

Tall Pines Tidings

Dates to Remember

HAVE A WONDERFUL MERRY CHRISTMAS, Tall Pines Families!

♥ ~Teacher Debby, Teacher Kelsey & Teacher Michelle.

December

- 1 December dues are due – late after the 10th. late fee applies.
- 5 & 6 **“A Tall Pines Christmas”**: Program starts at 6 pm sharp! 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 5th. 6 pm sharp!
Tues/Thurs classes & the PT II class come Dec 6th. 6 pm sharp!
6:00 pm Sing - See attached songs to practice at home!
6:15 – 7pm Share hors d’oeuvres and desserts. enjoy visiting with each other.
- 7 Board Christmas Party 6:30pm. location TBD
- 10 & 11 Santa Claus visits during class.
- 19 & 20 Younger & Older Christmas celebrations in the classroom
- 21 PT I and PT II Christmas celebration in the classroom.
- Dec. 24 – Jan. 4 Christmas Break – no school.
- Jan 7 Back to school



January

- 7 Return to school
- 7 January dues are due – late after the 15th. late fee applies.
- 14 Board Meeting 6:30pm at school.
- 16 SCC Meeting 6pm in Winters (near Woodland)
- 17 General Meeting. Kindergarten Night 7pm at school. All must attend!!
- 21 MLKJ Birthday Holiday. No school.
- 30 & 31 Fieldtrip to Gold Country Gymnastics. To be confirmed. Flyer in your cubbies.

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February

- 1 Dues are due. Late after the 10th. Late fee applies!
- 8 PT I & II Valentine's Party in class.
- 11 Board Meeting 6:30pm at school
- 13 M/W Valentine's Celebration in class.
- 14 T/Th Valentine's Celebration in class.
- 15 & 18 No school.

Kids are Cooking in December !

December

- 5 & 6 Gingerbread cookies.
- 12 & 13 Santa pancakes
- 19 & 20 Christmas parties in class. Something to bring!

January

- 9 & 10 Snowman bagels
- 16 & 17 Oatmeal with raisins and fruit
- 23 & 24 Grilled cheese sandwiches

President's Message

Hello Tall Pines Friends!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Take Out for Tall Pines is coming up. watch for the info on it. A night out for dinner...no cooking! Well, the Christmas season is upon us and we are looking forward to the Tall Pines Christmas Program coming up. Watching our kids sing the Great Christmas songs to get us all in the Christmas spirit.

It's so easy to get caught up in the chaos during the Christmas season! Remember the true meaning of Christmas. take time and cherish the traditions that have been or will be started. and hold close the family time this magical season.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

♥~Sarah

Business Office

Hello Tall Pines Families and Happy Holidays! I can't believe that we are already immersed in the Christmas season! Here in the business office. things are running smoothly ~ we have gotten into our routine. and all is well. Just a few reminders ~ please put your child's name and class on your tuition payment. and as we enter the New Year. remember that February will be a double tuition month. As always. please talk to us if you need to set up a payment plan or have any questions. We still have a few openings. and January is a great time for families to join our school ~ so. please let your friends know. And. please join me in welcoming all of our new families to Tall Pines! This is truly a remarkable place and a wonderful environment for both children and parents alike.

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We wish you all a peaceful and blessed holiday season!

Grocery Rebates

2012 is going to be another good year for grocery store rebates to Tall Pines.

Thank you, parents. Grocery rebates are a meaningful way to contribute to our school without having to ask you to open up your wallets.

Looking over the Raley's account, there are 29 family members using the old Quality of Life card to get grocery rebates to Tall Pines. Beginning January 1st, Quality of Life cards will no longer be accepted by Raley's. Everybody must switch over to "Something Extra" and fill out the "Extra Credit" portion on the website to allow Tall Pines to continue receiving rebates. Any questions, please see Bill or Nicole in the business office.

A few families still need to get their new Safeway cards from the store (cashier check-out clerk). Once you have your new card, please bring it to Bill or Nicole so we can register it.

