

April showers bring May flowers! The children have been busy coloring, painting and growing flowers for spring. We have had butterflies and pets in many classes. Mother's Day and the end of the school year is here. The 2016-2017 year has been full of many blessings, including the wonderful police officers who keep us safe! Thank you for your support, cooperation, concerns, advice, prayers, and for sharing your children with us. Happy Mother's Day!

### SPRING FLING Volunteers!

Volunteers are still needed for Spring Fling on Tuesday, May 9th! We will have games, prizes and a bouncy house, along with face painting on the large playground. A special thank you to the co-chairs, Mary Louise Berry and Jaime Guerra. They have done a wonderful job organizing the event for the school. Check for your child's classroom time outside their classroom door.



### ALL SCHOOL SING-A-LONG

Inviting all parents to join us on Wednesday May 17, from 9:15-9:30, in the Fellowship Hall for the All School sing-a-long. Angel Todd and the children look forward to sharing their music with you!

### BIBLE VERSE:

*"For He will order  
His angels to  
protect you  
where ever  
you go."*

*Psalm 91:11*



### DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1: **May 2018 TUITION DUE**

May 9: Spring Fling

May 10: Fire Engine visit

May 15 & 22: Make up  
Tumbling class.

May 12: Last day of Art

May 17: School Sing-a-long 9:15-9:30AM

May 16: Last Terrific Tuesday: Teddy  
Bears, Turtles, Ladybugs, Owls

May 18: Last Lunch Bunch

May 23: No Terrific Tuesday

May 24: Retirement Open House for  
Dorothy Hobbs 11:30am—1:30  
pm in the Fellowship Hall

**May 26: Last Day of School**

June 19-23: Vacation Bible School

September 5: First day of Fall classes



### Vacation Bible School

**Pines Vacation Bible School** will be the week of June 19-23 from 6:00-8:00 PM. The theme will be **Paul and the Underground Church**. Children must be 4 years old and potty trained by June 1st to attend. Registration is ongoing. For more information please call 713-467-2234, Valerie Mowell (Valerie@pinespc.org).

### SUMMER RESOURCES

Pines Presbyterian Church Children's Library in "the library room"

Houston Public Library—[www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org)

Children's Museum of Houston—

[www.cmhouston.org](http://www.cmhouston.org)

Children's Shows, Miller Outdoor Theater—

[www.milleroutdoortheatre.com](http://www.milleroutdoortheatre.com)

Houston Museum of Natural Science—

[www.hmns.org](http://www.hmns.org)

Houston Zoo—[www.houstonzoo.org](http://www.houstonzoo.org)

Blue Bell tours—[www.BlueBell.com](http://www.BlueBell.com)

Space Center Houston—[www.spacecenter.org](http://www.spacecenter.org)

Houston Museum of Fine Arts—[www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org)

Moody Gardens—[www.moodygardens.com](http://www.moodygardens.com)



### THANK YOU FOR GIVING

From WHAM to Open Door Mission to Shear Blessings to Lord of the Streets, Pines has given graciously to meet needs in Houston. It is our hope that your family will find a service project this summer to give of your time and resources.



## Dorothy's Retirement Reception / Open House

Please join the church and preschool families in the **Pines Fellowship Hall** in wishing Dorothy the best as she retires from 10 years of serving as the Director of Pines Preschool!

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 24th, from 11:30am -1:30pm

Light snacks will be served. Come before or after picking up your children!



### FIRE ENGINE RE-SCHEDULED

On Wednesday, May 10th, the fire engine is scheduled to visit the Pines. Hopefully, it will not be called away to a fire! Ask your children about the "big red truck."



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### CAUTION IN THE PARKING LOT

- Remember— children and parents may be walking out between cars during drop off and pick up.
- To park in a handicapped parking spot, you must have a handicapped card.
- Thank you for keeping Pines safe for the children!



### REMINDERS

- We will celebrate the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, at the preschool.
- **Thank you for using insect repellent or spray on your child these final weeks of school.** We did have the playgrounds sprayed the last week of April.
- Tuesday, May 16th: Last Terrific Tuesday: Teddy Bears, Turtles, Ladybugs, Owls
- *The last day for Art with Mrs. Barber will be **Friday, May 12th***
- The last day for Lunch Bunch is **Thursday, May 18th.**
- *The last day for Tumbling with Coach Bianca is **Monday, May 22nd***
- BOOKS/DVD: Please check at home and return any borrowed Pines books to the school library or office.
- *Pines Preschool does not offer a summer program.*



### DIRECTOR THOUGHTS

Thank you for making 2016-17 such a great year. Praying parents faithfully met every Monday, a festive Pumpkin Patch and the many fun experiences in each classroom! It has been such a joy watching your children become independent and confident. They seemed so young at the beginning of the year. Now the Kindergarteners are reading; the two year olds kiss their parents good-bye without tears; the three-year-olds are diaper free; and the four and five year olds love walking down the halls with their friends instead of their parents!

In closing, I thank you for all your support this year with the many losses in the lives of the Pines staff and families. You have been amazing parents who have brought meals for teachers and unending prayers for comfort and peace. I have been blessed to be the Director of Pines Preschool the last ten years. I will pray that Pines Preschool will continue to give all the Glory to God while doing HIS work for HIS children. I pray the summer of 2017 will be full of calmness, joy and sweet family time. Remember, raising your children is the most important job you will ever have! The days may be long, but the years are very short! Take the time to turn off technology, read books, hug your children, watch the sunset and enjoy the journey! Thank you for letting Pines Preschool and me be a part of your memories.

God Bless,

*Dorothy T. Halibs*