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Believe it or not, it's Back deep breath and slow down. to School time! Next Tuesday that big yellow bus will roll by your house and safely transport your students to school. As always, here's a few tips for making that day and the weeks to follow, go as smoothly as possible.

Remember that we in the difficult. school system are only human. We take our jobs very seriously and love what we do or we wouldn't be doing it! Mistakes are going to happen, just remember that we have feelings too and feel as bad about a mistake as you do. The first month of school is very hectic, especially bus schedules. Be patient with us as we get back into a routine. It is very helpful if for those first few weeks, you make a schedule and stick to it. Changing where Little Susie or Little Johnny need to go in the afternoons AFTER they leave home makes it difficult to develop good bus habits. Again, we are only human and we try to watch every single child loading and unloading buses, but if your little one has a bus note that came in late in the day, mix ups will happen. We try hard for them NOT to but again ... we are only human.

Since our P-K and 1-2 centers are housed at their own individual buildings now, it is important to remember that until our wee ones learn the schedule, afternoon pick ups will be long. We all have to get back into the flow of things and we are constantly updating systems to make things easier for you and your students. The drivethru numbers you are issued at the beginning of the year are CRUCIAL for your child's safety. Please have them hanging so our staff

It's 'Back to School' Time can clearly see your num- that some do not wish to re- and even though they can't ber. Help your child memo- ceive calls, but keep in mind wave back, it's nice to see rize it if at all possible. The that a phone call makes it safety of our students is to you easier than a note in our number one priority! a little one's backpack. If These numbers ensure that school is cancelled or disthe student is getting into missed early, never fear, we the correct vehicle. Which WILL contact you. When brings up another very, very an unexpected snow hits important detail. Remember that you are in a school thing we need to do is filter zone, SLOW DOWN. Be phone calls all day. Our staff respectful to other drivers flies into action, making and school staff, we all want sure each child is properly what's best for our children. taken care of and that some-Sliding into the drive-thru one will be picking them up like Jeff Gordon is not go-

inside a lunch box, jacket, purse, backpack, etc. makes life a whole lot easier on us. We try hard to return each item found to it's rightful inside it sometimes is very

service provided to inform your child. you of upcoming events and school closings. List only your home phone and/ or cell phone number for contact. If at any time your number changes, please ber to slow down during contact your school with bus traffic time and be sure the update. This service is to smile and wave! They

us while at school, the last or be at their bus stop. If we ing to help matters, so take a are on the phone answering the question, "You let-Putting your child's name ting school out early?", then that takes us away from the task at hand. The One Call system will contact you, as well as local television and radio. Again, we are only owner, but without a name human and our office staff is sometimes spread thin, but rest assured, our number The One Call system is a one priority is the safety of

Now to probably the most important job in our District, the Bus Driver! These fine folks love what they do and love our children. Rememoptional and we understand are carrying precious cargo

they are appreciated. I cannot imagine driving a bus load of students, I do well to drive and listen to the radio, but these wonderful people keep an eye on the road AND the students. It takes a very special person to drive a bus and we have the best around. If you see a driver out in town, be sure to thank them. They carry a heavy responsibility and do so without complaining, without standing ovations, without high pay, yes to me the most important person in my children's school years were their bus drivers. We are so excited to see

our students again and look forward to meeting new little faces. So ready or not ... here it comes, the 2014-2015 school year! Let's make it the BEST ever!

<b>Estill County High School</b>
Schedule Pickup Times
Students attending Estill County High School during

upcoming school year may pick up their schedules on the designated days and times listed below: Wednesday, July 30th

New Enrollees .....9 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 3 p.m. Thursday, July 31st

Freshmen should arrive by 6 p.m. for orientation in the High School auditorium. Schedules will be passed out following orientation. Food will be provided.

## ESTILL PUBLIC LIBRARY 246 Main Street, Irvine, KY – Call 723-3030 Week of August 4-7, 2014 **BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE** MON. TUES. THUR. WED. Winston Mountain Crest Spout Springs Wisemantown Old Fox Road Trotting Ridge Hudson Mill Station Camp Furnace Jct. Sandhill Red Lick New Fox Road Miller's Creek **Crooked Creek** Hargett-Parvin **Cow Creek** Road "Mommie & Me" and Storytime Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

## **SOUTH IRVINE P-K CENTER** KINDERGARTEN CAMP

## Thursday, July 31st **10:00am to 2:00pm**

The purpose of Kindergarten Camp is to help families learn more of what is expected in Kindergarten, while familiarizing them with the school staff and facilities. Things you will do at Kindergarten Camp will include:

- Meet teachers and staff
- Tour the school building and grounds
- Make cool "All About Me" posters Engage in fun Activities



• Estill County High School

• Estill County Middle School

and lunch at no charge at the following sites:

- Estill Springs Elementary • South Irvine Pre-K Center
- West Irvine Elementary
- Success Academy (Alternative School)

For additional information please contact: Estill County School, Attention Belinda Puckett, Child Nutrition Services, PO Box 930, Irvine, KY 40336, (606) 726-3060, belinda.puckett@estill.kyschools.us.

School News

West Irvine Intermediate

"Back To School" Night

Irvine Intermediate's Back to School Night. Students will

have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and staff,

tour the school and enjoy a family dinner before going

home! Families will also have the opportunity to learn more

about resources available in our community. We hope you

**Estill County Schools School** 

**Lunch/School Breakfast Policy** 

its policy for serving meals to students under the National

School Lunch / School Breakfast Programs for the 2014-

2015 school year. All students will be served breakfast

Estill County Schools has announced an amendment to

All students and families are invited to attend West

Thursday, July 31st, 4-7 p.m.

will make plans to attend!

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- Take a short bus ride
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria
- Play on our school playground (weather permitting)
- Receive Student/parent informational packets

We invite all Kindergarten families to join us on this day

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

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