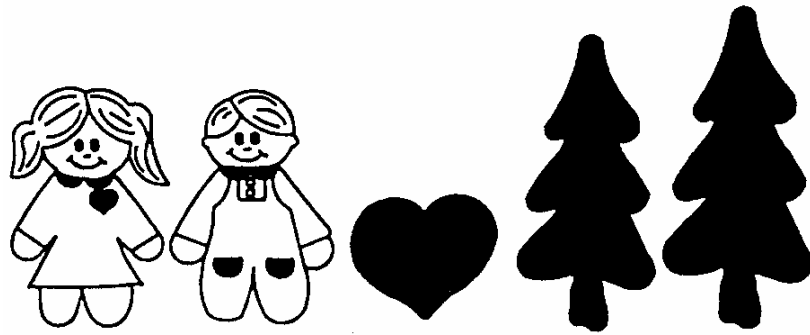


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Important Dates

September

- 12 Board Meeting 6:30pm at Tall Pines
- 15 General Meeting 7pm at Tall Pines – Mandatory for at least one parent!
- 17 Day of the Young Child 10am–2:30pm at Nevada County Sierra College
- 23 Deadline to turn in order for Tall Pines T-Shirt Sale – both kid and adult sizes!
- 28 Fall Movie Nite on the lawn at school – **TOY STORY** and snacks under the stars!

October

- 6 Back to School Donation Drive Family Picnic – open to relatives and friends too!
- 7 Deadline to turn in orders for Dutch Mills Fall Bulbs Sale
- 10 Board Meeting 6:30pm at Tall Pines
- 11 Spanish begins for T/TH Older \$8 per class
- 12 Spanish begins for M/W Older \$8 per class
- 13 Take Out for Tall Pines is at Gold Rush BBQ restaurant in Grass Valley
- 19–20 Pumpkin Patch Bierwagons Chicago Park 10am–12noon. Younger and Older
- 21 Pumpkin Patch Bierwagons Chicago Park 10am–12noon. PT1 and PT2
- 27 T/TH classes Halloween celebration during class
- 28 PT I & II classes Halloween celebration during class
- 31 M/W classes Halloween celebration during class

A Note from Your Teachers

As we spend the next few months together look for the following:

♥ For your child's growth in their social-emotional area. ♥ The smile on your child's face when they walk into school. ♥ How comfortable and independent they have become. ♥ How far their language has grown. ♥ How they have learned to problem solve. ♥ How they move through the classroom with more ease and confidence. ♥ How they work together as a community. ♥ And at last, how you have come together as a community of adults to encourage together this most wonderful environment.

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We the teachers spend much energy to create this wonderful school for this treasured time in a child's life. Thank you for your dedication and love. ~ Teacher Debby, Teacher Michelle & Teacher Nicole.

President's Message

Hello and welcome back to another exciting year at Tall Pines! My name is Nicole Kiser, and I will be serving as the Board President this year. For those of you who don't know me, I have actually been a Tall Pines parent for the past 6 years. During that time I have come to truly understand what an amazing place our school is. The teachers are outstanding. And, the families you meet will become lifelong friends. I look forward to connecting with you again at school, and to meet all of our new families. If you ever have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me! And, if I can offer up one piece of advice it would be this: send your children to school in their Tall Pines T-shirts, (and definitely wear yours when it's your work day) ~ it's so much more fun when they've been able to get messy ☺
Here's to another wonderful year. ~Nicole

Kerler's Korner

Howdy!! We are your friendly business managers Nancy and Bill. We are the people that try to keep the school running from behind the scenes and help you and the teachers along the way. Our son, Nicholas, attended Tall Pines about 10 years ago and still loves to stop and give the teachers a big hug once in awhile. I will tell you, you have selected a nursery school that is for the whole family!! Your child will learn how to be a child and you will learn how to be a parent! Don't waste a moment of time ~ get involved!! You will see how your

whole family will benefit because of your time at Tall Pines.

In the meantime, please get all of your paperwork in, tuition paid and all that stuff that is required by the state. Stop by and ask any questions that may come up ~ if we don't know the answer we will help you figure it out!! Welcome! We are glad you are here.

~Nancy and Bill

Vice-President's Message

Hello! Welcome back to Tall Pines, or welcome to Tall Pines if this is your first year! We are excited to be starting a new school year! My name is Megan Hood and I am the Vice President of the board this year. It was a pleasure to meet with all of you at Orientation. For those who were not be able to make Orientation I will be contacting you soon to get you signed up for a committee. If your child is in a Parent-Toddler class you are not required to be on a committee but I urge you to consider signing up for one ~ it's a great way to get involved in the school and meet more of our wonderful parents! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your committee or questions regarding your attendance for General Meetings, via e-mail or phone.

