

## We are the Evaline Lions!! Generations have roared through our halls!



***Evaline students and staff gathered around our new playground!***

### **Dear Evaline Community,**

Thank you for supporting the Evaline School! As you can see in this issue, we have been around for a long time. Our little school has changed over the years, but its tradition of excellence has not.



Our staff has worked hard to emphasize teaching and learning in these post "Covid School" years. We are pleased to say our English Language Arts (ELA) and Math scores are among the highest of the elementary schools in Lewis County for each of the past two years.

In addition to academic learning we believe character matters. Our district has a strong Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program and recognizes specific positive character traits each month. These components combined with a family atmosphere that includes fun activities both on and off campus make Evaline an excellent place to learn and grow.

**Sincerely,**  
**Kyle MacDonald - Superintendent**



## Upcoming Events / Dates to Watch For



### Nov.

- Mon. 4th - Fri. 8th: Student Conferences
- Fri. 8th: Veteran's Day Assembly @ Boistfort School
- Mon. 11th: No School, Veteran's Day
- Fri. 15th: ASB Wreath orders due
- Mon. 18th: Food Drive for the Winlock Food Bank
- Tues. 19th: School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Wed. 20th: 3rd-6th Field Trip to The Seattle Museum of Flight
- Tues. 26th: Thanksgiving Feast/Lunch
- Tues. 26th: Wreath order pick up.
- Wed. 27th: Half Day, 11:30 dismissal
- Thurs. 28th-Fri. 29th: No School, Thanksgiving Break**

### Dec.

- Fri. 6th: 11:30 Dismissal: LION PAW DAY/Staff professional Development
- Tues. 17th: School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Wed. 18th: Matinee Play, 1:00 pm
- Thurs. 19th: All school caroling, times TBA at the Winlock Senior Center followed by Cardinal Glass
- Fri. 20th: 11:30 dismissal
- Mon. 23rd - Mon. Jan. 6th: No School, Winter Break**

### Jan.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH**

- Mon. 6th: First day back to school**
- Fri. 10th: 11:30 Dismissal: LION PAW DAY/Staff professional Development
- Tues. 16th: Temperance and Good Citizenship Day
- Mon. 20th: NO SCHOOL, Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tues. 21st: School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Fri. 24th: End Of Semester
- Mon. 27th: Safety City field trip - TTK - 2nd grade
- Tues. 28th: Science on Wheels comes to Evaline

### **Kindergarten Graduation June 2024**



### **6th Grade Graduation June 2024**

## Evaline Events and Traditions!

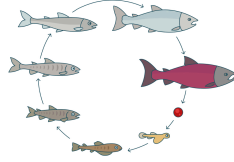
### We've had a busy Fall



Mrs. Tinnin and Mrs. Mittge took students from their TK-K and 1-2 classrooms to visit the **Cowlitz Fish Hatchery** and learn all about salmon.



In January, Mrs. Mittge's 1-2 classroom orders **salmon eggs** from the hatchery. They study them as they raise them in a large fish tank in their classroom and then finally release them into the Olequa creek when the salmon are ready to start their journey!



Mrs. Mars takes her 3-4 classroom and HiCap students to the **Olequa Creek** to do stream testing twice each school year. Then in the spring they all travel to the Evergreen State College in Olympia and join hundreds of other students, who have also done stream testing in their regions, at the Student Green Congress.

During the Congress students present and discuss their findings. They identify data which exceed optimal water quality standards, discuss possible causes of pollution or poor conditions, and make recommendations for improving the health of the watershed and Puget Sound.

Our 1st - 6th grade students participated in a week of **swimming lessons at Thorbeckes** during the first week of October. This event has been provided by our awesome Booster Club for many years!



The **Winlock Fire Department** visited Evaline school and brought over their smoke house. They showed our students how to be safe and get out of a house safely in case of a fire. They reminded students it's also important to have a plan on where to meet



your family once you get out of the house. **Thank you Winlock Fire Department!!**

Evaline students went to the **Goodrich Pumpkin Patch** and had a great day! Their parents/guardians and younger siblings were invited to join us. The Booster Club pays for each child's pumpkin and activities at the Pumpkin Patch.