Grocery rebates are on course to bring in \$6,000 annually to Tall Pines which helps keep our tuition low. Please continue to support us in this way.

♥ ~Your Office Team: Nicole, Nancy and Bill

Take Out for Tall Pines -Jernigan's

Tuesday December 11th will be another great Tall Pines take out night. Former Tall pines parent Sean Cox recently purchased

Jernigan's and is ready to host Tall Pines. 10% of all orders will be donated to our school.

Along with a great pub style menu including various grass-fed burgers, sandwiches and salads with local produce, and yummy fries. Sean has 14 taps with a selection of local and seasonal brews.

Jernigan's is a small restaurant so Sean is **closing to the public for this event!** This will be a private Tall Pines evening. Please help make it a success for all of us!

The New Belgium Brewing Company, makers of Fat Tire, 1554 and other great brews, offered following charity fundraiser to Jernigan's for the charity of his choice, and he thought of Tall Pines!!



Starting December 5th and continuing for the month of December, when anyone purchases a New Belgium beer glass, the brewery will Donate \$1.00 to Tall Pines. There are two sizes to choose from and both are \$6.00 for the glass and beer.

So, tell your friends to stop on in, enjoy lunch or dinner, maybe some Monday night football and a beer and take home a glass (or four!).

Jernigan's is located next to Kuk Sool Won on Argall Way behind the Nevada City SPD.

Watch you cubbies for more info.

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Art Works, Beer Glasses and More!

The holidays are here! We're looking forward to Christmas Shows, the great crafts and all the fun with family this month. That includes a newly added Take-Out for Tall Pines night at Jernigan's in Nevada City. Join us Dec. 11 for beer and burgers and support our school! A Tall Pines alumni family now own Jernigan's and have graciously chosen to support the school through a special New Belgium Brewery fundraiser. On that Tuesday night, Jernigan's will donate 10 percent of profits to the school. In addition, through the month of December, all beers sold in special New Belgium Brewing Co. glasses will earn \$1 per beer for Tall Pines. Plus you get to keep the glass. It's a great way to take a break from the chaos of the holiday season while still supporting a good cause!

Thank you to all who ordered Original Artworks. The items will be in your cubbies by Dec. 20 just in time to wrap and put under the tree.

We're already busy working on special sales and events for 2013. In January we will bring back the Olive Oil sale. Around the second week of school flyers and order forms will go out to cubbies. New this year we will offer infused oils! This quality, imported Olive Oil gets bottled with a special Tall Pines label. It's perfect for gifts, to share with friends or family, or to keep in your own kitchen.

Thank you for all you do to support Tall Pines! We wish you and your families have a happy, safe holidays and a wonderful new year!

♥ ~Brett, Carah & Monique, your Fundraisers!

TALL PINES WEBSITE:

www.TallPinesNurserySchool.com

FACEBOOK:

**Tall Pines Nursery School &
Tall Pines Event Reminder**

From Teacher Kelsey

Here are a few of my favorite books for Christmas...

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg (classic)

A Pirate's Night Before Christmas by Phillip Yates

The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore
(great illustrations)

Christmas Moon by Denys Cazet

Little Snowflake's Big Adventure by Steve Metzger

A few ideas other than standard "toy" gifts...

*Donate to Heifer international. Check out the website to learn more about this great charity that my family has used for years.

www.Heifer.org

*A gift certificate to either Artist's Work Shop (downtown grass valley). www.the-artist-workshop.com and/or Mommy and Me Craft classes at Ben Franklin every Monday (includes craft, snack and juice box) [530-273-1348](tel:530-273-1348)

Enjoy this special season with your little ones and keep in mind that the most valuable memories are made by "doing", not "getting"...Go out and make memories that your family will share for a lifetime! Happy Holidays

♥ ~Teacher Kelsey

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Science Projects

Color Mixing!

