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Welcome Back!

It's sooo great to see all of your smiling faces! Thank you to everyone that was able to join us at our "Meet the Teacher" afternoon!



Reminder: We have a long Labor Day weekend coming up. There will be No School this Friday, September 3rd and No School Monday, September 6th.

Free and Reduced Lunch and Milk:

We will be continuing free lunch to ALL students again this year. Please make sure you still complete the Economic Data Survey, as it helps us qualify for grants for student supports.

Student Birthdays at School

Due to dietary sensitivities, we ask that all birthday "treats" sent to school on your student's special day be non-food items. Examples could include: a special pencil, a special eraser or a gift bag type of toy. We will celebrate all birthdays each month on First Friday. Families are not required to send "treats".

School Board Vacancy

The Evaline School board has a vacancy. If you live in the Evaline school district and you would like to be a board member, please send a letter of interest to the office. Letters will be reviewed at the September 21st board meeting. You may email it to Mrs. Bradshaw, drop it our dropbox in the circle drive or mail it to Evaline School, 111 Schoolhouse Rd., Winlock, WA 98596

Health and Safety 21-22:

We will continue to utilize social distancing this year, though at a three foot distance rather than six. Attestation forms are not required, **however it is of the utmost importance that you don't send your student to school with cold or flu symptoms.** All of our cleaning protocols and hand washing will continue. In addition to social distancing, we are still requiring masks to be worn while indoors. Masks are not required while students are outside. Additional information will follow as we continue to learn more.

Important Dates!!

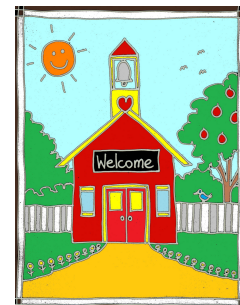
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Fri. 3rd:

No School Tomorrow

Mon. 6th: No School-Labor Day

Fri. 17th: Early Dismissal, 11:30



EVALINE BOOSTER CLUB

The Booster Club meets once a month. Meetings will be posted in weekly newsletters. The booster club supports several important student activities and always needs more volunteers. For questions please contact evalineboosterclub@gmail.com

Enrollment Documents

If you haven't already turned in your student's enrollment documents, please do so as soon as possible. If you didn't receive an enrollment packet by mail, please let Mrs. Kirkpatrick know and she will send one home with your student.

ckirkpatrick@evalinesd.k12.wa.us 360-785-3460

Family Newsletter Envelopes

Staff at Evaline want to make sure we clearly communicate all our plans and activities with all our students' families. Again this year we are continuing our Friday Envelopes for school-to-home communication. We hope this will make it easy for you to stay up to date with all that's going on at Evaline. Here's how our system works:

#1. "Family Envelope" consisting of weekly newsletters and other information will be sent home each Friday with your student. If you have more than one student, we will send it home with the oldest student in the family.

#2 A parent or guardian must remove the contents, complete any forms inside, read the newsletter, and then sign and date the envelope to show they have received it.

#3 Send the envelope back to school the next school day.

This is a great opportunity to teach students responsibility. Since this envelope is used for the entire year, careful handling of it is most appreciated. We do not recommend using it for transporting cash. Any confidential information will be either sent in a sealed envelope or mailed.



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Kindergarten

Mrs. Tinnin

Hello kindergarten families!

The first week in kindergarten was full of fun and new experiences as we continue to learn routines and expectations in class and around the school. Everyone, including me, was excited to get to know our new friends. This week we've read several books including *The Night Before Kindergarten*, *Enemy Pie*, and *The Kissing Hand*. Students also practiced writing their names, practiced counting, and learned a couple of new songs.

Your child is also learning little rhymes to help them remember how to write their numbers 0 through 9. This week, I have worked on the beginning of the year testing so I know how to support your child as we start reading, science, and math. Next week kindergarten is a full day so they will have art, P.E, and music. **Kindergarten has P.E on Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has tennis shoes so they can participate safely.**

I am excited about the coming year!

Mrs. Tinnin



First and Second Grade Classroom

Mrs. Mittge

Hello, Families!

I am so very excited to work with you and your children this school year!

Our class will be called the 1st/2nd Grade Evaline Explorers. Each of your children will be an "explorer," who will be interacting and engaging with his/her learning each day.

EXPECTATIONS/LEARNING PHILOSOPHY:

Expectations in our learning community are fairly straightforward. We will practice treating others the way we wish to be treated and will approach new experiences with a growth mindset.

The expectation is to always use kind and productive words and before speaking use "THNK:"

True
Helpful
Necessary
Kind.



Our classroom also practices professionalism. We will be learning that professionalism is using respect and responsibility for a purpose.

HOMEWORK-

Please expect students to bring home a "Boomerang" folder each day. Inside you will find 1. Materials such as completed work that will stay at home and 2. Any notes or work that needs to be returned to school.

Do not expect a lot of homework coming home with your child. There is so much value in play for 1st and 2nd graders. My hope is that students will have time to explore and invent at their homes after school.

Students will have a "Book Baggie" that will carry a book to and from school each day. Please listen to your child read aloud for ten minutes each night and then either read aloud with your child or continue listening to him/her read aloud for an additional ten minutes. Students should be engaged with reading for at least 20 minutes every evening. **Please sign the reading log each evening and have your child return his/her book baggie and Boomerang Folder every day.**

By mid-September your child will have weekly spelling or sight words and addition/subtraction facts as homework as well.

I am so eager to begin working with your child and am truly honored to have the opportunity to be a part of his/her educational journey. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to learn and teach with your child! Do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or e-mail at smittge@evalinesd.k12.wa.us.