We had our **Fall Festival Party on Oct. 31st**. Where we invite



our Evaline families to join in the fun of carnival games, a cake walk and crafts! We invite our friends at Cardinal Glass every year to judge our costume contest and pumpkin carving contest. This super fun event is put on and funded by our amazing Booster Club.

We don't have a homecoming week at Evaline, but we love to show our **School Spirit!!** Each year students and staff can choose to dress up during our spirit week. This year the themes each day were Crazy Hair, Superhero, Beach Attire, Halloween Costume or Favorite Book Character and we wrapped it up with Friday being the wear ALL BLUE school spirit day! We have a lot of fun being a little silly!!



On November 8th Evaline students and staff will travel to Boistfort School and join them in their **Veteran's Day Assembly**. They often have special guests and great music! We appreciate all those who have served this great nation!



**Evaline families support Winlock/Vader Food Bank** with their annual fall food drive in November. Students and staff make the delivery close to Thanksgiving



Mrs. Mars and Mr. Burlingame will take their 3-4 and 5-6 classrooms to the **Seattle Museum of Flight** on November 20th. In preparation, 3-4 students will be studying airplane history, careers in aviation and the education and training required to become an aviator. Students in 5-6 will study airplane history, the properties of air and atmosphere and the effects they have on airplanes. Both classes will welcome guest speaker, Brandon Rakes, Chehalis-Centralia Airport Director, the week prior to the field trip.



One of our favorite traditions is our **Thanksgiving Feast**. Each year we invite our volunteers to join us as we gather and give thanks and share a traditional thanksgiving meal together. Our 6th grade students also give speeches on what they are most thankful for.



We love to take holiday cheer to a couple of our neighboring organizations. Each year Mr. Burlingame teaches TK-6 grade students fun holiday songs and then they travel to the Olequa Senior center and Cardinal Glass and show off their **caroling skills!**



Before our winter break students put on a **wonderful winter program**. We have a **matinee** and an evening play. All are welcome to attend. Keep your eye on our reader board as we get closer for dates and times.



## Connecting With Our Families and Community

May - 2024 [Evaline's 140th Celebration](#) - A few memories captured from this special day.



Former Superintendent  
George Crawford



Superintendent Kyle  
MacDonald & Board  
President Mike Porter



Former Teacher  
Marylyn Reep



Former students  
Mini Porter, far left &  
Les Vian, far right.  
Other former  
students between  
them.

Ona Felker, current school  
board member and her  
grandson and former  
student, Tyler Quillan



Current Evaline Students  
leading the Evaline Song.

We still sing this song  
each month at our Lion

Paw Ceremony and at many of our events.

## 140th Celebration!!

On May 18th, 2024 former and current students and staff gathered at Evaline School to share about their school experiences while having the opportunity to take a closer look at many curated displays representing the ebb and flow of the life of the school over the years. These displays included photographs, videos, news articles, and other historical documents. During the program our school's Community Liaison, Susie Duren shared a summary of the overall history of the school, and later in the program Mrs. Reep, one of our long-time teachers, likewise shared a detailed review of her years teaching at Evaline.

In the crowd were other former staff, such as Mrs. Stout, Mr. Stanton, and Mrs. Craft, as well as both current and past members of our school board and our booster club.

Our former superintendent Mr. Crawford briefly spoke about the 2011-2012 remodel of our main building, and our current Principal/Superintendent Mr. MacDonald shared about our current site improvements and how we addressed challenges during the recent pandemic, while also receiving a plaque from Hope Grange showing the appreciation of the local community for his hard work and dedication to Evaline.

It was a fine afternoon of sharing stories and getting a chance for visitors to enjoy refreshments while taking a walk around the school site to see the many changes which have occurred over the years as well as noticing that which has remained the same. Many stories were told and memories shared as visitors looked at all of the historical items. For many in attendance this was the first time they had the opportunity to see our new portable in use, and our new Play Structure up and ready for new play equipment. Our day would not have been complete without having our 6th graders in attendance ring the school bell and having some of our students lead those in attendance in singing the Evaline song. Thank you to all those who helped make this celebration a great success, allowing our history to continue to be remembered.



