

# Tall Pines Tidings

## Dates to Remember



### November

- 1 Tuition due – late after the 10<sup>th</sup>. late fee applies.
- 3 Board Meeting 6:30 pm at school 
- 5 & 6 Leaf Walk in Pioneer Park Nevada City. Flyer to come.
- 11 No school ~ Veterans' Day (Yes, its' a Tuesday. We will have school on Monday)
- 12 SVC/CCPPNS Meeting at Tall Pines ~ 6pm
- 14 Take Out for Tall Pines ~ **Panda Express**. Take your coupon there.
- 20 General Meeting 7pm at school. Mandatory for all parents and board.
- 21 PT I & 2 Thanksgiving celebration. Sign up to bring something.
- 24 & 25 Younger/Older Thanksgiving celebration. Bring a vegetable for Stone Soup.
- 26-28 No school. Thanksgiving Holiday and Break.
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Return to school

### December

- 1 December dues are due – late after the 10<sup>th</sup>. late fee applies.
- 1 Return to school
- 8 Board Meeting 6:30 pm ~ place TBD
- 10 & 11 "A Tall Pines Christmas": Singing Program 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Please bring food to share: hors d'oeuvres or a dessert (Please make enough for about 20 people). Here is the schedule:  
**Mon/Wed classes & the PT-I class come Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. 6 pm sharp! Be early!**  
**Tue/Thu classes & PT-II class come Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. 6 pm sharp! Be early!**  
 6:00 pm Sing - Practice at home! (see songs included)  
 6:15 – 7pm Share hors d'oeuvres and desserts. enjoy visiting with each other.
- 17, 18 & 19 Christmas Celebrations during class
- Dec 22-Jan 2 Christmas-Winter Break ~ Return to school January 5<sup>th</sup>



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## Kids are Cooking !

### November dates

- 3 & 4            9:30- 11:30 Leaf Walk in Pioneer Park Nevada City. Pack a lunch & drink  
Look for info in your cubbies soon! A Wonderful Not-To-Be-Missed Experience!
- 12 & 13          Pumpkin bread
- 19 & 20          Pumpkin mousse tarts
- 26 & 27          Thanksgiving Feast in class. Bring a vegetable to share for "Stone Soup". Sign up  
to bring something else.

### December dates

- 3 & 4            Gingerbread with whipped cream
- 10 & 11          Santa pancakes
- 17 & 18          Christmas celebrations in your child's classroom

## What Children are Thankful For

### Teacher Debby's Tuesday/Thursday Class

**McKinley: "I'm thankful for Mommy, Daddy and Brother"**

**Samuel: "I'm thankful for Grummie (Grandma), Cousins. Mommy & Daddy love me."**

**Keira: "I'm thankful for cleaning up when my Mom tells me. I get mad if I have to clean a lot."**

**Cody: "I'm thankful for my Grandma and my Daddy and Mommy and Brother (Craig)."**

**Frankie: "I'm thankful for my Mom and Dad and my friends."**

**Austin: "I'm thankful for my friends. Samuel, Cody, Nico J."**

**Preston: "I'm thankful for opening doors. I open doors for Mommy and Daddy. It's because I  
love them."**

**Nico J: "I'm thankful for my friend Jack and Zoey."**

**Charlotte: "I'm thankful for my Daddy tossing me in the air, my sisters, the goats (the ones that  
stopped for a visit)."**

**Chloe: "I'm thankful for my brothers Jake and C.J. Bella too!"**

**Bella: "I'm thankful for Mommy"**

**Walter: "I'm thankful for Mommy and Daddy and my friends."**

**Nicholas: "I'm happy my Mommy and Daddy love me. I'm thankful for being a cowboy."**

 ~ Teacher Debby

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## President's Message

*Who here is feeling the crunch of the Holidays approaching? I hope not many but it's so nice to know that when we walk into the big Tall Pines building that stress seems to disappear. The kids of course don't feel the stress, unless we impose it, and I find the activities we can all be involved in at Tall Pines are sweet, pure Holiday goodness. Needless to say, I'm looking forward to all the fun activities November holds. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy this moment.*

♥~Stephanie

## Business Office

Well, the Business Office is beginning to settle down a bit as we enter November. However, you may have noticed a few new faces, as families are continuing to inquire about our wonderful preschool program. Please help me in welcoming them to our school. And, be sure to let others know that we are still enrolling ~ the park seems to be a great place to meet new families and spread the word!

Thank you to everyone for helping to get your child's file up to date. However, there are still a few of you who need to turn in your paperwork....you know who you are Just a reminder that as we enter the third month of school, these forms need to be returned ASAP ~ you will **not** be able to work in your child's classroom without them!

On a personal note ~ I can hardly believe that we are already into the holiday months! As I was unpacking my 'fall' boxes, I came across so many wonderful projects my kids completed while here at Tall Pines. It reminds me again how thankful I am for our experiences here at school ~ we have learned so much, and have made so many lifelong friendships, which we will all (both kids and parents alike) cherish forever! I hope that as your Tall Pines experience grows that you, too, will feel this same way.

