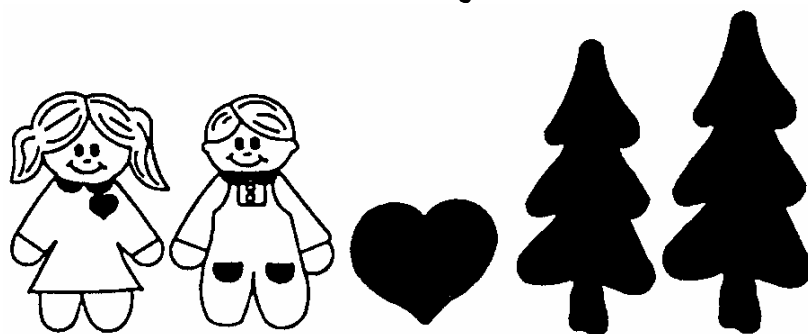


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November 2011



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Important Dates

November

- 1 November dues are due – late after the 10th. late fee applies.
- 2 & 3 Leaf Walk in Pioneer Park. Nevada City. 9:30 am – 12 noon. Bring lunch & drink.
- 4 Original Works deadline – makes a great memento or a Christmas gift!
- 10 Take out for Tall Pines: Goomba's Italian Family Restaurant. bring your coupons!
- 11 No school – Veterans' Day (Friday)
- 14 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at school
- 17 General Meeting 7 pm at school. Special topic: "Behavior: Info & Discussion".
- 21-25 No school –Thanksgiving break
- 28 Return to school

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to you. Thanks for being a part of our Tall Pines Family!

~Teacher Debby, Teacher Nicole & Teacher Michelle.

December

- 1 December dues are due – late after the 10th. late fee applies.
- 7 & 8 A Tall Pines Christmas: Program starts at 6 pm sharp! Please bring food to share: hors d'oeuvres or a dessert (remember, we're a large school, so more than just a couple of items are needed). Here is the schedule:
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 at school – 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
- Jan 4 Back to school

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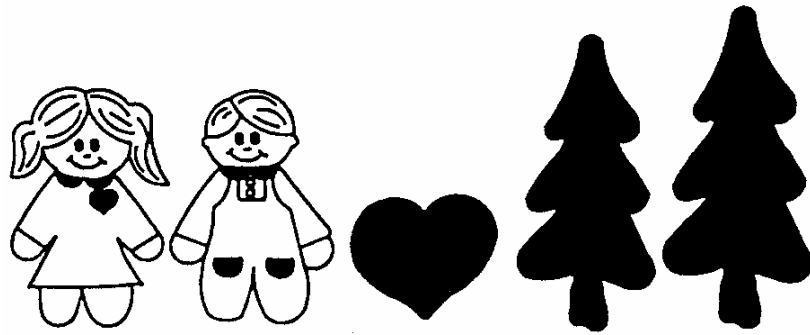
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President's Message

Hello Tall Pines Families! I hope that you and your kids had a great time dressing up for Halloween, and trick-or-treating down Treat Street ~ weren't they cute! And, thank you to all who came out for our Donation Drive Family Potluck ~ it was a really fun night.

Well, here we are already into November. This is the time of year that we focus a little more on family and ask ourselves what we are truly thankful for. And, I know we all have so very much to be grateful for this year. But, as a parent of a preschooler, I'm sure you can relate to this one very special item ~ potty training! Yes, I can finally say that our family is out of diapers ~ Yahoo! 😊 Some of you may know the trials and tribulations that our little family has been going through...namely my daughter standing in the shower to use as her potty. This was great at first, a step in the right direction. But, sadly not every public store, park or even Tall Pines has a shower at their disposal. So, while this was great for the first few days, it quickly became clear that this would become another hurdle in the potty training game. Well, last month after many standoffs with my three year old it finally happened, and yes she now uses the toilet!

Okay, I know this isn't the normal *"this year I am thankful for..."* response, but sometimes it's the little things that matter. Plus, I figure I'm at least in good company and that some of you can relate, or have your own funny preschooler stories 😊

This month is going to fly by, so don't forget to mark your calendar for all the fun events coming up! Also, our 50th Reunion Committee is in full swing ~ if you would like to be involved or have any ideas, please let me know.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving ~ Nicole

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Kerler's Korner

Well the craziness of all that goes into starting another Tall Pines school year is beginning to settle down ~ thank you once again for getting us off to a great school year! There are still a

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few who are working on completing your child's file~ remember these are requirements set by the State of California and we take them very seriously. If your paperwork is still pending please take care of that right away~ and in the meantime you should not be working in your child's class if the paperwork is outstanding. On another business note~ I know February is a ways away, but it will be here sooner than we all think!!! If you would like to avoid the 'shock' to your bank account when in February two months of tuition is due (February/May) go ahead and start paying a little extra each month now and it won't hit you so hard when the time comes.

Enjoy the beautiful colors of Fall with your children~ look at Fall through their eyes...

~Nancy and Bill. Your friendly business managers.

Kids are Cooking in November !