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Third and Fourth Grade Classroom

Mrs. Turnquist

Hello Families,

Welcome to 3rd and 4th grade, we have an exciting year ahead! I am so glad to be able to start this year with students learning in the classroom. In class this week we took some time to talk about what a student's civic duties in the classroom look like. Students came up with things such as being ready to learn, helping others, staying on task, and wearing a mask to keep others safe. As a class we read about Camdyn Cole, a BMX champion to learn how she sets goals and works to achieve them. She related BMX to school by saying "it isn't always a smooth ride" and "you have to work hard and put in extra effort when you can." We used this inspiration to set goals for ourselves for the school year and plan what we will do to achieve them.

Homework reminder: Students will have homework every night. Please check their planner for assignments every night. Students will always have a minimum of 20 minutes of reading that should be signed off by a parent on their reading log in their book bag. In addition to this students may have math homework. If they do not have math homework they will have a stamped math sheet, if they do not have a stamp then math should be in their planner and their assignment is to do the back side of the sheet, it should never take more than 2-5 minutes. Please help your child to find a consistent time and place to get this work done.

Here's to another great year!
-Ms. Turnquist



Fifth and Sixth Grade Classroom

Mr. Burlingame

Hello Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new year at Evaline! I hope you had a great summer and are ready to get back to school. This year we are starting out the year with a new location for the 5th and 6th grade class while we wait for the new portable to arrive. Until it does, we will have class in the classateria and will make the transition to the new space when it's ready.

So far students have gotten settled into their new space and new routines. After a couple days of adjusting we have begun our regular lessons in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science. We are starting 5th grade ELA out of order this year and so they have begun with their poetry unit and so far I've been most impressed with their writing. 6th grade is starting a lengthy unit on the "Hero's Journey" by exploring Greek mythology through the book Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief. Both grades have started with chapter 1 in their math books. Because Constitution day falls in September, we started a month-long look in both grades at the founding of the nation and the writing of the constitution. Next month the grades will split in Social Studies and study their own topics for a while. In science, 5th grade began learning about the orbit of Earth in space sciences and 6th grade began learning about weather patterns and what causes changes in our day to day weather.

I am excited to be starting up school again and am excited for the plans we have to provide what I think will be a great school year for our students.

Enjoy the weekend, and I'll see all of you next week!

Mr. B





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Special Education-Title1/LAP- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Mrs. Duren:

This week's Words of Wisdom by Mrs. Duren

Well it's the start of a new school year, and the air around the school building is brimming with excitement and hope. We have all been SO excited to see not only the faces of our returning staff and students, but also of those who are new to our school as well. It has been exciting to get used to new learning spaces, new groups of students and for some grade levels, different teachers in our classrooms, and new strategies and resources for learning. We had a fantastic turn out at our recent Meet The Teacher event - thank you to everyone who was able to participate. We look forward to many upcoming opportunities for families to participate in their children's learning, and to actively participate in the activities that make Evaline special and unique.

I spoke with my dad this week about some of his memories of his first day at school and he shared about what it was like back in 1949 when he began at Evaline as a first grader (There was no kindergarten here back then.) Back then, things at school were a bit different than they are now, with grades 1-4 in one room and grades 5-8 in the other, with each room having 4 rows of desks, one row for each grade, and about 25 students total per classroom. Evaline had no bus back then, so no bus driver either. However, the Winlock HS bus did pick up Evaline students in the morning to drop off at the corner of the property, but students were expected to walk home at the end of the day regardless of how far or the weather. There were no para professionals, office staff, lunch staff, nor nurse. There was one custodian who cleaned the school with her own children helping at night. The school day was focused on Reading, Math, Penmanship, and Art. In the older grades History was also introduced, but Science was not a focus. The classrooms had chalkboards on 3 walls of each room, no white boards, limited books, and no computers. Learning was based on repetition, and students learned to pay close attention to what each grade ahead of them was learning and getting to do in their room, as they had that to look forward to for when they got older. At lunch, students brought their lunch in a thermos and a lunch bucket, not a bag, and there was no school lunch like we have today. Outside recess usually consisted of softball if you were in the older grades, in preparation to the annual games against the Jackson Prairie School (also a 2 room schoolhouse), and inside recess might be working on woodshop projects in the shop in the basement on one side of the school or playing dodgeball or dodge baseball in the other side of the basement, with the coal furnace for heating the school located in between the two down stairs spaces, as well as the bathrooms with the elevated bathroom stalls.

What resonated the most for me after talking with him was that regardless of the differences between then and now, at the core, the most important things have never changed. Evaline is still about coming together as a learning community, helping each other regardless of the challenges and differences, working hard, and making learning fun. We may teach more subjects and in different ways now, and have more staff and classrooms, but yet at the core it still remains the same. Whether we are staff or students, then or now, we each will face challenges, experience uncomfortable feelings, and find a need to exhibit positive character traits, such as courage, especially as each new school year begins. This realization made me appreciate even more the fact that I have the privilege of introducing our district's new social emotional curriculum, Purposeful People (part of the Character Strong curriculum), in each classroom, and to each student in our school this year. I am additionally thankful our first character trait we are focusing on this fall is that of "COURAGE.", especially as so many of our students, and staff have been able to identify with the fact that the start of a school year can cause a person of any age to feel uncomfortable feelings, and that making an effort to act out courageously can go a long way to help others and yourself feel better about the school year. Please be watching for more information throughout the school year from both staff and your students regarding our 10 focus character traits, and how we all can benefit from, and grow in our use of them in our daily lives, both in school and outside of school. **Happy Fall, and Welcome Back all Evaline Lions of every age!**

