



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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... you know me ...

remember Sarah Beth has loved Dolly Parton, it was almost an obsession with her, so naturally while in the Gatlinburg area we just *had* to visit Dollywood. We visited all the shops, played all the carnival games, rode the Ferris Wheel and Sarah Beth even played the piano in the little country Church on the property. We lost her momentarily as we walked through the replica of Dolly Parton's home place, one of those times when I thought she was with her Daddy, he thought she was with me, and we both freaked when we emerged to find no Sarah Beth. We quickly raced back up the ramp (backwards against foot traffic) to find her with her face pressed firmly against the plexi-glass that kept her from entering Dolly's "space". Tears were streaming down her face, "Sarah Beth, you have nearly scared me to death", I said as I hugged her, "don't be afraid, we're here now, you can stop crying".

"I wasn't crying for you", she said between sobs, "I'm just sad that I can't get in there and pick up her

crayons off the floor" and then she broke down again. Corky rolled his eyes at our little kind-hearted, country music star stalker!

Before long we were ready for supper (we had arrived in the afternoon) and we fought the crowd to eat at a restaurant called 'Aunt Granny's'. It took forty-five minutes to be seated and by that time Sarah was hot and hungry and had grown tired of the attention she was getting from our friends traveling with us. Paul tried everything, magic tricks, jokes, nothing could keep her entertained. Thankful to be seated, it was another half hour until we were waited on. To make a very long story short, when we finally got our meal the tea was hot, the chicken was bloody on the inside and we never, (after numerous requests) received our rolls. Right smack dab in the middle of all this, Sarah Beth had one of her famous nose bleeds. We were grabbing napkins, packing the back of her neck in ice and trying to get out of the restaurant as quickly as possible, all the while the wait-

ers and waitresses were fussing at me because her nose was bleeding. "I'm doing the BEST I can to get out of here, if you'd part the crowd I could get her to the restroom or outside!", I screamed at the staff. It was not a pretty sight!

We made it outside and managed to stop the nose bleed. We weren't alarmed by this, her allergies were always causing her nose to bleed, it just sometimes happened at the most inopportune time. Paul and Jennifer helped get her cleaned up and we headed for the train ride. Again, we waited in line and before it was our turn, they stopped giving rides. Sarah Beth was heartbroken, Paul and Corky promised her we'd ride a train SOMEWHERE before we left Pigeon Forge. Just before leaving the park, we did a little shopping at the gift shops and a clerk asked me if we'd had a good day. Well...you know me, I couldn't keep my mouth shut. "We've had a lovely day all except where we ate, but other than that it was good, thank you," I smiled at the sweet little lady who had asked.

"What was the name of the restaurant, wouldn't have been Aunt Granny's was it?" she inquired.

"Yes, how did you know?" I laughed.

"We have so many complaints about that restaurant and if you'd do me a favor, stop at the far gate and tell customer relations about it. This makes our park look bad and we need honesty about our services", she said.

Well...you know me...I stopped at the far gate and politely told them what the clerk had asked me to do. I told them about the bloody chicken, hot tea, no rolls and the nosebleed. Then I thanked them and turned to leave.

"Wait just minute", the

lady behind the window said, "do you have your tickets? And any receipts for anything you purchased in our park today?"

"Yes, I have them, why?" I looked at her like she had three heads.

"We are giving you your money back for EVERYTHING. We want our visitors to be happy and we appreciate you telling us about the restaurant", she said as she started adding up my receipts.

"Maam, I have a couple traveling with us, if you will give me second, I'll get them too", I told her as I motioned for Corky, Paul and Jennifer to join me. You see, they were embarrassed that I was going to complain and had walked quite a distance away from me!

As we were ready to leave (with a pocket full of money), the nice lady behind the window asked if there was anything else

she could do for us, and you know me, "Well actually there is, the tickets say 'come after three, the next day is free' and our little girl didn't get to ride your train, so may I have our tickets back please?", I smiled sweetly.

She slipped our tickets under the window to me and replied, "We look forward to seeing you tomorrow".

Walking to the car, we talked about what had just happened. We all agreed that Dollywood had officially become our favorite theme park. They had gone above and beyond to make us happy and it was at that point that Paul looked at his watch.

"What's wrong?", I asked, as we climbed in the car.

To which he replied, "If you can do THIS at Dollywood, reckon how long it would take us to get to... Disney World?"