Nov. 2 & 3 Make a lunch. Bring to our annual Leaf Walk at Pioneer Park 9:30 - 12 noon. See the orange flier in your cubbies for additional details!

Nov. 9 & 10 Mini pumpkin breads

Nov. 16 & 17 Stone soup: everyone bring a vegetable & sign up to bring something to share

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

•Original Works deadline November 4th !!
Capture your child/children's creativity permanently. their artwork printed on an object

of daily use. to keep as a memento for your family. or maybe even consider it as a great way to make Christmas gifts for family and friends! And. of course. a great way to help raise funds for our school.

If you don't already have the info and order forms. check by the kitchen at school. Please contact me if you have any questions about this fun program. Wendy -

Check out the Original Works website:
www.originalworks.com/fundraising-items

•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. November 10th Take Out for Tall Pines will be at Italian eatery **Goomba's** in Grass Valley. across the street from Memorial Park on Hwy 174.



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On Thurs. December 15th Panda Express is our fun Take Out for Tall Pines host. Arent your kids always asking for "Panda"? – Mine does... Panda Express is located in the Glenbrook (East) side of Brunswick basin.



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Tall Pines Website

A quick reminder that all upcoming events are listed on the Tall Pines website as well as on Facebook. Sign up on Facebook to receive regular reminders (I personally love this feature! Helps keep me informed and on track) Newsletters are also available online as soon as they are published.

Questions and ideas, please contact Travis
~*****)

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Teacher Nicole's Ten Christmas Gift Ideas

1. Strider bike- They have no pedals and kids learn how to balance before they have to deal with the pedals.
2. Imaginext by Fisher Price- Great for imaginative play. This is like Little People of our time. My kids still play with theirs.
3. Games- Memory, Go Fish and High Ho the Cherry O are great games for young children. Playing games with kids gets them used to taking turns and can help them to play together with others.
4. Books- Books are always a great gift. I believe we can never have enough good books. Some of my favorite authors are Mo Willems (the Pigeon books), Ted Arnold (Fly Guy and Parts), and Dr. Seuss is always fun.
5. An Art Cart- It's fun for kids to have a set of art supplies at home. Keep crayons, markers and paper in one special container. You could even add glue sticks and stickers for fun.
6. A Bag of Balls- Fill a laundry bag fun of different sized balls. Kids love this.
7. Autoblocks- These are amazing. They are wooden cars that come apart and can be put back together in many different combinations. I like the minis because you have so many options.

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8. Dress-Up Bin- Fill a Rubbermaid tub with all kinds of dress up clothes. Remember that dress up does not always have to be princess. Go to the thrift shops and see what you can find. This can help to expand your child's imagination.

9. Puzzles- Floor puzzles are a great way for children to start to problem solve. Make sure they have big pieces and are not too difficult.

10. Blocks- Kids can build and make all kinds of things. Blocks are a never-ending activity.

♥ ~Teacher Nicole

Teacher Michelle's Fitness for Families

(Sing to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down) Use scarves and/or felt leaves:

All the leaves are falling down, falling down,
falling down (wave scarves overhead)

All the leaves are falling down, down to the
ground (let scarves fall to the ground)

Rake the leaves and pile them high, pile them
high, pile them high (rake scarves)

Rake the leaves and pile them high – way up to
the sky (rake into a pile)

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

Enjoy during your leaf walks and Autumn
hikes!

♥ ~Teacher Michelle



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Operation Christmas Child

A Chance to Give. "Operation Christmas Child".

A project proposed by Monique B. and Aonghas (T/TH Younger):

I got excited about doing this with Aonghas and thought I would bring the project to our friends at Tall Pines. Operation Christmas Child is run through a nonprofit organization called Samaritans Purse. "It is a faith-based program which partners with churches worldwide to deliver shoe boxes filled with small gifts to children in need."

Suggested items include school supplies, toys, hygiene items, flashlights, hairclips, socks, tee shirts, hats. There is a 7\$ donation request for each box to cover shipping costs with an option to follow your box if you pay online. You have to choose the gender and age of the child for whom you are preparing the box.

You will need:

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•A shoe box or any box with a lid about shoebox size, wrapped or unwrapped – just leave the lid accessible. Secure contents with a rubber band.

•A donation label indicating a Boy or Girl and an age group 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

•Stuff for the box. Children mainly request school items and basic necessities – toothbrushes, shoes, socks, things to write with, things to write on, colors, markers, etc.

On **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17th** I will pick the boxes up at Tall Pines and deliver them to their first check point.

I will put a sign-up sheet near your class sign-in/out sheet and I will place the Donation Forms/Labels there when I get them. There is a ton of info on the website including some videos on "How to pack a box" and in-depth information on the program.

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/>

Call or email me with questions: Monique B. (Aonghas' Mom) ***** or *****@gmail.com. This is not part of the Tall Pines scheduled events, this is an independent project.



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. . .

General Meeting Nov. 17 @ 7 pm

The parent General Meeting is coming up, on
November 17th at 7 pm at school. This is a
mandatory meeting for all of us!

Teacher Debby will be talking about BEHAVIOR.
Please bring questions so we can have a good
discussion.

Thank you

 ~Teacher Debby