive oil order forms are due (Sale begins on January 13th). See info inside...

February

- 1 Tuition is due – late after the 10th
- 10 PT I/II Valentine celebrations
- 13 & 14 Mon/Wed & Tues/Thurs Valentine celebrations
- 13 Board Meeting at 6:30 pm at school
- 17/20 Presidents Holiday – no school

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President's Message

Hello Tall Pines families, and Happy Holidays! I know it's hard to believe that we are already immersed in the Christmas season. I hope that you and your little ones will be at our Tall Pines Christmas Program. It is so much fun watching all the children sing (or not). I'm sure by now they have practiced their songs over, and over, and over again.

This is such a fun and busy time of year. And, with all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, please remember to take time with your kids. Try not to get too overwhelmed and remember the magic that this season holds. Our family loves to read Christmas stories together in the evening ~ that's one of our little traditions. I hope that you take time to continue with, or create, your family traditions as well.

Please make sure to check your school calendars for all the upcoming events. And, don't forget you'll get two nights off from cooking when you join in Take Out for Tall Pines in December and January. I know we'll be there ☺

I wish all of you a holiday season filled with joy and peace ~ Nicole

Kerler's Korner

Well the business office continues to be a busy place~ you might have noticed a few visitors around these last few weeks as parents continue to inquire about our school. Most of the classes are full~ and bulging!! But remember there is always next year for these children~ so let our visitors know what a wonderful place Tall Pines is, and keep telling your friends! Recently we received a letter from a family we wanted to share with you...here it is~(we have withheld the name for the sake of privacy).

"To Tall Pines Nursery School:

Please find enclosed a donation of \$125.00. About 18 years ago my children attended Tall Pines and my family found ourselves short on tuition a couple of months and Tall Pines was most gracious in letting us forgo making our monthly tuition so that my children could stay in school. I would now like to repay that generous act and ask that you use my donation in helping a family in need at the school in the future.

Thank you for your wonderful program and your kindness to each and every family.

Sincerely,"

This letter reflects everything Tall Pines Nursery School is about. We are a community of families who graciously reach out to one another in love and support~ and when we can, we give back~ so others can receive this gift we have all experienced and cherish.

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These funds will help a family who has hit a 'bump' in the road~ this will enable their child to stay in our program and continue their Tall Pines experience. This truly is a unique place and we are blessed to have past and present families who value Tall Pines Nursery School and the development of young children and their families.

Merry Christmas to you all.
~Nancy and Bill. Your friendly business managers.

Kids are Cooking in December & January!

- Nov 30th/Dec 1st~ Edible Christmas trees
- Dec 7th & 8th~ Gingerbread Cookies
- Dec 14th & 15th~ Potato Latkes and Applesauce
- Dec 20th & 21st~ Sign-up to bring something for our Christmas Celebration
- Jan 4th & 5th~ Noodle soup
- Jan 11th & 12th~ Pajama Day/pancakes
- Jan 18th & 19th~ Bear chow/oatmeal & berries
- Jan 25th & 26th~ Biscuits and honey

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- Tall Pines Olive Oil Sale
Look for Order Forms in cubbies January 13th. Orders due on January 27th.
Now who doesn't need a good bottle of Olive Oil for the kitchen? And what a fun way to

advertise for our wonderful school... a lovely bottle of oil with a custom Tall Pines label!

The oil will be provided by a company in Oakland called Veronica Foods. They give us all the "goods" and we create the product – from bottling, corking, sealing to labeling and distribution. Because of the "do-it-yourself" nature of this program, Tall Pines will make a very good return on each bottle sold.

So start thinking about all those friends and family whom you know could use a nice bottle of oil – the sale begins on January 13th.

And if you are interested in helping with the "bottling party" look for the sign-up sheet on the easel in mid-January.

•Take Out For Tall Pines

Put down the skillet and pick up your car keys! Whether it's eat-in our take-out... These friendly folks will be giving a percentage of sales to Tall Pines Nursery School. Be sure to present your special coupons, and share coupons with friends and family!...Coupons will be available a few days before each event.
On **Thurs. December 15th** join us at **Panda Express**. The kids will love this spot after a long day of Holiday shopping! Look for coupons in your cubbies.



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January & February – Back to the second Thursday – Restaurants are still TBD but please save the date to join us – January 12th and February 9th.

• Save the Date –

Tall Pines 50th Anniversary Celebration – Sat. May 5th from 11a – 2p

Simple Science for Young Children

By Lisa Murphy

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MAGIC TOUCH BAGS: In a large Ziploc bag combine: 5 TBS of cornstarch, ½ cup of water and a few drops of liquid watercolor. Mix it all together. Now add ½ cup of oil, reseal the bag and lay flat on a table for touch exploration. I like to tape it to the table so it stays in one place.