Enjoy this special season with your children! Happy Thanksgiving

♥~Nicole

## From Teacher Michelle

*Sing to the tune of  
"London Bridges Falling Down"*

*All the leaves are falling down,  
falling down, falling down  
all the leaves are falling down,  
down to the ground*

*Rake the leaves and pile them high,  
pile them high, pile them high  
rake the leaves and pile them high,  
pile them to the sky*

*Take your feet and jump right in,  
jump right in, jump right in  
take your feet and jump right in,  
then we'll play again*

♥~Teacher Michelle

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**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**

breathe deeply, get down (literally) on your child's level and savor the memories that you are creating together. Enjoy!

♥ ~Teacher Kelsey



## From Teacher Kelsey

Fall is officially upon us! This is my favorite time of the year for many reasons. It is a great time of the year to explore our wonderful community. The sights, smells and textures of this season are all around us and offer us many opportunities for exploration with our children.

I took my own children for a recent visit to Empire Mine State Park. This is a wonderful outing for children and adults of all ages. Bring paper bags and pick up the numerous treasures you find along the way...acorns, bright colored leaves, and rocks of all shapes and sizes. Have your children describe, sort, and draw pictures of the various items they find. Ask your children to help participate in yard work. They love to help rake, bag up and most importantly, jump in leaf piles 😊

Another favorite activity of mine now that the weather has brought cooler temperatures is to get my children into the kitchen. My children love to chop, sort, sprinkle, stir and mash all kinds of ingredients to make applesauce, soups, apple pies, pumpkin muffins, smoothies, pizza, and enchiladas.

Whatever Fall activities you do with your family remember to take the time to

## From your Fundraising Team

Thanks to all who came out to our Spaghetti feed and Movie Night and our first Take Out for Tall Pines last month at Round Table Pizza. Both events were a huge success and go a long way to supporting our school.



The Last Honest Pizza.™

686 Sutton Way (Glenbrook Basin)  
 (530) 273-6155

**Thanks again Steve, for your support!**

Both offered a fabulous time for parents to get to know each other outside of school hours and for kids to hang out with their friends. We would like to thank everyone who participated in helping set up and take down, without your help it wouldn't be possible. Thank you to our bakers and our cooks, the food turned out amazing! We can't wait for our second Movie Night,

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which will be in the Spring, and to see you all there too!

A huge Thank You to all of our Tall Pines families for your amazing support with the fall bulbs sale! Great job everyone! Your bulbs are ready take home and then it's time to plant them! Don't forget to get these beauties in the ground so you can enjoy all your efforts come spring. But if you do delay planting, be sure to store them in a cool, dry place so they won't mold.

Due to the huge popularity in the past years and the generosity of Olive Vitality in downtown Grass Valley (also a Tall Pines family), we are bringing back our OLIVE OIL SALE just in time for Christmas! We are excited to be offering both 4- and 6-bottle gift packs of 60ml bottles. There will also be 375ml box sets of two and 750ml bottles for those of you who just can't get enough of this amazing oil and balsamic vinegar!

The flavors that we are offering this year for the olive oils are: TUSCAN HERB, BLOOD ORANGE, MEYER LEMON and MISSION PLAIN EXTRA VIRGIN. For the balsamic vinegar flavors we have: PRICKLY PEAR, ELDERBERRY, BLACKBERRY GINGER and TRADITIONAL DARK BALSAMIC.

Order forms will be in cubbies by NOV 3rd! These make awesome Christmas gifts and 50% of all proceeds go to Tall Pines. So make your friends and family happy with the gift of Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar, and help support your school!

Finally, the **Spring Benefit** is just around the corner and our organizing efforts have begun! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 21st 2015**.

The Spring Benefit is Tall Pines' signature community event and our most important fundraiser outside of the pizza booth at the fair. It is a relaxed party among friends at the Elks Lodge in Grass Valley. The food is delicious, the party is tremendous fun and the auction is filled with truly great items.

Most of those amazing auction items come directly from our parent community! We are beginning our collection of auction items NOW and would love to hear from you if you are considering donating an item to this event. Or, if you can help us by collecting donations in the community, or contacting regional and statewide recreational destinations, please contact Monique at [mderenia@gmail.com](mailto:mderenia@gmail.com).

Thanks again for all you do for our wonderful school!

♥~Monique, Michelle & Jamie

## REMINDER

The weather is changing. We sometimes do have snow days because of weather. Please listen to KNCO 830 AM on the radio or KNCO.com for Grass Valley school cancellation information.

When it rains you can drive in and park by the school. Go through gate 5, no faster than 5 mph at all times!!

Do NOT park on the grass. Park by the school in back.



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## Practice your Christmas songs!

Our Christmas showcase, "A Tall Pines Christmas" is your child's opportunity to sing to you, friends and family the songs that we will be practicing in class. We will be sharing food and joy, conversation and music on this most enjoyable evening: December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (see calendar) be early, for the children will sing at 6 pm sharp!!

### Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it  
You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Play in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say:  
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee,  
"Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
You'll go down in history!"

### 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, & 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. 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,  
o'er the fields we go, laughing all the way!  
Bells on bob-tails ring, making spirits bright.  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
a sleighing song tonight!

OoHHH. . .





# Teacher Debby's Parent Pages

## Play with me

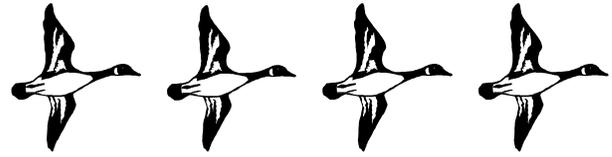
I tried to teach my child from books;  
he gave me only puzzled looks.

I tried to teach my child with words;  
they passed him by, often unheard.

Despairingly I turned aside;  
"How shall I teach this child?" I cried.

Into my hands he put the key;  
"Come", he said. "Play with me."

Author unknown



## The Goose Story

This fall, when you see the geese heading south for the winter, flying along in a V formation, you might be interested to know what science has discovered about why they fly that way.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. So by flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than a bird on its own. Those who share a common direction and sense of community can accomplish more because they are traveling on the "draft" of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. Our work is easier when we join with others headed in the same direction.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing, and another goose flies point. Delegation and taking turns prevents burnout.

The geese at the back of the formation constantly honk to encourage those up front to maintain their speed. Just like people!

Finally, and this is very important, when a goose gets sick or is wounded and drops from the sky, two other geese immediately fall out of formation and follow it down. Moreover they stay with their fallen companion until it is either dead or able to fly again. They launch out on their own again or with another formation to catch up with their group. Perhaps if we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other and use our cooperation.

## What it Takes To Be an Understanding, Compassionate and Healthy Person at Tall Pines Nursery School

### Be Informed

- Read bulletin boards
- Read the newsletter
- Read your work schedule calendar
- Read the info in your child's cubbie

### Take Steps to Solve Problems

- Speak with your Class Rep
- Speak with your teacher
- Speak with Nicole in the office if dues are involved
- Speak with Debby, the director

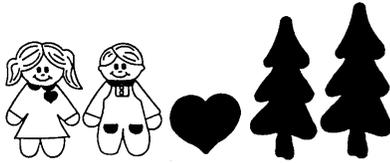
### Have Integrity as a parent and adult Be Honest

### Be non-back-stabbing

### Be a good listener and send concerns to the proper person

### Be non-judgmental of others, especially children

♥ ~Teacher Debby



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## Why Play for Young Children?

In our work-oriented society, play often has a negative meaning: "Quit playing around", "You're wasting your time playing", "Playboy".

These are all expressions that show our lack of respect for play. But if we look closely, we will find that play is the central activity of young children. It is play that enables children to grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically to their maximum potential.

### The Value of Play for Social Development

The young child is not born with the ability to "get along" with others or to cooperate in activities of give and take. This skill of "learning to live and work with others" begins first as *isolated play*, exploring the parents' faces and bodies with their own body, and exploring and manipulating toys and objects (ages 0-2½). This is followed by *parallel play*, which can be seen when older toddlers play side by side, each doing a similar imitative activity, such as washing dolls, but without true communication or cooperation.

The next stage of play, near age three, is *cooperative play*, in which the children work on one task, sharing materials. Two children might build a garage with blocks or work together to create a sand city. Later, after much experience with other children, we begin to see the development of highly valued *socio-dramatic play*. This is the dress-up and make-believe role play that adults find so appealing during the preschool to kindergarten years (ages 3-7). Young children learn to understand social roles through role playing mommy, daddy, doctor, grocer or firefighter.

Finally, near the beginning of middle childhood (ages 7-11) and the beginning of formal

*games-with-rules*. These include competitive games (sports and board games) and mental games (word games and those often played in the car while traveling).

### The Value of Play for Emotional Development

Young children, whose language is limited, are better able to express their feelings and understand their world through play rather than complicated words. The child who has had a highly emotional negative experience (trip to the dentist) or positive experience (birthday party) can retreat to his/her play world, and play out "dentist" or "birthday". This replaying in the safe world of play allows the child to digest both pleasurable and unpleasant experiences, to better understand them, and to begin to gain some control over his/her feelings related to the emotional experiences.

### The Value of Play for Intellectual Development

Learning is not a simple process of "putting information into" the child and then having the child "put it out". The child must play with the new information in order to understand it. Children use toys and gestures symbolically in play as attempts to understand objects and experiences in their real world.

The symbols seen in children's play and artworks indicate the development of the ability to use representation. Just as a block can represent a truck for a 4 or 5-year old, the letters *c-a-t* will represent the animal that says meow to the older, school-age child. The young child needs many experiences playing with symbols (pretend the block is a truck) before he/she is ready to unlock the world of words, which is required for success in beginning reading.

It is during the pre-school years that the child is moving from the make-believe symbols to play in a world of words in reading and writing.