

# Tall Pines Tidings

## Important Dates



### March

- 1 March tuition is due – late after the 10<sup>th</sup>
- 1 Special Person's Day 9:30-11:00 – More info to come
- 10 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at school
- 13 General Meeting 7 pm at school.
- 10-14 School pictures during class. Flyer in your cubby.
- 17 & 18 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
- 19 SVC/CCPPNS Meeting – Tiny Tots in Sacramento
- 20 Take Out for Tall Pines. Miner Moe's 5-9 pm.
- 22 **Spring Benefit** 6-9 pm at Grass Valley Elks Lodge. Babysitting available on site.  
There will be entertainment and auctions!! Bring Friends and Family.
- 24-25 Mother Goose visits 10:00 am. And 12:45 pm for Afternoon class.

### April

- 1 Tuition due –Late after the 10<sup>th</sup>
- 7 Board meeting 6:30 pm at Round Table Pizza.
- 9-10-11 Easter Celebrations and Egg Hunt – bring 6 hardboiled uncolored eggs. P/T  
bring 6 filled plastic eggs.
- 14-18 Spring Break
- 21 Return to school
- 24 Wild Things at 10:30 am – All classes are invited – look for flyer.
- 26 Spring clean-up 10:00 – 2:00
- 30 Movie Nite on the Tall Pines lawn. movie TBA
- 30 & May 1<sup>st</sup> Farm Trip to Starbright Acres Farm



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## President's Message

*Spring has sprung!*

*It's hard to believe March is here, and with it, the first day of Spring. It's a time of new birth, and waking up from the winter. As I write this, I'm watching it rain and am reminded of how thankful I am for the nourishment of rain both to our beautiful earth and to our own spirits. I love the way our children instinctively dance in the rain and jump in the puddles, giggling all the time. Perhaps as adults, we should sing the same song and put the responsibilities of the day aside, just for an afternoon. Let your kids remind you of how good it feels to stand, arms and mouths wide open, to receive the cleansing spirit of the rains. Do a little dance, make a big splash, laugh from your soul, and live out loud!*

*A special note of thanks to Teacher Debby, Teacher Michelle, Teacher Kelsey, and Nicole, and to each of our Tall Pines families who have given of themselves to make Tall Pines Nursery School a cleaner, brighter, and happier place for our children to learn and grow. Your work at the school makes a huge difference in the lives of the children, and we thank you.*

 ~ Cheers! Jeanette

*"Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems."*

*- Rainer Maria Rilke*

**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**

## Business Office

Well, 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 it up to the general public on March 10<sup>th</sup>, it's "first come, first served!" Speaking of which, please let your friends know that they will be able to register beginning Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, or if their children are an alumni of the school, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

So, what do you need to do to register....?

It's simple, all you need is a signed contract plus a check for the registration fees and first month's tuition - this will hold your child's spot. You will have the rest of the summer to fill out the remainder of the forms.

Here are the fees  
for the 2014-2015 school year:

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 ~ \$123 per month

Three-Day per week Tuition ~ \$185 per month

PT Tuition ~ \$51 per month

\*\*Please note these fees are non-refundable


~ I would be happy to work with you on a payment plan if needed.

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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! Thank you again for all you do for Tall Pines!!

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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House Cleaning

Molly Baker (530) 277-6674

## From Your Fundraising Team

Mark your calendars Tall Pines families, it's almost time for the **Spring Benefit!** This year we've moved into the historic Elks Lodge in downtown Grass Valley and with their amazing ballroom and groovy music by Chris Kelly we know it's going to be an incredibly fun night out! Bring your friends and family and enjoy a night of dancing, delicious hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and our incredible raffle items and silent auction! Secure, on-site babysitting for Tall Pines families will be provided by Venture Crew from Nevada Union High School but space is limited. Sign up as soon as possible to

reserve your child's spot for the night (\$5 per child, 2 years old or older please) as well as your own! Signups are on the easel by the kitchen and payment can be included in the folder provided or paid at the door the night of the event. We hope to see you all there!

### Tall Pines Nursery School

#### Spring Benefit

March 22, 2014

6pm-9pm

Tickets \$20 per person

Babysitting \$5 per child (2 years old and up) Space is limited!!

\*\*Tickets and babysitting sign-ups on the easel by the kitchen\*\*

For the third year in a row Olive Oil sales exceeded expectations! Thank you to all who purchased the oil and vinegars and also sold to friends and family. Orders will be in cubbies (or on the tables by the office for the larger ones that won't fit into a cubbie). If you called in an order and didn't submit a form, be sure to follow-up with Brett.

For those of you who didn't get a chance to order in time, or who have more people interested, we will have extra bottles available through the "Tall Pines Store" located on the table across from the office. Looking for a little inspiration with the new flavors? We're pulling together a few recipes to share. If you have an idea or a creative use for the oil and/or vinegars, please share it!

Mention Tall Pines and receive 10% off your purchase!

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Mark your Calendars:

**This month's Take Out for Tall Pines will be at Miner Moe's on March 20th from 5-9pm. Part of the proceeds to benefit our school!**

Thank you to all our amazing families for all you do to support our school!

