

## Let's "Like" Social Media



The Facebook page for the Pine Hills Learning Place is up!. On it you will find posts about center events, great parenting tips, links to websites and articles you may find interesting — and pictures of your child's learning in action!

If you haven't already done so, please go to [facebook.com/pinehillslearning](http://facebook.com/pinehillslearning) and "like" us. Let us know of links that you think other parents will enjoy. We want this to be a great place for you to land.

We also encourage you to visit our website regularly: [www.pinehillskids.com](http://www.pinehillskids.com). We update the calendar with events going on at the center and events in the community that we think you and your family will enjoy.

Please check the calendar on our website. Information about what is going on at our center, as well as community events that we think might interest you, are on our calendar. Here are a few events we don't want you to miss:

### Calendar

<b>November 18-21</b>	Stuff the Bus
<b>November 22</b>	Closed for Thanksgiving
<b>November 30</b>	Picture retakes
<b>December 11</b>	Christmas program at 7 PM at the Pine Hills Church Carroll Road Worship Center
<b>December 25</b>	Closed for Christmas Day

## Bev's Corner

An article in the newsletter this month features Family Mealtimes. We know how hard it can be for families to gather at the table at the same time. Research shows that sitting down together for meals in a pleasant environment might be one of the most meaningful bonding activities families can make time for. Research also shows that most families want to share more family meals and feel better when they do. We make it a point here at Pine Hills Learning Place for teachers to sit down and eat their meals with the children. We have found that it helps the children feel more relaxed and enjoy their mealtime. It also invites interesting conversation. Please enjoy this article about family meals as well as the other articles in your newsletter.

## Community Involvement

Pine Hills Learning Place believes in being actively involved in events that benefit the Fort Wayne community. On Sunday, October 28, we decorated one of our minibuses and participated in the Pine Hills Church Trunk or Treat. This was an event open to the whole community where families came to enjoy games, food and "Trunk or Treating" in the parking lot of the church.

We are offering our big bus once again this year for "Stuff the Bus" as we encourage the Fort Wayne community to donate enough food to fill our bus to benefit hungry families served by the Community Harvest Food Bank. Our bus will be parked in the shopping center at the south east corner of Coldwater Road and Dupont Road. Please feel free to stop by with a donation.

Our kindergarten is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots. New, unwrapped toys for children infant through age 14 may be dropped off in the kindergarten room from November 16 to December 13. We are told that most teens are overlooked so toys for the older children are really appreciated. Our kindergarten class will personally deliver the donations to the Toys for Tots warehouse in Allen County.

## Fall Festival 2012