Objective: Primary colors mix to make secondary colors

What you need:

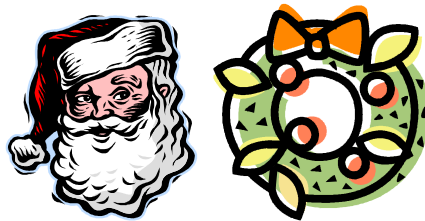
- Six clear containers with lids: test tubes, bottles or jars
- Red, blue and yellow food coloring
- Eyedropper
- Water

To Do and Observe:

- Fill six clear containers half way with water.
- Put three drops of food coloring in each container making two red, two yellow, two blue solutions (three stock solutions and three mixing solutions)
- Add a dropfull of the yellow water to the red. What color do you get? (orange)
- Add a dropfull of red to the blue. What color do you get? (purple)
- Add a dropfull of blue to the yellow. What color? (green).
- What happens when you mix two secondary colors together? (brown)

What's going on?

Primary colors (red, yellow and blue) can be used to make secondary colors (green, orange and purple). In dyes, inks, paints and pigments.



Formation of a gas!

Objective: an acid and a base react to form a gas.

What you need:

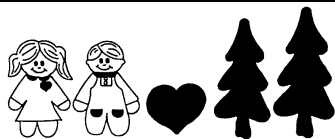
- Wine or soda bottle with narrow neck
- Balloon
- Baking soda
- Vinegar

To do and observe:

- Pour a cup of vinegar into the bottle
- Stretch mouth of the balloon as wide as you can and fill the balloon with baking soda.
- Keeping the balloon off to the side of the bottle, stretch over the top of the bottle to form a tight seal.
- Dump the baking soda from the balloon into the bottle and watch it expand.

What's going on?

An acid (vinegar) and a base (baking soda) react to form a gas (carbon dioxide). When the gas forms it pushes the balloon up just like when you force the gas (air) from your lungs into a balloon to blow it up



Teacher Debby's Parent Page

Raising an Unspoiled Child in an Affluent Society

Who is an unspoiled child/unspoiled adult?

- A child who takes responsibility for his choices (accountability)
- A child who does not have a sense of entitlement.
- A child who cares about others beyond himself.
- A child who is resourceful and can entertain himself.
- A child who always treats adults respectfully.

Goal of parenting: help a child THRIVE by his...

- Growing a solid sense of self.
- Becoming an emotionally and mentally healthy adult.
- Being able to have and maintain nurturing relationships.
- Having a life with purpose.
- Feeling cherished and supported by you.

How to raise an unspoiled child:

- Have a parent-centered family, not a child-centered family.
- Allow for failure and disappointment.
- Allow for and encourage mastery (theirs, not ours).
- Model charity and kindness—more than talk—take actions.
- Give all members of a family (12 months and up) family jobs.
- Set boundaries—follow through with consequences and consistency.
- Require respectfulness in discourse with adults.
- Let them develop an attitude of gratitude.
- Limit giving—so they can live the joy of anticipation—and not feel entitled.

- Promote family participation, be it values-based, faith-based, family mission statement.
- Supply needs daily; supply wants discriminately.

Working towards these goals will hopefully keep your child unspoiled and thriving.

Kids can Help:

Preschoolers can:

- Make their beds
- Fold towels and washcloths
- Put away clothes in drawers
- Pick up their toys
- Wipe off front of large appliances using spray bottle of water and sponge.
- Feed pets
- Match clean socks
- Scrub vegetables

Kindergartners can do all of the above, plus...

- Vacuum small areas with a lightweight vacuum.
- Sweep porches
- Straighten plastic dishes in a lower cabinet.
- Dust furniture
- Wipe windows (That you have washed) with a clean blackboard eraser to keep them shining!

Younger elementary kids can do the above plus...

- Take out garbage
- Sweep stairs and walks
- Clean out the car.
- Vacuum their own room
- Sort and straighten toys
- Empty the dishwasher
- Sort clothes for washing
- Clean off outdoor furniture
- Water a garden
- Set and clear the table

♥ ~Teacher Debby