

# Tall Pines Tidings

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## A Letter From the President



## Reminders

- ✓ School Bus Ride  
4/3 & 4/4
- ✓ Family Festival  
4/14
- ✓ Wild Things 4/17
- ✓ Starbright Acres  
Farm Fieldtrip  
4/25 & 4/26



For me, hand-me-downs are a way of life. Currently I have 3 large trash bags in the back of my car that I received from a friend. Everyone in my house wears hand-me-downs. Kids are only in certain sizes for so long. And, depending on the age and the kids, the clothes they briefly wore are still in pretty good shape. I always say yes when someone asks if I want kids clothes. I know that if I don't use them then someone else I know can, or if I don't find a home for them, I donate to my favorite local nonprofits. I don't want any kid to not have something to wear. No family should have to worry about clothing their child. I have a basement storage room that looks like the back of a retail shop – tubs of sorted girls and boys clothes marked with the sizes. I cull through them from time to time. I get what I need and then start farming out the rest. My friends laugh at me because usually I have a bag of something every month or so to pass on.

My favorite places to donate kids clothes are DVSAC (Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition) and The Karing Closet. DVSAC is an easy drop off located in the Brighton Greens complex near the Fairgrounds. The Karing Closet has drop off points or you can meet directly with Kari Stehmeyer. These agencies work together with local agencies to serve local Nevada County families in need. And, sadly, there is a lot of need. Kari just posted that she is out of newborn clothes: 6mos girls and 3-9mos boys. Maybe you don't want to donate but instead sell to recoup some money. That's great. It's nice to get some cash back into the family fund. But, if you feel inclined to donate, it's easy to do. Besides the two I mentioned, there are so many options – thrift stores, churches, you name it. Even just asking around at school is a great way to clean out your closet and add to another family's wardrobe.

Leia

# School Calendar 2018

## April

- 1 Tuition Due
- 2 Back to School
- 3, 4 School Bus Ride, 10:30am
- 9 Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines
- 14 **Family Festival, 11:00am – 2:00pm**
- 17 Wild Things, 10:30am  
All classes invited, look for flyer!
- 27 Date Night, 5:00-8:00pm – LAST ONE!
- 25, 26 Farm Fieldtrip to Starbright Acres – more info to come!



## May

- 1 No Tuition Due if already paid
- 2, 3, 4 Un-Birthday Day
- 5 Bike-A-Thon, 10:30am – 1:30pm
- 7 Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines
- 9, 10, 11 Mother's Day Brunch at Tall Pines
- 10 General Meeting, 6:30pm at Tall Pines
- 17 Ice Cream Social, 6:00-7:30pm at Tall Pines
- 18 PT Classes Last Day
- 21, 22 MW & TTH Classes Pack-Up School  
Kids play outside, bring a lunch!
- 23 MW Class at Mini Park  
Drop-Off 9:00am, Pick-Up 12:00pm



# From The Director



Happy Spring!! I have enjoyed the recent weather very much! I absolutely love that we live in a region where ALL four seasons are so vibrant and apparent.

It is my absolute blessing to watch your children grow through the seasons literally and figuratively through their seasons of life...most of my kiddos are moving on to kindergarten and I am so excited for them. Now is a good time to give them more responsibilities at home to prepare them for the upcoming changes. This is important for the younger ones too because the transition from Parent/Toddler class to younger side or younger side to my class is also big changes for them.

Chores and responsibilities offer many chances for communication and developing vocabulary. Some examples are:

- Setting the table: Offers one-to-one correspondence, counting, more and less
- Putting away groceries: Sorting, matching, comparisons
- Cooking: Measuring, mixing, spreading
- Laundry: Sorting and matching
- Gardening: Changes, growth, motor skills, using tools

I'm always available to give more personalized examples for your kiddos so don't hesitate to ask. Or you can read more at Stuff Parents Need:

<http://stuffparentsneed.com/chores-for-preschoolers-and-toddlers/>

Teacher Kelsey

## Chore Suggestions For Kids



### Ages 2-3

- Make Bed
- Brush Teeth
- Empty trash cans
- Wipe Windowsills
- Dust Baseboards
- Pick up Toys
- Fold Washcloths

