

Building Renovation

As all of you are aware, Pine Hills Learning Place has been a very busy place this summer and fall as we are working on closing out Phase 1 of our renovation project. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding. Our renovated facility is really taking shape and looking great. Most of this newsletter will be devoted to updates on the building project in order to make the upcoming moves as seamless as possible.

Our current plan is to occupy the Phase 1 renovated classrooms and to move Phase 2 classrooms to their temporary locations over the weekend of October 19 and 20. Children will be in their new rooms on Tuesday, October 22. This is subject to delay if permits are not yet finalized.

Phase 1 classrooms complete:

- Kindergarten and Kindergarten Readiness move into their new rooms upstairs. Pre-Kindergarten 4 moves into their renovated room behind the gym.
- Phase 2 classrooms move to temporary rooms during Phase 2 construction:
- Toddlers One and Toddlers Two — now known as the Playful Pandas — move to the west room in the former church coffee house, nearest to the chapel.
- Toddlers Three — now known as the Loveable Lions — move to the east room in the former church coffee house, nearest to the office.

Positive Guidance

During renovation, our classes are continuing, our curriculum is being implemented, and active learning is taking place. There is a great article in this newsletter entitled, *The Parents' Role When Children Misbehave*. The suggestions in the article are closely aligned with our discipline policy, the ABCs of Positive Guidance. Each teacher must take a class on the ABCs of Positive Guidance when they are hired, and they must follow it in the classroom. If you look in every classroom, you will see the "Our Safe Classroom" poster. We have three rules at Pine Hills Learning Place to ensure consistency as children transition from one class to the next. The rules are: **1.** We keep ourselves safe. **2.** We keep each other safe. **3.** We keep our things safe. Relationship Roots, the Denver company who provides us with the training and posters, has also prepared a parent perspective Power Point document. If you would like to see it, please ask.

Bev's Corner

I want to personally thank each of you for your patience and trust in us as we go through this renovation together. I am so excited about the move into our new classrooms.

I am also excited to share another piece of news with you! I was married on August 31. I am now very happy to be Beverly Maxwell.



- The 3B class — Preschoolers — move to the room formerly occupied by the Kindergarten classroom.
- The Pre-Kindergarten class — our other Preschoolers — move to the room formerly occupied by the Kindergarten Readiness classroom.



During Phase 2, the west wing for infants and toddlers will be completed.

Yes, you read that correctly. Pine Hills Learning Place is very excited to be adding an infant room for eight babies during Phase 2.

The new classroom built off the gym, to be occupied by the 3A class — now known as the Terrific Tigers — is also scheduled to be completed. Along with opening the new room, we will be adding restrooms accessible to the playground. We are very excited about this addition. In a recent visit by our state child care ministries inspector, we were told that we will be one of only two child care programs in the state with such a safety feature.

We will continue to keep you posted of changes as they occur. Please feel free to ask questions during the renovation project. The building plans are posted so you can see where we are headed.

Summer Fun



Calendar

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| October 17 | Vision Screening — All Classes |
| October 18-21 | Fall Break — No Kindergarten Class — Children may join school-agers for field trips No Kindergarten Readiness Class |
| October 25 | School Pictures |
| October 30 | Trunk or Treat — <i>Pine Hills Church, Carroll Road</i> 6:30 to 8:30 PM |
| October 31 | Fall Festival Parties — All Classes |
| November 2-8 | Parent/Teacher Conference |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving Day — Closed |
| December 10 | Christmas Programs <i>Pine Hills Church, Carroll Road</i> 5:00 p.m. — Kindergarten Readiness Class 7:00 p.m. — All other Classes. |