~Megan

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Big Hello from Your Teachers

A BIG WELCOME from Teacher Debby~

It's great to be back to school! I look forward to seeing old friends, and new ones! I am best known as Teacher Debby, but I am also the Director of Tall Pines Nursery School ~ for the past 27 years!!! Crazy-yes, but I love it. The next few weeks will be fast and crazy!

Just smile and ask questions. Make sure to read ALL of the information that is given to you ~ it will help you with other children and how to work in the classroom. If you need help, returning parents, teachers, staff and myself would love to help you ~ so just be sure to ask! The "Parent Information" in your newsletters will give you great parenting tips and information concerning the development of your child~ so be sure to read it all!

♥~Teacher Debby

Teacher Nicole, Younger side~

Here we are once again at the beginning of another year at Tall Pines Nursery School. We have had a wonderful start to this year, lots of wide eyes and big smiles. I know for some of you it was actually harder than it was for your kiddos. They all did wonderful and seem to be enjoying their newly found independence. Please remember that there are several

different ways you can help your little ones to be ready for their new experience. One is to make them feel like the big kid they are. Let them walk into school. You may need to plan to arrive early, it is a long walk.

Another thing you can do is arrive at school on time. For many kids it's difficult to join a group that has already begun its activity.

Schedules are very important for young children and help our day run smoothly.

We are going to have a great year. I look forward to working with you and your children.

♥~Teacher Nicole

Teacher Michelle, Parent/Toddler~

Hello and Welcome to Tall Pines. I am excited to see many new families in PT1 and PT2 and our returning Tall Pines families too!

The beginning of a school year always brings a little nervousness, excitement and anxiety. With their toddler's help, all parents adjust within just a few weeks. We are all working on our social skills in preschool and I look joyfully toward this school year and getting to know you and your wonderful children. Thank you for choosing Tall Pines Cooperative Nursery School.

♥~Teacher Michelle

Tall Pines Publicity & Marketing

Tall Pines is turning 50 this year, so it's time to bring it into the 21st century. This past summer we had a few changes to help with this including a shiny new website: www.TallPinesNurserySchool.com, a new Facebook page and some new printed material. The website is our face to the outside world. It's one of the first impressions that new

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parents will have of us and it should reflect who we are. If any parent would like to help by submitting pictures or stories I would be happy to post them for all to see.

Upcoming projects for me this year will mainly revolve around **Tall Pines' 50th Birthday**. It's a big milestone and a big opportunity to increase community awareness and we need to act on it.

If you have an idea on how we can do this please contact Debby, Nancy or myself and we can talk about it.

Thank You.

~Travis Apple



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Tall Pines Fundraising

We are so excited to start another year, and hope to see you at all of the great events we have planned for this year! Please save the dates for all upcoming events. Look for details in your cubbies and email (see our brand new Tall Pines website and Facebook page to receive Event Reminders via e-mail!

www.TallPinesNurserySchool.com

Facebook: Tall Pines Nursery School and Tall Pines Event Reminder

~Wendy, Mya & Carah, fundraising co-chairs

Annual T-Shirt Sale

Get yours now! Charcoal Grey or Kelly Green – T-shirt, Hoodie or Long sleeve. With the Tall Pines logo! Both child and adult sizes available. Order forms available now.

Deadline – September 23rd

Fall Movie Nite

Our first Family Event... Join us on the lawn for **TOY STORY** and snacks under the stars!

Wednesday, September 28th

Back to School Family Picnic Dinner

Back to School Donation Drive Family Dinner! Join the fun – bring a dish to share and a donation for our fantastic school... Details in your cubbies and email soon.

Event date: Thursday, October 6th

This annual event is a way to welcome our families back to school, share some time and a yummy meal together while raising some funds for Tall Pines. Drinks will be provided and each family will bring a favorite dish to share. Bring a copy of your recipe for your favorite dish and we will use them to create a Tall Pines Recipe Book for distribution to all Tall Pines Families. Your ticket in the door will be a donation towards our school. We encourage you to give what you can – one way to think about it... If you took your family out to dinner, how much would you spend? Donate that or more if you can! You can ask others (grandparents, family and people in the community that are friends of Tall Pines) if they would like to be

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involved by attending and/or making a contribution towards this community event.

Dutch Mills Fall Bulb Sale

Starting in September – like Girl Scout Cookies... sell 'em to yourself and friends and family. Beautiful Spring flowers – tulips, daffodils and more – **Deadline – October 7th.**

Plant in the Fall for Spring blooms. Tons of fun to plant & fantastic learning for the kids too! Look for order forms in your cubbies or in the Fundraising folder on the kitchen door.