### Ages 3-4

- Put away laundry
- Unload Silverware
- Fold Pants
- Match Socks
- Wipe Table
- Straighten Bookshelf
- Sweep Sidewalk

### Ages 4-5

- Fold Shirts
- Feed Pets
- Wipe Bathroom Sink
- Dry Dishes
- Set Table
- Stairs (handheld vacuum)
- Sort Laundry

### Ages 5-6

- Open Blinds
- Sweep Kitchen
- Vacuum Bedroom
- Clean Mirrors
- Fold Towels
- Water Plants
- Read to Siblings

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# From The Office



## Reminders From Nicole

Hello Tall Pines Families & Happy Spring! It's hard to believe that we are already into April....which means that the Business Office is a very busy place these days! Registration for next school year is in full swing ~ so please spread the word to your friends that now is the time to secure their child's spot for the 2018-2019 school year! ☺ Classes are filling up fast, with wait lists already started. 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! If you still have contracts and/or payments for next year that you have not yet turned in, please return everything to the Business Office as soon as possible.

The fees for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

- 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 ~ \$132 per month
- Three-Day per week Tuition ~ \$198 per month
- PT Tuition ~ \$55 per month

I will be placing notices in cubbies soon for any outstanding balances. Please stop by the Business Office if you have any questions, or would like to set up a payment plan. All accounts need to be settled no later than Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

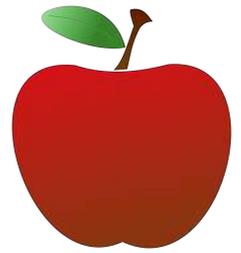
Thank you everyone ~ Happy Spring!  
Nicole~



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Tall Pines is registered with [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to help with fundraising. When buying at Amazon, use our smile link and a half percent of your total purchase will go to the school. The prices are the same if you use it or not, so it's an easy way to help out.

# From The Teachers



## Goodbye From Teacher Cynthia

Dear Tall Pines Families,

It is with sadness and joy that my season as a teacher at Tall Pines Nursery School is coming to a close.

It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to teach at Tall Pines – with the children, families and staff that we are blessed to have.

Thank you for all the ways you all have encouraged, supported and inspired me as we have worked together in our child-centered, play based, parent coop preschool.

I first came to Tall Pines, as a parent, in September 1981, with my daughter Julie on the younger side. Zach and Daisy followed after their sister, and then in 1988 through 1991, I taught TTH/younger.

I then transitioned to the Grass Valley School District as a first grade and kindergarten teacher for many years, and then came full-circle and landed once again at Tall Pines – TTH/younger side! It has been very satisfying, meaningful and fun!

Now I am entering a new season of my life, but Tall Pines will always have a huge place in my heart. I plan on staying involved – perhaps as a sub or at a fundraiser or as a volunteer here or there.

As I am finishing up this wonderful school year, know that we are looking for just the right teacher to step in on the younger side. If you may know someone, please let us know.

With Gratitude & Love,

Teacher Cynthia

# In the Classroom



# Announcements



## Sign Up Reminder From The Pizza Booth Team

Hello hello to all my fellow Tall Piners,

It's almost the end of our school year and the Fair will be here before we know it. The fairgrounds just posted that we are only 127 days away! Yikes!

**Please make sure you are signed up for your shifts and ready to go before May.**

I know a lot of us take vacations or just get vacation brain once school is out, so I want to make sure we have everything taken care of. I know it's hard to take extra time away from our busy lives, but **this booth is incredibly important to our school.**

Working in the Pizza Booth is also a great way to meet other parents.

As always, please make sure to ask any questions you might have and thank you so much for your help with this. You make this all possible!

Thanks,  
Ashlie Evans  
Blane & Cooper's Mom

## Teacher Position Posting

Tall Pines Nursery School is looking for a part-time Preschool Teacher for our 3-4 year old class.

