



### Tam's Front Porch Ponderings Tammy Terry

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Things are very hectic at school this time of year. We're wrapping things up and getting ready for Summer Break. Yes, I said Summer Break!!

Naturally, I have a list a mile long of things I want to accomplish. That's not to say I'll get it all done, but I do love a good list! On that list are things like washing the windows, painting a bedroom and some furniture and most importantly... clear the attic. I know, I know, I've been preaching about this for five years but my heart is set on clearing it out this year. And I mean to the bare minimum. When I'm through, hopefully all that will be left will be a Christmas tree and a box of ornaments. I'm getting rid of it ALL!

## Summer Break!

I suppose before I start boxing things up for a sale, I'll have to check with my children to see what the state of limitations is on Barbie and Ken, Hot Wheels and Gravedigger, the remote controlled, Monster Truck. Looks like there are two sets of Lincoln Logs, Twister, Monopoly, Scrabble (I never did like that game!) Care Bears, a Barbie Dream House and her 1957 Chevy. GI Joe and his unit are in a shoe box along with Cookie Monster and Barney the Purple Dinosaur. This purge may take my entire summer!

That's not even the beginning of what I need to sort through. I'm pretty sure I have every article of clothing my children ever wore from birth to age five, along with "special" outfits. I have extra-long, twin sheets from when they went to college. I assure you, I do not own an extra-long twin bed! I recently counted nine collapsible, laundry hampers in my utility room cabinets. I desperately need the space so why didn't I toss them in the trash? Because the kids used them at college and I can't bring myself to toss anything like that. Cork boards, dry erase boards, desk sets, computer chairs and a million tee

shirts, all associated with the college years and taking up space in my house. Time to start fresh!

I'll keep you updated on when the massive "PURGE" sale is set to begin. If all goes according to schedule, it will be the first week of June. Then again, if Corky takes a notion to go to the Lake, the sale might not be until July. Who knows? Just keep an eye out for signs that say "TAM'S FRONT PORCH PURGE", then you'll know I've got the attic cleared!

Until next time....

Tam



#### Happy Mother's Day!

Do something special for mom. I like to put together a special birdseed blend for my mom's feeder. I use 2 cups each of sunflower chips and raw peanuts, and 1 cup each of black oil sunflower and safflower seed. She loves this mix because it brings in the birds.

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## Testing Season Arrives In Estill County

Testing season has arrived in the state of Kentucky. For us, in Estill County, K-PREP assessment will begin mid-May. West Irvine is scheduled to test May 13-20. Both Middle School and High School have dates of May 11-15.

You may hear other test names such as ASVAB, COMPASS, KOSSA, KYOTE and WorkKeys mentioned. These high school assessments are scattered throughout the year and based on individual student course requirements. MAP is administered locally three times each year for diagnostic purposes in grades K-8. Also, each school enrolling primary students may use additional readiness tests to measure developmental stages of achievement.

#### Why give state tests?

State tests, such as the K-PREP tests, are given to measure how well students have learned content based on national academic standards. ACT Family tests show whether students are on course to graduate college-ready. Results from these tests are used to determine where students may need help or accelerated learning opportunities and are also used for school and district accountability.

K-PREP test results are returned to the district in the fall and usually shared with parents during the first parent-teacher conference.

#### Parent Tips for Success

- Schedule appointments, trips or other interruptions around the testing window.
  - Be prompt with attendance. Tardiness could cause your child to miss their assigned test, requiring them to attend a future make-up session.
  - Make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a nutritional breakfast.
  - Let your child know you think testing is an important part of their education. Encourage them to do their best.
  - Remind your child the importance of reading directions carefully and not rushing through any test.
  - Explain the importance of test scores now and the impact they can have on their future.
  - Review results. Praise successes and discuss plans for improvement in areas of need.
  - Explore the Kentucky Department of Education's web site on assessment. Join your child in reviewing sample test items at [www.education.ky.gov/AA/items/Pages/K-PREPItems.aspx](http://www.education.ky.gov/AA/items/Pages/K-PREPItems.aspx)
- If you have any questions don't hesitate to call your school for the answers. Kentucky parents are children's first and most important teachers. Thank you for being essential partners in the success of our school system.

#### In what grades are state tests given?

Grade		3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
K-PREP Assessments	Reading	X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Mathematics	X	X	X	X	X	X				
	Science		X				X				
	Social Studies			X			X				
	Writing*		1	2	3		2		2	2	
End-of-Course Exams	English II							Taken when courses are completed.			
	Algebra II										
	Biology										
	U.S. History										
ACT Family	EXPLORE						X				
	PLAN							X			
	ACT									X	

\*1-Editing/Mechanics 2-On Demand 3-Editing Mechanics & On Demand

## ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY May 11	TUESDAY May 12	WEDNESDAY May 13	THURSDAY May 14	FRIDAY May 15
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### ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS

