



**Tam's Front Porch Ponderings**  
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# Stop And Embrace The Moments!

*It's hard to imagine that Christmas is almost here. I try to remember the sunny (and rainy) days of summer because everyone knows, I am NOT a cold weather person. I love the Holiday season, but not the cold that goes along with it. I flipped back through my journals and found this entry from a warm, September day and thought you might benefit from thoughts of warmer weather too. Enjoy!*

Today I saw an orange butterfly! You may not no-

ice things like that, but I do. During the summer it's common to see yellow butterflies and black butterflies with blue spots, but I rarely see the orange butterfly, the Monarch. Oh he's there, hiding out among the milkweeds but I don't see him as much at my Butterfly Bush. Next year, my plans are to introduce some of the plant species that the Monarch thrives on so I have more opportunities to watch him.

The Monarch butterfly migrates south each year,

usually returning to the same area and sometimes the same tree, as its ancestors. Migration usually begins when the wind shifts in August or September. It is easier for the Monarch to "coast" towards the south, riding on the wind, instead of using all of its energy "flapping". They cluster in trees in the warm temperatures until Spring-time, when they make their way North and the cycle begins all over again. This butterfly holds a special fascination for me because years ago, when I was about sixteen or seventeen, the Monarch migration path happened to be right through our back yard!

I remember it was a Sunday afternoon and Mom and Dad were sitting in the yard after lunch. Mom yelled for me to "Come outside, quick!" and when I stepped out the back door, the trees were filled with Monarchs.

Their beautiful orange and black wings made the trees look like they were shivering. We were all afraid to move, afraid we would disturb the fairy-like world our yard had transformed into, so we just sat and watched. They seemed to be resting, waiting for a wind shift so they could continue their journey. Thousands and thousands of butterflies hung from the tree branches. At that time, I was unfamiliar with their migration patterns so it was a bit frightening to be surrounded by that many butterflies. I could see it... I just had trouble believing it!

We watched for a long time, then suddenly they took to the air! Flapping their tiny wings, dipping and diving, dancing on the breeze as they headed over the tree tops and out of sight. It was one of those rare moments that made me feel very, very small in this great, big, wide world.



*I hope you have moments that make you stop and embrace them, just as the Monarch did for me. Recall those memories as we head into the joyous, hustle-bustle of the Christmas season. Cherish every second, take a deep breath and remember that summer and the Monarchs... are just around the corner!*

## ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY Nov. 11	TUESDAY Nov. 12	WEDNESDAY Nov. 13	THURSDAY Nov. 14	FRIDAY Nov. 15
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### SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice	Biscuit & Gravy Assorted Juice	Muffins, Yogurt Assorted Juice	Cinnamon Roll Assorted Juices
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### SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets Roll Green Beans Carrot Sticks Tropical Fruit	Cheese Pizza Corn Celery Sticks Peaches Dip	Taco w/Shell Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Pears Taco Sauce	Chili, Crackers Grilled Cheese Sand., Oranges Carrot Sticks Broc. & Caul. Bits	Hot Dog on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Gold Fish Cookie
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### ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juices	Toast & Cereal Assorted Juices	Pop Tarts Assorted Juices	Biscuit & Gravy Assorted Juices	Blueberry Muffins Assorted Juices
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### ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple	Nacho Cheese, Chips or Bologna Sandwich, Salsa Carrot Slices Strawberry Cup	Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Salad	Pizza, Corn Broccoli Cherry tomatoes Dip Pineapple	Hog Dog/Bun Chips Dill Pickle Spears Pork & Beans Fruit Juice
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### WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juices	Biscuit & Gravy Assorted Juices	Toast & Cereal Assorted Juices	Pop Tarts Assorted Juices	Blueberry Muffins Assorted Juices
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### WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Nuggets, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple	Pizza, Corn Broccoli Cherry Tomatoes Dip Pineapple	Nacho Cheese & Chips or Bologna Sandwich, Salsa Carrot Sticks Strawberry Cup	Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Salad	Hog Dog/Bun Chips Dill Pickle Spears Pork & Beans Fruit Juice
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### ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Scooby Doo Crackers & Cereal Mandarin Oranges	Pancake Porky Applesauce Juice	Cinnamon Roll Pop Tart Cantaloupe	Blueberry Mini Muffins, Yogurt Pop Tarts
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### ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Pepperoni Sub Romaine Salad Carrot Sticks Applesauce	Cheeseburger or Chuckwagon on Bun Potato Wedges Let./Tom./Pickles Peaches	Chicken Tenders or Buffalo Chicken Tenders, Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apples	Nacho Cheese & Chips or Chili Crispito, Salsa Refried Beans Pears	Spaghetti w/ Breadstick or Ravioli w/meat sauce, corn Romaine Salad Strawberry Cup
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### ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Cereal Pop Tarts	Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple	Chicken Biscuit Cereal, Pop Tart, Yogurt, Fruit	Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Pop Tarts
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### ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Pork Chop on Bun Carrot Sticks Romaine Salad Fruit	Spicy Chicken or Deli Turkey on Bun, Baked Beans Potato Wedges Applesauce Tropical Fruit	Chicken Rings w/Roll or Ham & Cheese on Bun Normandy Veggies Sweet Potatoes Pears, Applesauce	Cheeseburger or Hot Dog on Bun Baby Bakers Let./Tom./Pickle Mandarin Oranges Peaches	Chicken Pot Pie or Chicken Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit
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## School News

**Friday, November 8th, 5-8:30 p.m.**

### Estill Springs Elementary Fall Carnival

Estill Springs Elementary will be having its annual Fall Festival on Friday, 5-8:30 p.m. at the school. Come and join in a night of fun. There will be a dish toss, ring toss, inflatables, live auction, putt putt golf, face painting, duck pond, and more.

**Tuesday, November 19th, 4:30 p.m.**

### Estill Springs SBMD Council Meeting

The Estill Springs Elementary site-based, decision-making council will be meeting in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Estill Springs Library. The public is welcome to attend this open meeting.

## ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

246 Main Street, Irvine, KY - Call 723-3030  
 If school is cancelled due to icy roads, the book-mobilie will run two weeks after the scheduled date.

**Week of November 11-14, 2013**

### BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
Old Fox Road Furnace Jct. Miller's Creek Cow Creek	SI Elementary Winston Trotting Ridge Sandhill	Wisemantown Station Camp Red Lick Crooked Creek	Spout Springs Hudson Mill New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road

**"Mommie & Me" and Storytime**  
 Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.



# Fall Festival 2013

## Estill Springs Elementary

**Friday, November 8, 2013**  
**5:00-8:30pm**  
**Admission: \$1.00**

**Come join us for a night of fun!!!**

Noodle Fishing

Plinko

Dish Toss

Face Painting

Putt Putt Golf

Football Toss

Cupcake Walk

Go Fish

Ring Toss

Old Country Store

Inflatables

Chili Supper  
5:00-7:30  
Cotton Candy  
Nachos  
Popcorn

Cornhole

Cake Walk

Duck Pond

Bean Bag Toss

Ping Pong Toss

Sweet Shoppe

Kona Ice

Live Auction  
8:00-8:30  
Silent Auction  
until 7:50  
Raffle



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