Oil, water and cornstarch will mix and separate, they will not stay together. Essentially this is another example of a suspension- having the properties of a solid and a liquid at the same time.

PAPER HOLDS WATER: Fill a clear cup to the brim with water. Cover it with a 3x5 card. Press to make a seal. Now, as 1 hand holds the bottom of the cup and 1 hand holds the paper, turn the cup

upside down. The paper will seal the water inside the cup!

There is more air pressure outside of the cup than inside the cup, so even when upside down the water will remain in the cup!

BALLOON BLOW UP: Put 1 tsp baking soda into a balloon. Pour ¼ cup of vinegar into a 10 ounce bottle. Now attach the balloon to the mouth of the bottle. The baking soda in the balloon will slowly fall into the vinegar at the bottom of the bottle. Amazing!

The carbon dioxide gas rises and inflates the balloon.

Take the leaves and jump right in, jump right in, jump right in (jump into the center pile)
Take the leaves and jump right in – then we'll play again



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What Shall We Give the Children?

What shall we give the children?

Christmas is almost here
Toys, games and playthings.
As we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland
Is part of the Yuletide love
To gladden the heart of childhood
But I shall give something more.

I shall give more patience.
A more sympathetic ear.
A little more time for laughter.
Or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them
The joy of doing some task.
I try to find time to answer
More of the questions that they ask.

Time to read books together.
And take long walks in the sun:
Time for a bedtime story
After the day is done.

I shall give these to my children
Weaving a closer tie.
Knitting our lives together
With gifts that money can't buy.

~Happy Holidays~

Teacher Debby, Teacher Nicole and Teacher
Michelle

Practice your Christmas songs!

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

The Snowman

Once there was a snowman,
a snowman, a snowman.

Once there was a snowman,
tall, tall, tall.

In the sun he melted,
he melted, he melted.

In the sun he melted,
small, small, small.

The Little Christmas Tree

One little Christmas Tree,
standing all alone.

His heart was very sad,
he didn't have a home.

Then CHOP went the axe,
and down went the tree.

and away he went,
with the happy family!

May There Always be Sunshine

May there always be sunshine.

May there always be blue skies.

May there always be (Mommies).

May there always be me.

**Repeat: insert Daddies, Families, Friends*

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!

Oh, what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh.

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HEY!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!

Oh, what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh.

HEY!

Dashing through the snow,
in a one horse open sleigh.

over the fields we go.

laughing all the way!

Bells on bob-tail ring,

making spirits bright.

What fun it is to ride and sing
a sleighing song tonight!

OHHH. . .

Teacher Debby's Parents Page

10 Things the Brain Needs to Develop Properly

1. interaction
2. touch
3. stable relationships
4. a safe, healthy environment
5. self-esteem and awareness of how do I fit in this world
6. quality care
7. communication
8. play
9. music and movement
10. reading/meaning~ sit down and read to your child

Remember~ A stable child is a happy child.

Parenting Notes from Teacher Debby

10 skills for encouraging cooperation from children and their feelings

1. Describe the problem.
2. Give clear information.
3. State what is not accepted and what is.
4. Use this phrase in front of a sentence: "I would be helpful if..."
5. Offer two choices~(if more the negotiation starts).
6. Say what you want with 2 or 3 words~ simplify what you want.
7. Describe the way *YOU* feel.
8. State what you would like to happen.
9. Do the unexpected~ be more playful and use humor.
10. Write a note to your child on ALL the great choices they have made.

Please note~ It takes 6-9 months to alter behavior~ so consistency is your best friend. Also remember, children model their problem solving skills from the adults around them.

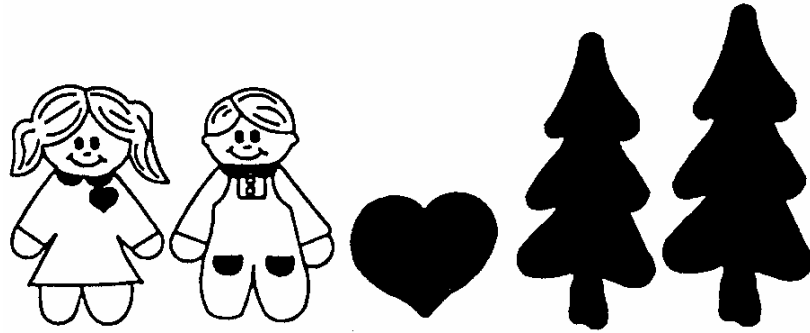
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