



**Tam’s Front Porch Ponderings**  
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I’m counting down the days until summer vacation! I loved the snow days but boy am I ready for some summer sun! Corky and I sat down the other night to look at our options for where to go and what to do and of course that got us talking about past vacations. All vacations are memorable but there are a few that REALLY stand out.

When Sarah Beth was about five or six, we spent our vacation in Gatlinburg. Another couple went with us and it was truly an adventure. As long as I can

*... 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?”

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

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

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# REGISTRATION/SCREENING FOR PRESCHOOL

## REGISTRATION/SCREENING DATES

- **Friday, May 2<sup>ND</sup>** 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Thursday, May 8<sup>TH</sup>** 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Friday, May 9<sup>TH</sup>** 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