

Students' last day and graduation is May 29, by going on May 25

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On April 16th members of the Estill County school board met at South Irvine Pre-K Center and once again amended the school calendar. After the board had approved the date for high school graduation at last month's meeting and the last day of school for students, classes were cancelled due to flooding.

Interim superintendent Randall Christopher said that unfortunately the district didn't meet certain criteria required by the KSBA to extend the school day, therefore, the only options the board had were to move graduation to June 1st or have students attend on Memorial Day to make up the time.

In the past students have been out of school on Memorial Day, however, this year Christopher said he didn't see any other alternative especially considering the fact that many parents had already ordered graduation invitations for their senior. He said that he had spoken with a representative from the American Legion and from the VFW and they were comfortable with students going to school on Memorial Day and to learn the true meaning of the holiday.

Christopher said he had been receiving many phone calls about changes that had taken place at the middle school and he wanted to inform the board about the reasoning behind those changes. He said that a safety audit had been performed at the middle school the week before spring break. The results of the audit showed that students wearing jackets and hoodies during the day were a concern as well as students carrying backpacks. The audit also showed that staff members should wear I.D. tags during the school day.

Christopher stressed that he nor the school board had anything to do with the new changes at ECMS. He added that the site based council and the principal had implemented the changes.

"Twenty-five years ago we wouldn't have to have this discussion, but today we have to," stated Christopher.

Construction at South Irvine has a projected start date of June 1st. In addition to renovations made in the kitchen area, the school will also get new ceilings in the classrooms with LED lights that will be much more energy efficient.

Christopher said that he hoped to do the bonding for the high school bleacher

project and the South Irvine renovations at the same time. He added that a payment out of the general fund may have to be made until the sale of the bonds at which time the money would be repaid to the general fund. The new bleachers should be completed sometime in October before the start of basketball season.

Christopher recommended the purchase of only one new bus instead of two new busses that had originally been planned for. He said the state was giving less money to districts this year and that he was told at a meeting last week to expect that amount to be doubled for the next fiscal year. He said that the district was out \$200,000 this year and the thoughts of that number being doubled had him apprehensive about the budget. He did say that a second bus could be ordered at a later date after the new budget was put into place.

Graduation Dates Set

Dates for the following activities were approved by the board: May 27th - Senior Awards Program/ Baccalaureate, May 27th - Kindergarten Graduation, May 28th - 8th grade graduation, May 29th - 5th grade promotional ceremonies, and May 29th - high school graduation.



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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It's Mushroom Festival Time! I know we've missed like, a million days this year because of snow or rain or whatever, but I sure wish that the Friday of Mushroom Festival was a school holiday! There's so much going on in town plus it's an exciting time of year! The dogwoods and redbuds are blooming and of course, let's not forget the mushrooms are popping up all over the mountains.

The Gem show that is

Festival Time!

held at Central Office is so educational, if we have to be in school, we should make it a field day so everyone gets a chance to see the wonderful exhibits of native rocks. We ARE the only place where Red Agate can be found. Children need to know about these things! We could go mushroom hunting, or looking for sheds (deer antlers that have fallen off). We could

study ginseng, mint, morels, types of trees and birds native to our Commonwealth. It could be a County wide field day! Yeah, I'll get right up to Central Office and arrange that now.

And for those of use that already know about such things, well let's just say, we could sleep in!

HAPPY MUSHROOM HUNTING AND ENJOY THE FESTIVAL!

Tam

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Practices:

- April 27** 4-6pm with MANDATORY parent meeting at 6pm
- April 28** 5-7pm
- April 29** 5-7pm
- May 1** Tryouts @ 6:30

Open to students who will be entering 9th-12th grade next school year

Questions/concerns contact Tara Friend at 723-4800 or tara.friend@estill.kyschools.us

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April 27 - May 1, 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No Bookmobile Service	No Bookmobile Service	Wisemantown Station Camp Red Lick Crooked Creek	Spout Springs Hudson Mill Rd New Fox Road Hargett-Parvin Road	South Irvine P/K Center

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ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY April 27	TUESDAY April 28	WEDNESDAY April 29	THURSDAY April 30	FRIDAY May 1
ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS				
Mini Maple Waffles Apples	Toast, Grapes Cinn. Toast Cereal	Pop Tarts, Fruit Cocoa Puffs Cereal	Chicken Biscuit Applesauce	WG Muffin Pineapple Tidbits
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Corn Grapes Milk Choices	Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Beans Cole Slaw Banana	Corn Dog Grape Tomatoes Potato Smiles Peaches Milk Choices	Deli Turkey Wrap Let./Tom./Cheese Baby Bakers Pears Milk Choices
ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES				
Chicken Tenders Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Corn Grapes Milk Choices	Chicken Patty on Bun Baked Beans Cole Slaw Banana	Corn Dog Grape Tomatoes Potato Smiles Peaches Milk Choices	Deli Turkey Wrap Let./Tom./Cheese Baby Bakers Pears Milk Choices
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Popcorn Chicken Roll Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Pears	Cheese Pizza Fresh Broccoli Corn Blueberries Milk Choices	Hamburger on Bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Strawberry Cup	Pepperoni Calzone or Meatball Sub Stir-Fry Vegetables Cauliflower & Grape Tomatoes, Fruit	Chicken Strip/Wrap or Deli Turkey Wrap Shred Let. & Tom. Cooked Carrots Baby Bakers
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Pizza or Fruit Loops Strawberry Pop Tart Apple Assorted Juices Milk Choices	Sausage Biscuit or Lucky Charms Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart Pineapples Juices, Milk	Pancake Porky w/syrup or Cocoa Puffs Strawberry Pop Tart Applesauce Juice, Milk	Mini Blueberry Pan- cakes w/syrup or Trix, Raisin Bran Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart Mixed Fruit	Fruit Loops Cereal Reese Puff Cereal Brown Sugar Cinn. or S-berry Poptart Mandarin Oranges Asst. Juice, Milk
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Chicken Tenders or Buffalo Tenders Texas Toast Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Fruit	Stuff Crust Cheese Pizza or Taco Snax Romaine Salad Grape Tomatoes Corn, Pineapples Grapes	Hamburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Lettuce, Tomato Potato Wedges Peaches Banana	Chicken Pattie or Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Pineapples	Hot Dog or Deli Turkey on Bun Pork & Beans Lettuce, Tomato Tropical Fruit Oranges
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Honey Nut Cheerios Fruit Loops Frosted Flakes Pop Tart Strawberry Banana or Triple Cherry Yogurt, Fruit	Cocoa Puffs Lucky Charms Pop Tart Breakfast Pizza Raspberry or Cherry Yogurt Apple & Orange	Cinn. Toast Crunch Apple Cin. Cheerios Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Sausage Biscuit Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Trix Cereal Fruit Loops Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Mini Pancakes Raspberry Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Reese Puffs Cocoa Puffs Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Mini French Toast Yogurt Apples & Oranges
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Hamburger or Chick- en Pattie on Bun Lettuce, Tomato Potato Wedges Peaches Tropical Fruit Juice, Milk	Taco or Chicken Fa- jita w/Shell Let./Tom./Cheese Refried Beans Salsa, Pineapple Side Kicks Juice, Milk	Chicken Tenders or Spicy Tenders, Roll Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Pears Juice, Milk	Chicken Pattie or Bun or Corn Dog Baby Bakers Pork and Beans Red Pepper Slices Oranges Apples	Pork Roast w/Gravy or Fish on Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapples, Pears Juice Milk

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