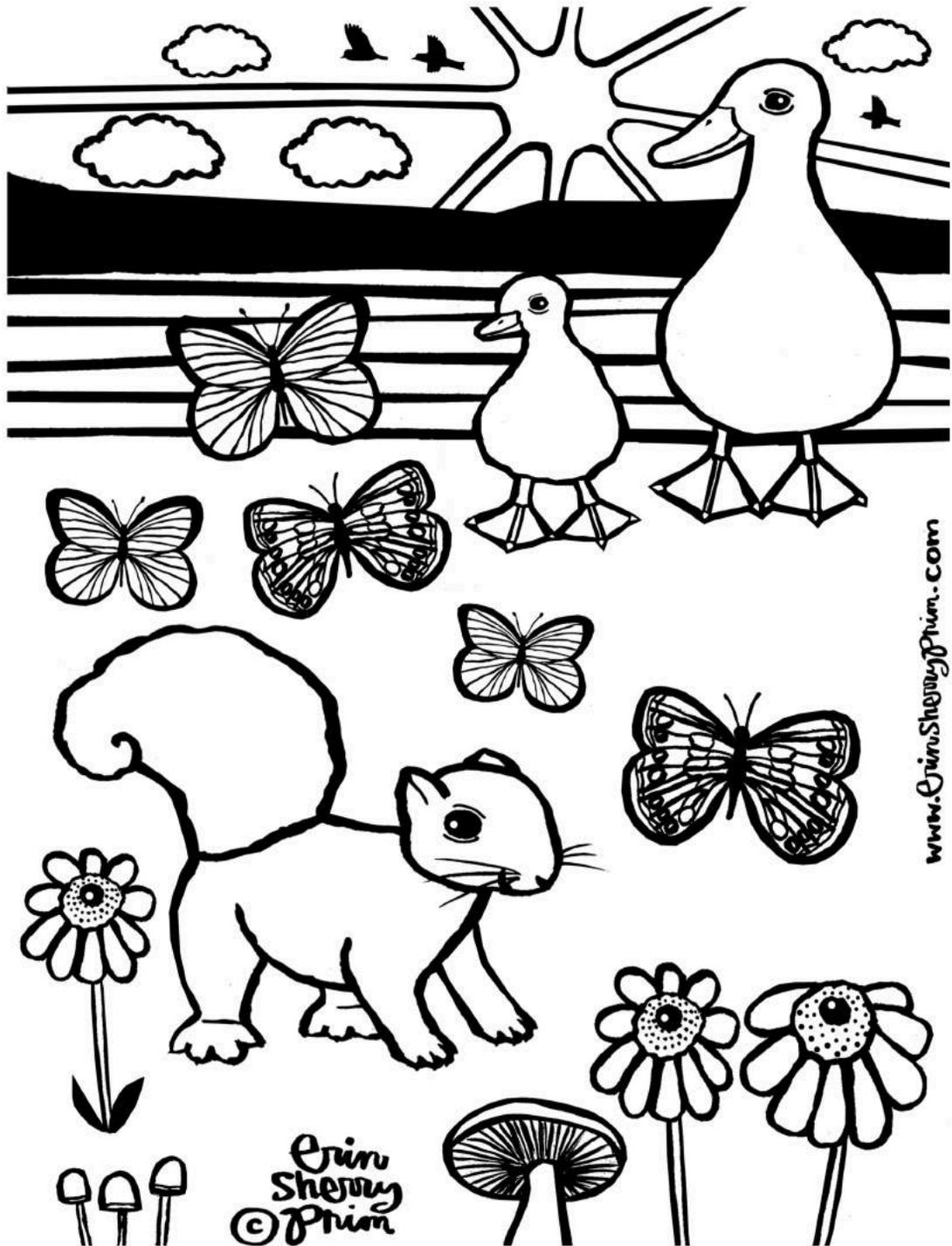
- Minimum of 12 Early Childhood Education units
- 6 months teaching experience required
- Salary to be determined based on experience
- Please email resumes to: [tallpine@nccn.net](mailto:tallpine@nccn.net)

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A big THANK YOU to all our families who work in the Pizza Booth!  
And remember, support our friends at GV Round Table!

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