

Tall Pines Tidings

Important Dates

February

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| 4 | Cookie orders due |
| 7 | Board Meeting, 6:30pm at school |
| 10 | February & May dues are due |
| 10, 11 & 14 | Valentine's Party during class |
| 16 | Panda Express Day 12-8pm |
| 21 & 22 | President's holiday - no school |

March

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| 2 & 3 | Parent-Teacher conferences |
| 5 | Special Person's Day |
| 10 | March dues are due |
| 14 | Board Meeting, 6:30 pm at school |
| 18 | Hats Off to Wine |
| 21 | Spring Bulb Sale begins |
| 24 | General Meeting 7pm at school - Kindergarten night |

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

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♥ And at last, how you have come together as a community of adults to encourage together this most wonderful environment.

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

Teacher Debby, Teacher Michele, Teacher Nicole, & Teacher Julie

President's Message

Hello Tall Pines Families! It's hard to believe, but here we are already into February! Soon the kids will be passing out their adorable valentine's, and before you know it Spring will be here! This school year sure is flying by.

As we begin the new year, I'm sure some of you have made New Year's Resolutions, which you may or may not be sticking to. But, in the effort of beginning anew, now is a great time to review your parent contract. Please be sure that you are fulfilling your committee duties ~ especially, if you have one that begins after the first of the year. And, watch for all of the exciting FUNdraising activities that Wendy has planned. It is so important to have family participation in these events ~ it's what helps make our school run! And, I know my family sure had a great time seeing all of our Tall Pines friends at Round Table Pizza and California Organics nights ☺ Please make sure to mark your calendar for all of the upcoming events!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I hope that you and your family enjoy the last weeks of winter ~ these next few months of school will be gone in a flash ☺

See you on the playground ~ Nicole

Kerler's Korner

The New Year brings lots of new projects for the Business Office~ We are starting the preliminary work for registration-- forms, forms and MORE forms....Please complete your "Placement Intent" form (blue) as soon as possible~ This helps us plan class sizes and schedules. As families who are currently enrolled at Tall Pines, you will have first 'dibs' on classes when we begin formal registration in March~ the general public will be able to start enrolling for the fall in the middle of March--so let your friends know!!

We are also busy managing the grocery rebate/scrip programs~ We have seen a significant increase in the money received from the grocery store 'kick-back' program...Our most recent check from Raley's was 28% higher than the last check we received--the SPD check we just received is 4 X's the amount of our last check!! Great job EVERYONE!! Keep showing your card~ and if you have NO idea what I am talking about here, please stop in the Business Office and we will be more than happy to get you up to speed!!

We are looking forward to a fun evening at California Organic/The Organic Grill...Our EVENT will take place Thursday January 27th!! They will be giving us 20% back

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from the purchases Tall Pines families make at the grocery store and restaurant for the entire day! Many of us are planning to have dinner there~ starting around 5pm we will have live music~ so come join your Tall Pines family and support our school.

Thanks for all you do for our school...We have a wonderful school because of our GREAT membership and teachers!

Your friends in the office...
Nancy and Bill

February & May dues are due Feb. 10th

Remember February and May's tuition are due by February 10th ~ Many of you have paid in advance, so if you have any questions concerning you balance, please check with the business office. If this double payment causes any financial difficulty stop by and we will set up a payment plan that works for you!
Thanks!!

Just for those who may have forgotten--as I see checks written for many various amounts--here are the tuition amounts for THIS year~

Parent Toddler~ \$45/month

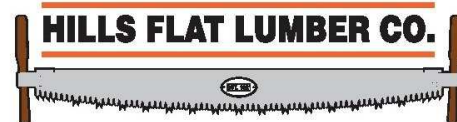
2 day/week~ \$111/month

3 day/week~ \$166/month

General Meeting Info.

Our next general meeting is March 24th at 7 pm. Our guest speakers will be Kindergarten teachers from this area. The teachers will

talk about their schools and be able to answer questions. If you cannot make it to a general meeting please fill out an excuse form and put it in Megan Littlejohn's file on the kitchen door.



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Kids are Cooking in February

February:

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| 2 & 3 | ♥ grilled cheese |
| 10 & 14 | ♥ Valentine Celebrations- sign up to bring something |
| 16 & 17 | Celebrate Chinese New Year |
| 23 & 24 | Edible string snack |

Save the Date!

Upcoming Fundraisers for the rest of 2011

- ♥ Wednesday, February 16th - Panda Express Day. Enjoy some yummy Chinese food from 12-8p and Tall Pines gets 20%
- ♥ Friday, March 18th - Hats off to Wine. Tall Pines' only Parents Only Fundraiser - see article
- ♥ March 21st - April 5th - Spring Bulb Sale. Plant now for Summer Blooming

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- ♥ Saturday, April 30th – Annual Bike-a-thon. Family Fun and exercise at the Fairgrounds
- ♥ Also comin' at you this Spring – Jamba Juice Day, Baskin Robbins Day our Spring Movie on the Lawn and the End of the Year Ice Cream Social!