WG Mini Cinni Rolls Apple	Strawberry Yogurt Orange Slices	Mini Maple Pan- cakes, Applesauce	WG Dutch Waffle Orange Slices	WG Muffins Pineapples
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### SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie//Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tropical Fruit Milk Choices	Cheese Pizza Steamed Broccoli Corn Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choices	Taco w/WG Shell Lettuce/Tomato/ Cheese, Salsa Refried Beans Banana, Milk	Turkey on Sub Bun Doritos Cauliflower Bites Cucumber Slices Pineapple Tidbits	Hog Dog on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Side Kicks Milk Choices
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### ESTILL SPRINGS LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie//Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tropical Fruit Milk Choices	Cheese Pizza Steamed Broccoli Corn Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choices	Taco w/WG Shell Lettuce/Tomato/ Cheese, Salsa Refried Beans Banana, Milk	Turkey on Sub Bun Doritos Cauliflower Bites Cucumber Slices Pineapple Tidbits	Hog Dog on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Side Kicks Milk Choices
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### WEST IRVINE LUNCHES

Chicken Pattie//Bun Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce Milk Choices	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Vegetable Blend Peaches Milk Choices	Hot Dog//Bun or Mr. Rib on Bun Tator Tots Carrots/Dip Juice, Milk	Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Broccoli Glazed Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Hamburger//Bun Potato Wedges Lettuce & Tomato Pork & Beans Pears, Milk
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### ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Mini Maple WG Pancakes or Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Pop tart, Apple Fruit Juices, Milk	Scrambled Eggs w/WG Toast Cocoa Puffs Cereal Strawberry Poptart Pineapples Juice, Milk	Biscuit w/Gravy Trix WG Cereal Brown Sugar Cin- namon Poptart Peaches Juice, Milk	Mini Blueberry WG Pancakes w/syrup Trix WG Cereal Raisin Bran Cereal Pop tart, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk	Trix Yogurt Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal Bar Reese Puffs Cereal Pop tart, Peaches Juice, Milk
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### ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH

Popcorn Chicken Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Normandy Blend Apples or Tropical Fruit	Gilard Cheesesticks Chicken Quesadilla Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Corn, Fruit Ice Cream Sandwich	Grilled Chicken or Deli Turkey on Bun Potato Wedges Lettuce, Tomato Applesauce or Mixed Fruit	Corn Dog or Mr. Rib on Bun Red Pepper Slices Baked Beans Peaches or Pineapples	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Ravioli Breadsticks Romaine Salad Glazed Carrots Fruit
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### ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Lucky Charms Cinn. Toast Crunch Apple Cio. Cheerios Pop tarts Cereal Bars Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Trix Cereal Frosted Flakes Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Dutch Waffle Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Cocoa Puff Cereal Fruit Loops Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Sunrise Hot Bread Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Lucky Charms Cereal, Pop Tarts Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal Bars Sausage & Biscuit Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Honeynut Cheerios Reese Puffs Pop Tarts Cereal Bars Mini Blueberry or Chocolate Muffins Yogurt, Fruit
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### ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH

Spaghetti w/Meat- sauce, bread stick or Fish on Bun Normandy Blend Romaine Salad w/ Grape Tomatoes Pears, Trop. Fruit	Cheeseburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Lettuce, Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce Pineapple Juice, Milk Choice	Popcorn Chicken Roll or Corn Dog Potato Wedges Slaw, Side Kicks Tropical Fruit Juice Milk Choices	Bosco or Pepperoni Calzone Marinara Sauce Corn, Carrots w/dip Pears, Apples Juice Milk Choices	Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese or Pork Chop on Bun Broccoli Bites Cauliflower Bites Peaches Mandarin Oranges
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INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR HAIL

1. Texas
2. Illinois
3. Colorado
4. Missouri
5. Nebraska
6. South Carolina
7. Pennsylvania
8. Iowa
9. South Dakota
10. Kansas

Source: State Farm

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## ESTILL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

246 Main Street, Irvine, KY – Call 723-3030

May 11-15, 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Northwood Apts Winchester Rd Edgewater Dr Crestview Ct Mt. Crest	Stacy Lane Rice Station West Irvine Racetrack Rd.	Horizon Daycare Ravenna Drip Rock Wagersville	Sugar Hollow Buck Creek Doe Creek Barnes Moun- tain	South Irvine Elementary

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

## ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS South Irvine P-K Center REGISTRATION / SCREENING

# for Kindergarten

## 2015-2016 ABC School Year

Estill County Schools will have Kindergarten Registration and Screening for the 2015-2016 school year at South Irvine P-K Center -- 1000 South Irvine Road. In order to be eligible for Kindergarten, the child must be 5 years old by October 1, 2015. State law requires children to attend school if they will turn 6 on or before October 1.

#### Registration/Screening Dates

- Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> . . . . 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> . . . 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> . . . . . 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**CALL 723-4700 to schedule an appointment time!**

It is important to bring your child to registration as he/she will be screened at that time. The developmental screening will involve your child in several learning activities. Through these activities we will examine his/her developmental status in areas such as general knowledge, hand-eye coordination, as well as school knowledge (e.g., shapes, colors, letters). While your child is completing the screening process, we will ask you to complete paperwork. The screening session will last approximately 30 minutes.

#### You will need to bring the following documents:

Official (with the State seal) Birth Certificate from the State in which child was born (cannot accept hospital copy)

1. Up-to-date Kentucky Immunization Record (The immunization certificate must have all immunizations listed with their dates. The state will not allow the school to accept a partial immunization certificate.)
2. Current Physical
3. Eye Exam (must be completed by January 1, 2016)
4. Dental Exam (must be completed by January 1, 2016)
5. Court documents pertaining to your child (if applicable)

\*\*\*Your child cannot start school without an Up-to-date KY Immunization Record and Current Physical\*\*\*