♥ - Monique, Brett and Katie

## Wild Things !



March 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30 at Tall Pines. All classes invited. Be on time. All must leave immediately afterward. except Tu/Thu Younger & Older

classes. Children not in class at this time must be accompanied by an adult.

♥ - Teacher Debby

## Kids are Cooking in March

- 5 & 6            Sunshine pizzas
- 12 & 13        Grilled cheese
- 17 & 18        celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.
- Luncheon during class.
- 26 & 27        Make trail mix and go on a hike around Fairgrounds.

## From Teacher Michelle

Triple P Parenting Classes are continuing this month through First 5 Nevada County. You can find their information at <http://www.first5nevco.org/power-of-positive-parenting-class-starts-february-19th/>.

If the session is full, check the schedule for the next one and register. I highly recommend these classes for all parents of preschoolers. Childcare is available during the sessions at no additional cost.

♥ - Teacher Michelle

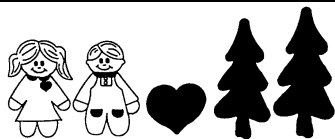
## From Teacher Kelsey

Hello Tall Pines Families!!! I am just so excited that we are finally seeing some rain. It has been great to sit down with parents for conferences to touch base on our little friends progress. I just LOVE these kiddos. Following is a piece written by an artist friend of the family:

Show is always better than tell.  
 Your kids already know your opinions.  
 Kiss them regularly if they'll let you.  
 Be alert when they approach you with ideas.  
 Encourage them to color outside the lines.  
 Keep in touch, let them know where you are.  
 Let you and your spouse be sails, not anchors.  
 One of the best things you can say is "try it".  
 Non-judgemental curiosity beats seasoned guidance.  
 A kid's opening sentences are not always topic sentences.  
 If they don't know what you think they are likely to ask.

I love these suggestions and as many of you know, my favorite quote regarding children is: "There are two gifts we should give our children, one is roots and the other is wings" author unknown  
Happy Spring,

♥ - Teacher Kelsey



# Teacher Debby's Parent Page

## Getting Ready for Kindergarten and What is "Transitional Kindergarten"?

For those of you who attended the last General Meeting, I hope the Kindergarten Panel was helpful.

For the parents of 2-3-4-year olds, there may have been some confusion regarding the concept of "Transitional Kindergarten", which I would like to clarify for you.

*"Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Each elementary or unified school district must offer TK classes for all children eligible to attend. A child who completes one year in a TK program, shall continue in a kindergarten program for one additional year. A Kindergarten Continuance Form is not needed for children who are age-eligible for TK. A child is eligible for TK if they have their fifth birthday between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter."*

From CA Dept. of Education. Here's the link:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderinfo.asp>

At Tall Pines, Teacher Debby's Older Side classes cover most of the curriculum that is presented in these "TK" programs. The Tall Pines curriculum is presented in a co-operative, unstressful environment, in which your child learns in a developmentally appropriate

classroom setup, designed for your child to succeed.

Please feel free to come and ask questions. Some people assume that at Tall Pines we do the same thing on the Older Side as we do on the Younger Side. The Older Side has a greater focus on Kindergarten readiness.

Please take the time to encourage capability and independence in your child.

4 and 5-year olds can:

- ☺ Get themselves dressed in the morning
  - ✦ Use elastic pants/skirts
  - ✦ Shirts with no buttons
  - ✦ Slip-on shoes or with Velcro (while learning to tie shoes). Avoid power struggles.
- ☺ May want to lay out clothes the night before.
- ☺ Please let them walk into school (not carried).
- ☺ Let them zip or button own jacket
- ☺ Use bathroom: wipe, flush, wash, dry hands.
- ☺ Put on socks and shoes.
- ☺ Make their bed.
- ☺ Fold laundry.

Some of these activities may require your guidance. When your child goes off to Kindergarten you won't be there, so let's encourage independent behaviors. Remember that the more you do for them, the less capable they feel.



~Teacher Debby

# Photo Order Forms due on Picture Day (March 10- 14th)

<p><b>Package A</b> <b>\$25</b> 1 5x7 class photo 2 4x6 8 wallets</p>	<p><b>Package B</b> <b>\$35</b> 1 5x7 class photo 2 5x7 2 4x6 8 wallets</p>	<p><b>Package C</b> <b>\$45</b> 1 5x7 class photo 1 8x10 2 5x7 4 4x6 8 wallets</p>	<p><b>A la Carte</b> 5x7 class photo \$8 4x6 \$6 5x7 \$8 8x10 \$10 8 wallets \$8 digital negative \$25</p>
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**Please return order form with your payment no later than March 14th**  
**Please make checks payable to Laksmi Greenberg**

**Child's name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Days** \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
Package A	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Package B	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Package C	\$45	_____	\$ _____
5x7 class photo	\$8	_____	\$ _____
4x6	\$6	_____	\$ _____
5x7	\$8	_____	\$ _____
8x10	\$10	_____	\$ _____
8 wallets	\$8	_____	\$ _____
digital negative	\$25	_____	\$ _____

**Order Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_