



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Each Spring, I play a little game I like to call, "Spot the Buttercup". No one else plays, just me, but as the snow begins to melt and green begins to push through the muddy mess of leftover snowmen, I start searching for yellow. I have a secret place I always check first but so far this year, no yellow. It's a southern facing, grassy bank that seems to get the sun before anywhere else and daily I've slowed

"Spot the Buttercup"

down to almost a complete stop to look, but no yellow. Buttercups are all around my house, thrown here by a lilac, tossed there by a flowering almond bush, scattered around the tank from Hardy Gas, these flowers make me happy. They remind me of my Granny Muncie and when their nodding, yellow heads dance in the breeze or peep from underneath the last blanket of spring snow, it always brings a smile to my face. Cancer took Granny from me when I was eight years old, but I remember our days picking buttercups. Sometimes the yard of 'the old log house' that was next door, would be in full bloom when a late snow would blow through. Granny would come and get me beforehand and we would go pick almost all the buttercups (we had to leave some so the old house looked pretty). She'd place them in mason jars all through the house and as the snow blew outside, the buttercups filled

the house with yellow sunshine and the most delicious scent!
 For days now, I've kept a keen eye on the southern facing bank. No yellow! I was fussing at myself for feeling disappointed when I drove down Main Street and out of the corner of my eye, I spotted it! A single, yellow bonnet, peeping from the green stalks of its flower bed! I practically slammed on the brakes to get a closer look and the buttercup nodded its greeting to me. Spring is here! I've heard the peepers singing from Uncle Emmanuel's pond, the Mourning Dove called to me as I hung clothes on the line Saturday and the happiest sign of all? The buttercups! I've seen their yellow flag welcoming Spring and no matter how much snow we get Thursday, I know Spring is just around the corner.



ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

| MONDAY February 22 | TUESDAY February 23 | WEDNESDAY February 24 | THURSDAY February 25 | FRIDAY February 26 |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| ELEMENTARY BREAKFASTS | | | | |
| Waffles Apple | Toast, Cereal Peaches | Biscuit & Gravy Applesauce | Pop Tarts Cereal, Pears | Muffins Pineapples |
| SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES | | | | |
| Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pears Milk | Bologna Sandwich Corn Cucumber Slices Dip, Oranges Milk | Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots & Celery/Dip Banana, Milk | Bosco Cheese Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Cauliflower/Dip Gr. Beans, Peaches | Hamburger/Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Potato Smiles Cole Slaw Apple, Milk |
| WEST IRVINE LUNCHES | | | | |
| Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pears Milk | Bologna Sandwich Corn Cucumber Slices Dip, Oranges Milk | Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots & Celery/Dip Banana, Milk | Bosco Cheese Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Cauliflower/Dip Gr. Beans, Peaches | Hamburger/Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Potato Smiles Cole Slaw Apple, Milk |
| ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST | | | | |
| Dutch Waffle Cinn. Toast Crunch Cereal, Apple Chocolate Pop Tart Assorted Juices Milk Choices | Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Cocoa Puffs Cereal Strawberry Pop Tart Pineapples Juice & Milk | Biscuit & Gravy Raisin Bran Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Applesauce Assorted Fruit Juices, Milk Choices | Trix Yogurt & Scooby Doo Snacks Frosted Flake Cereal Reese Puffs Cereal Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop Tart, Pears | Donut, Apple Cinn. Cheerios Cereal Chocolate Pop Tart Mandarin Oranges Assorted Fruit Juices, Milk Choices |
| ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH | | | | |
| Chicken or Buffalo Tenders, Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Apple Mandarin Oranges | Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza or Taco Snax Romaine Salad Corn, Grapes Pineapple Tidbits | Hamburger or Pork Chop on Bun Let./Tom./Pickles Baby Bakers Diced Peaches Banana | Chicken Noodle Soup, Gr. Cheese or Chicken Pattie/Bun Green Beans, Slaw Mandarin Oranges Pineapple Tidbits | Hot Dog or Deli Turkey on Bun Baked Beans Carrot Sticks/Ranch Fresh Oranges Tropical Fruit |
| ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST | | | | |
| Muffins, Cereal Pop Tarts Yogurt Banana or Apple | Bacon, Egg & Chz. Biscuit, Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple or Banana | Chicken Biscuit Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Apple or Banana | Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Yogurt Banana or Apple Juice & Milk | Breakfast Pizza Cream Cheese Bagel Cereal Pop Tart, Yogurt Banana or Apple |
| ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH | | | | |
| Spaghetti/Breadstick Pork Chop on Bun SwElementary Education Teaching Potatoes California Veggies Applesauce | Mandarin Oranges Variety Milk/OJ Cheeseburger or Mr. Rib on Bun Potato Wedges Normandy Blend Let./Tom./Pickle | Peaches/Pears Variety Milk/OJ Spicy Chicken Tenders/Roll or Chicken Patty on Bun Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans | Side Kicks Tropical Fruit Mini Corn Dog or Fish on Bun Baked Beans Glazed Carrots Mandarin Oranges | Applesauce, Cookie Variety Milk/OJ Chicken Alfredo Breadstick or Grilled Chicken on Bun Carrot Sticks Steamed Broccoli |

Hospice Care Center Offers Tours

The Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center in Richmond is now offering First Tuesday Tours. The tours are the first Tuesday of each month from noon until 6 p.m. The first tour was Tuesday, Feb. 2. The next will take place Tuesday, March 1. Light refreshments will be provided. The tours are to help the community learn more

about one of Kentucky's few, freestanding, hospice inpatient centers. Gail McGillis, CEO of Hospice Care Plus and the current director of the Center, says the new event is designed to make sure anyone who wants a tour is able to get one. "Community members have always dropped by and asked to tour, and we've al-

ways welcomed that," says McGillis. "But we didn't always have staff available who could give their full attention to a thorough tour. The idea behind First Tuesday Tours is to make sure we have extra staff for tours on those days, so we have the time to answer everyone's questions and really give them the level of detail they want."

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Saturday, March 19th @ 10^{AM}
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 (Charlie Vanhuss house)

Saturday, April 2nd @ 10^{AM}
1600 Sand Hill Rd., Irvine, Ky.
 (Tracy Warner Estate) 100 Acre Farm

Saturday, April 2nd @ 1^{PM}
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