Tam's Front Porch Ponderings

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Remnants of Christmas

Like many of you, I'm looking at the remnants of a very memorable Christmas. The tree looks lonesome without gifts snuggled at its base, but the memory of how beautiful it was is still fresh. It really wasn't the gifts that made our home beautiful though, it was the people gathered here.

Christmas Eve found our entire clan at Mother's, enjoying a different twist on the family meal. This year we celebrated with Fannie Lee Woolery's recipe for Skillet Spaghetti and it was a big hit! We may have just started a new Christmas Eve tradition. Simple to make and so delicious that we had no leftovers, now that's the kind of meal I like!

Christmas Day at our house was bustling with our family. At 6:00 p.m. Corky's Mom, his sister and her entire family joined us for a meal of hot roast beast sandwiches, mashed potatoes, gravy and cole slaw and a very loud game of Chinese Christmas (some call this Bad Santa).It was loud, it was hilarious, it was just exactly how the day should have been. Our house echoed with the love and laughter of family.

Now that Sarah Beth and Jake are on the road home to Louisiana and Dylan is safely at his place, Corky and I are back to being empty nesters. It's just the two of us sitting in the glow of a beautiful tree, recalling happy memories of Christmas.

May the New Year bring you Joy, Peace and a lifetime of Happy Memories!

Happy New Year!

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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"You don't need a marriage counselor, you need a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ !"

Vague
BROUSCE

Distant
LOOFA

Harsh
REEVES

Peace
CRUTE

TODAY'S WORD

ESTILL COUNTY SCHOOLS MENUS

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

MONDAY January 5	TUESDAY January 6	WEDNESDAY January 7	THURSDAY January 8	FRIDAY January 9
SOUTH IRVINE BREAKFAST				
Mini Maple Waffles Syrup & Apple	Cin. Toast Crunch Toast & Applesauce	Scrambled Eggs Blueberries & Toast	Strawberry Pop Tart Fruit Loops & Pears	Muffins Pineapple
SOUTH IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets Roll Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Apple	Individual Cheese Pizza Corn Steamed BRoccoli Applesauce	Hamburger w/ Bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Strawberry Cup	ChickenNoodleSoup Grilled Cheese Sandwich,SideKicks Broccoli Bites Cucumber Slices/Dip	Hot Dog w/ Bun Tater Tots Carrots/Dip Raisins Ketchup/Mustard
ESTILL SPRINGS BREAKFAST				
Mini Maple Waffles Syrup & Apple	Cin. Toast Crunch Toast & Applesauce	Scrambled Eggs Blueberries & Toast	Strawberry Pop Tart Fruit Loops & Pears	Muffins Pineapple
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WEST IRVINE BREAKFAST				
Mini Maple Waffles Syrup & Apple	Cin. Toast Crunch Toast & Applesauce	Scrambled Eggs Blueberries & Toast	Strawberry Pop Tart Fruit Loops & Pears	BB or Banana Muffin Pineapple
WEST IRVINE LUNCHES				
Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apple	Cheese Pizza Corn Steamed Broccoli Applesauce	Hamburger w/ Bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Pork & Beans Strawberry Cup	Chicken Quesadilla or Chicken Fajita w/ Wrap, Shred Cheese Refried Beans SF Veggies, Orange	Hot Dog or Mr. Rib w/ Bun Tater Tots Carrots/Dip Raisins
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Breakfast Pizza or Fruit Loops Strawberry Pop Tart Apple Juice Milk	Trix Yogurt Strawberry Nutri Grain Bar, Pineapple Raisin Bran Brown Sugar Cinnamon Pop Tart	Mini Maple Pan- cakes w/ Syrup or Cocoa Puffs Strawberry Pop Tart Pineapples Juice and Milk	Toast w/ Jelly Luck Charms Frosted Flakes Brown Sugar Cin- namon Pop Tart Diced Peaches	Fruit Loops Reese Puffs Brown Sugar Cinnamon Pop Tart or Strawberry PT Mandarin Oranges
ESTILL COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH				
Chicken Nuggets Texas Toast Mashed Potatoes California Blend Vegetables Peaches & Apple	Pepperoni Calzone or Bosco w/ Marinara Sauce Corn Glazed Carrots Pears & Pineapples	Grilled Chicken or Mr. Rib on Bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Tropical Fruit Applesauce	Spaghetti or Ravioli w/ WG Breadstick Slaw, Peaches Steamed Broccoli Side Kicks	Chili Crispito or Deli Turkey Wrap Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese Refried Beans Pears & Pineapple
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST				
Honey Nut Cheerios Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, Pop tart Strawberry Banana Yogurt, Triple Cherry Yogurt, Apple & Or- ange, Milk & Juice	Honey Nut Cherrios Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, Pop tart Strawberry Banana Yogurt, Triple Cherry Yogurt, Apple & Or- ange, Milk & Juice	Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Apple Cin- namon Cheerios Pop tarts, Cereal Bars, Sausage Bis- cuit, SBR Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Trix Cereal, Fruit Loops, Pop tarts Cereal Bars Strawberry Mini Pancakes Raspberry Yogurt Apples & Oranges	Breakfast Pizza Cereal, Pop Tarts Yogurt Assorted Juices Oranges or Apples Variety of Milk Choices
ESTILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH				
Meat Ball Sub w/Mozz Cheese or Chicken Pattie / bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Steamed Broccoli Glazed Carrots, Applesauce, Pineapple	Hot Dog on bun Mr. Rib on bun Baked Beans French Fries Applesauce Peaches, Juice Milk Choices	Chicken Fajita or Taco w/Shell Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa Refried Beans Grapes, Side Kicks Juice, Milk Choices	Chicken Quesadilla or Bosco w/ Mari- nara Sauce Broccoli Bites w/ Dip Corn, Blueberries Strawberry Cup Juice, Milk Choices	Spicy Chicken or Grilled Chicken Pattie on bun, Green Beans, Glazed Car- rots, Lettuce, Tomato Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk

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