Take Out for Tall Pines

Take Out For Tall Pines is new this year! Want a night off from preparing dinner? Want to help our wonderful school earn some dollars? Then we've got the plan for you.... Take Out for Tall Pines is a program involving eight local eateries- a different one each month. Please set aside the **2nd Thursday** to join your Tall Pines friends at one of our restaurants – you can either “take out” the family or “take out” the food and bring it home. Either way a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to Tall Pines from each of the participating restaurants. We will start this fun program on the 2nd Thursday of **October – the 13th** with Gold Rush BBQ in Downtown Grass Valley.

GOLD RUSH BURGERS & BBQ

Smoked Burgers, Ribs, Charbroiled Steaks, Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Tri-Tip, Brisket, Sausages, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Philly Cheese Steak, French Dip, Fish, Salads, Veggie Burger, Turkey Burger

From your Class Reps

Hi! My name is Laurie and I'm the Class Rep for PT1. This is our third year at Tall Pines – my son Evan is in the MWF Older class. Please let me know if you have any questions. We have a lot of fun activities this year and I'm excited to get to know some new families!

~Laurie

I will be the class rep for the Parent Toddler II class this year. My son Oliver and I have enjoyed meeting the other families. and we're looking forward to a fun year with you! I was in Teacher Michelle's class a few years ago with my older son, Isaac. and we loved it! As your class rep. I will be in charge of putting together our work and snack schedule each month. Please let me know if possible in advance when you know you won't be able to work.

You can email me or call me.

Looking forward to Fridays with you and our sweet kids!

~Allison Massam

Hello everyone! I am the class representative for Teacher Nicole's class on Mondays and Wednesdays. My son, Luca, is returning to

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Teacher Nicole's class this year. We are both so excited to be back at Tall Pines and are really looking forward to the school year and getting to know our wonderful class!

~Mercedes Ricciardi

My name is Tegan Phelps and I am the class representative for the T/TH Younger side this year and I look forward to getting to know all of you! My daughter is Taylor and this will be our second year attending Tall Pines we are coming to the younger side from PT II. I am expecting a future Tall Pines attendee in early October and I won't get to know all of you as well as I would like early in the year so please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you and I look forward to representing our class this year!

~Tegan

My name is Tanya and I am the M-W-F class rep for Teacher Debby. As a Tall Pines Alumni from 1977. I know firsthand the impact Tall Pines has made on my life. To answer the age old question. "What was your favorite Grade?" even through college I would always say. "Tall Pines Nursery School!" I believe it's because I had a ton of fun and I made connections with other kids/families that I still see in the local community today. three decades later. These connections are why I am a parent of a Tall Pines student and why I am on the board as a class rep. For this reason. I am excited to participate 100% for my daughter's class and school. I look forward to working with you.

~Tanya

T/TH Older had a great first week! I love to see our classroom so full of smiles. If you have any scheduling requests for October please let me know soon. Thanks!

~Samantha



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A Couple of Songs We Sing

"A Ram Sam Sam" is a popular children's song and game which originated in Morocco.

The song's lyrics are usually:

A ram sam sam, a ram sam sam
Guli guli guli guli ram sam sam
A ram sam sam, a ram sam sam
Guli guli guli guli ram sam sam
A ra-vi, a ra-vi
Guli guli guli guli ram sam sam
A ra-vi, a ra-vi
Guli guli guli guli ram sam sam

The game is played by a group of children. The song is sung by the group leader and the participants should perform several actions during certain lyrics, usually:

A ram sam sam – pound fists, right over left, then left over right.

Guli guli – roll hands around each other as if something were gooey.

A ra-vi – throw hands up in the air, as if dismayed.

"The Tall Pines Goodbye Song"

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School is over for today

Good bye my friends, we're on our way!

We'll soon be back to laugh and play

At Tall Pines Nursery School

And I... love... you, and you, and you, and you,

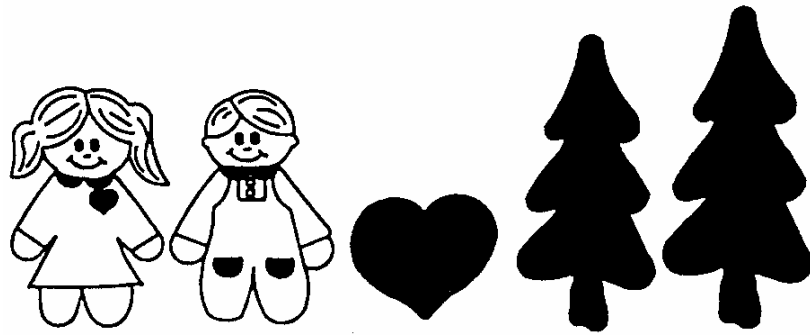
and you...

(pointing at everyone in the circle)

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