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS
Milk is included with every meal; plus assorted juices included with breakfast

MONDAY May 5	TUESDAY May 6	WEDNESDAY May 7	THURSDAY May 8	FRIDAY May 9
SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Cereal & Toast Assorted Juice	Biscuit & Gravy Assorted Juice	Muffins, Yogurt Assorted Juice	Mini Cinnis Assorted Juice
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Tenders Texas Toast Peas Glazed Carrots Grapes	Open Face Turkey w/Gravy on Bread Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Pineapple	Taco w/Shell Let./Tom./Cheese Salsa Corn Banana	Chicken Noodle Soup w.Crackers Grilled Cheese Broccoli & Grape Tomatoes, Fruit	Hot Dog on Bun Cheetos, Ap-sauce Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Gold Fish Cookie
ESTILL SPRINGS & WEST IRVINE BREAKFASTS				
Breakfast Pizza Assorted Juice	Sausage & Biscuit Assorted Juice	Pancake Porky Assorted Juice	Toast & Cereal Assorted Juice	Muffins Assorted Juice
ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas Peach Cup	Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Pineapples	Spaghettini Breadstick Glazed Carrots Broccoli w/Dip Mandarin Oranges	Hot Dog on Bun Potato Smiles Dill Spears Pork & Beans Applesauce	Taco w/Soft Shell Let./Tom./Cheese Salsa Rice Apple
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes Peas Peach Cup	Cheese Pizza Corn Green Beans Pears	Spaghettini Breadstick Glazed Carrots Broccoli w/Dip Mandarin Oranges	Taco /Soft Shell or Deli Turkey Wrap Let./Tom./Cheese Salsa Rice, Apple	Hot Dog on Bun Potato Smiles Dill Spears Pork & Beans Applesauce
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Toast, Cereal, Pop Tart, Fruit Assorted Juice	Biscuit & Gravy Cereal, Pop Tart Fruit, Juice	Funnel Cake Cereal, Pop Tart Fruit, Juice	Toast, Cereal Pop Tart, Fruit Assorted Juice	Mini Cinnis Cereal, Pop Tart Fruit, Juice
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Bosco w/Marinara Sauce or Chicken Quesadilla Romaine Salad Corn, Pears or Tropical Fruit	Hot Dog on Pork Chop on Bun Baked Beans Baby Bakers Pineapple or Oranges	Chicken Nuggets w/Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges or Peach Cup	Chicken Pattie or Deli Turkey on Bun, French Fries Red Pepper Slices Applesauce or Pineapple	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Breadstick or Fish on Bun Green Beans Glazed Carrots Apple
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Cereal, Pop Tarts Yogurt, Juices Banana or Apple	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
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Chicken Patty on Bun or Burrito w/ Cheese Sauce Normandy Blend Vegetables Tropical Fruit	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Breadstick or Fish on Bun Corn, Carrots Pears Applesauce	Chicken Tenders w/Roll or Mr. Rib on Bun Steamed Broccoli Sweet Potatoes Fruit	Hot Dog or BBQ on Bun Baby Bakers Baked Beans Gold Fish Cookie Fruit	Chicken Pot Pie w/ Biscuit or Chuck- wagon on Bun Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fruit

COMMUNITY BOOK DROPS

The Estill County Public Library now has two new community book drops; outside Honchell's in West Irvine and outside Bryant's Paint Store in Ravenna. If someone is in a hurry, only able to get out on foot, or just wants to return any items without coming all the way to the library, they are able to use these drops to save time, money, and gas. The Library will be doing pickups each weekday by 4 p.m. Any items can be put into the drops; not just books.

ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Week of May 5-9, 2014

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE			
MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.
N. Wood Apts. Winchester Rd. Edgewater Drive Crestview Ct. Mt. Crest, Irvine	Stacy Lane Rice Station West Irvine	Horizon Daycare Angel Keepers Ravenna Wagersville Drip Rock	Sugar Hollow Rd. Buck Creek Doe Creek Barnes Mountain
"Mommie & Me" and Storytime			
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.			

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS
REGISTRATION/
SCREENING FOR
PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION/SCREENING DATES

- Friday, May 2ND 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
- Thursday, May 8TH 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Friday, May 9TH 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

At the South Irvine P-K Center
1000 South Irvine Road
Irvine, KY 40336

CALL Genia McKinney, Family Service Specialist
at South Irvine P-K Center at 726-3078
TO SCHEDULE A SCREENING APPOINTMENT

- Preschool Qualification Guidelines:**
- Children who turn four years old by October 1st and meet income requirements or have a delay or disability
 - Children who turn three years old by October 1st and have a delay or disability or meet Head Start requirements
 - Children may attend on a tuition basis, depending upon enrollment numbers of income-eligible students. Tuition fee is \$180 per month for 10 months. This is offered on a first-come, first-served basis for four year old children.
- Please bring the following documents with your child to register:**
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate (Vital Statistics form - not a hospital certificate)
 - Proof of Family Income (For eligibility purposes): Check Stub, Tax Forms, Statement from Employer, SSI Award Letter, Food Stamp Letter, Child Care Subsidy Form, statement from person providing room and board
 - Appropriate Proof of Address for eligibility purposes (utility bill, insurance bill, lease agreement, etc.)
 - Copy of an up to date immunization certificate recorded on a Kentucky form only
 - Copy of a school entry physical form that includes blood pressure, Hemoglobin count, and Lead Screening/test
 - Copy of an eye exam completed by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist
 - Copy of a school entry dental exam performed by a licensed dental professional
 - Medical Insurance Card
 - Copy of legal guardianship, (if not biological parent)
 - Court documents pertaining to your child, if applicable

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