## Our Community Cares



We are excited to have a [New Children's Book Lending Library - Sponsored by the Hope Grange](#) - Located outside our main school doors, and available for use by all families in the Evaline community. We are also eagerly looking forward to the Grange visit later this fall when they will distribute Dictionaries to all third graders as part of the national sponsored program called Words for Thirds.

Our end of the year [Park Day](#) was followed by our tradition of being Sprayed by the Winlock Fire Department back at school.



### [June 2024 - End of the Year Awards Program Award Recipients](#),

These included awards sponsored by the Masons, Hope Grange and Evaline ASB.



[Lion Paw Student of the Year Awards](#) - given out at Graduation June - 2024. Recipients Jaice Hope, 2nd, and Isabella Molina, 6th.



[Scholarships were also presented at Graduation](#) to former Evaline students. Luci Gilmon who received the Walt Wachter Memorial Scholarship, representing the Wachter family with Luci is Andrea Dixon. Not pictured, Katelyn (Aura) Kohler received the Evaline Community Scholarship sponsored by Hope Grange.



[Scholarship Applications are due each May. Graduating High School Seniors who attended Evaline are encouraged to apply. Applications are available on our website and at the district office.](#)

## THANK YOU!

### **A Big Thank You to St Paul's Lutheran Church in Winlock**

for adopting our school for a second year in a row, donating a large amount of school supplies in efforts to make back to school expenses a little easier for our families by decreasing the amount of school supplies needed.



### **We would like to thank Carly's Closet**

for their donation. Carly's Closet contacted us to donate a box of new clothing items to the school for use as needed.



### **We would also like to thank Women United**

for their donation of hygiene products for the girls in our school.

### **We would like to send out a very special THANK YOU to Cardinal Glass!**

Cardinal Glass has supported Evaline School in many ways. From donations to generously supporting our fundraisers and even coming to the school every year dressed in costumes to judge our Fall Festival costume contest and pumpkin carving contest.



### **Wreath Orders ASB Wreath Fundraiser**

Evaline Associated Student Body is selling Holiday wreaths and centerpieces crafted by **Country Garland**. All earnings are used for a variety of student activities. If you would like to order a wreath please stop by the Evaline School office. **\*All orders MUST be turned in with money by November 15th, 2024. Orders will be ready to pick up on November 26th by 3:30 pm and 27th by 11:30.**



## The Evaline Booster Club

The Evaline Booster Club has a long tradition of supporting our students and school traditions in a variety of fun and engaging ways including sponsoring activities such as swimming lessons, the Fall Festival, the Valentines Party and the Egg Hunt. They also, in more recent years, have provided a new Evaline t-shirt and water bottle for each student at the start of the school year. The Booster Club welcomes new members and their ideas, and encourages anyone interested to attend a meeting. Meeting days and times are posted in the weekly newsletter. For more information, please contact: [evalineboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:evalineboosterclub@gmail.com)

## State Grants Support Evaline Students

Our covered play area was dedicated on the first day of school this year! This wonderful structure was made possible by two "Healthy Kids" grants that our school district applied for and received from OSPI.

We received \$200,000 to build a covering which was completed in the spring of 2023, and an additional \$200,000 for our playground equipment and basketball court. These grants are at no cost to local taxpayers.

We are thankful for this new facility. Most importantly, our students are getting to play outside more often and on a modern, fun play structure!



## Replacement Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

On October 15th the Evaline School Board approved a levy amount of \$269,000 at a rate of \$0.92/\$1,000 to replace the expiring 2 year levy that was approved in 2023. The replacement levy will be on the **February 11, 2025 ballot**.

This levy is an essential part of the school's budget. It maintains small class sizes, supports student academic growth and helps us instill the strong character in Evaline Students that our community values.



## 24-25 Evaline School Board

**President:** Michael Porter

**Vice President:** Jamie Moran

**Board Members at Large:**

Ona Felker, Anya Klemmensen, Matt Klemmensen

**Secretary to the Board:** Superintendent Kyle MacDonald

We are thankful for our school board members and all they do to support the district and community through their service. Regular school board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM in the district office conference room. Guests are welcome to attend. School Board meeting minutes can be found on the school's website.



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