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Tall Pines Valentines

We encourage home-made Valentines. This does not need to be fancy- paper and markers are great. You could also try stamps, stickers, paint, glue, glitter- whatever works for your family. Our children are still learning to write and we do not expect them to sign their names on every Valentine- parents please help or take charge of this part of the project. Also, please do not write who each Valentine is for. It is much easier for the children to just put one in each box instead of trying to match names to get the Valentine in the proper place. The Tues/Thurs classes will celebrate Valentine's day on Feb. 10, the PTs on Feb. 11, and the Mon/Wed classes on Feb. 14.

Did You Know?!

- ♥ If you are interested in serving on our Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 school year please talk to Teacher Debby, President Nicole Kiser or Nancy. Positions are from June 1st 2011 – May 31st 2012. We will post open positions.
- ♥ Make sure to read all of your work tag! – Thanks, the teachers
- ♥ We have a boys coat from Tues/Thurs younger that is missing: black and gray fleece. Talk to teacher Julie if by accident it went home with a friend.
- ♥ We will have more weather, maybe even snow. Listen to KNCO for school closures when weather like snow happens.
- ♥ NO PARKING on the lawns by the school when it rains. –Thank you.
- ♥ If you missed winter clean-up there is always spring.

Hats Off to Wine – What's that???

Well, it's a lot of FUN, that's what! Here's the rundown:

This event is a combination wine tasting/ silent auction/ raffle held at the Indian Springs Tasting Room in Nevada City. We have yummy appetizers provided by Greg Littlejohn (caterer extraordinaire – oh yeah and he's Chase's dad!), tastings of Indian Springs Wine, Fabulous Auction and Raffle

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Items. Mingle with your fellow Tall Pines parents, have a nosh and bid on some great prizes.... There is fun to be had by all!

On top of their generosity of letting us take over their space, Indian Springs Winery also donates 20% of proceeds from wine purchased that night ... So get ready to stock up!

If you're new or haven't attended before and are not sure if you should get that babysitter lined up, just ask some long time parents! You don't want to miss it!

**If you have a business or talent or a friend with a great business or talent - think about a donation for our Auction/Raffle prizes. If interested or have ideas, please contact Wendy Willoughby at wendywabas@gmail.com or 273-7464

Advertising with Tall Pines

Would you like to advertise your business in this newsletter? Advertisements are only \$5 per month. Contact the newsletter editor Samantha Jones if you are interested. Samantha has a folder on the kitchen door or you can call her at 274-7907.

Science Fun with Teacher Julie

Explore your senses with Shaving Cream. Place a small amount on a tray and let your child finger paint with it. You can also add some paint to the shaving cream so your child can watch the colors blend together. This activity can also be done in the bathtub for some good clean fun!

Teacher Julie

Happy Valentine's Day
from Midmountain Photography!
www.midmountainphotography.com



Fitness with Teacher Michelle

Skidamrink-a-dink, a-dink, a dink

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(kids step or jump side to side)

Skidamrink-a-doo

I.....love.....you....

(pause center & cross arms over chest with "I"
then "love" and uncross arms & point forward
for "you")

Oh, skidamirink-a-dink, a-dink

Skidamrink-a-doo

I.....love.....you....

I love you in the morning
(arms overhead, round like a sun)

And in the afternoon
(lean sun over to the side)

I love you in the evening
(squat down lower arms)

And underneath the moon
(squat down to the floor, hands to floor,
jump feet behind & back in again)

Oh, skidamirink-a-dink, a-dink

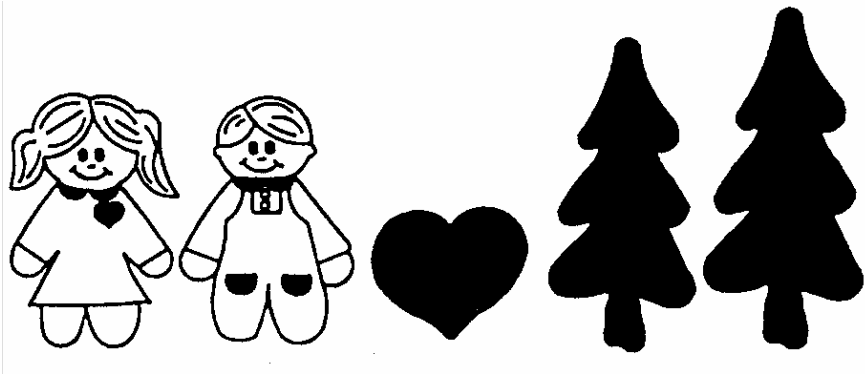
Skidamrink-a-doo

(stand-up & cross arms over chest again &
point forward to others)

I.....love.....you....And you, and you, and
you (Tall Pines version ☺)

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