

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**Welcome Back!!**  
**We hope all of our**  
**Evaline families had a**  
**wonderful, fun and**  
**restful Holiday break!**



## SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Thank you to our school board members for volunteering their time and playing a critical civic role that helps form the bedrock of our democracy—public education. As a crucial bridge between the community and the school district, their efforts are instrumental in helping all of us realize the hopes and dreams we have for the children of our community.

**Director Position #4 Mike Porter ~ Board President**  
**Director Position #3 Jamie Moran ~ Board Vice President**  
**Director Position #2 Ona Felker**  
**Director Position #1 Anya Klemmensen**  
**Director Position #5 Matt Klemmensen**



### Rainy Day Recess

Dear Parents/Guardians, as you know the weather has changed and it is wet and cold outside. We ask that you please send your student(s) to school with appropriate rainy/cold day clothing. Please make sure your student(s) have a rain/warm jacket and shoes that can get wet as we still offer outside recess on rainy days. Thank you so much!

### Good News Club Day Changed to Thursdays and now located in the Portable

**Beginning January 4th**, GNC day will be on Thursdays and will now be located in the portable. Parents please park in front of the portable and the GNC ladies will bring your children out to you at the end of their club.



## Important Dates!!



### JAN.

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

**Fri. 5th: Lion Pride Day 11:30 Dismissal**

**Mon. 15th: NO SCHOOL, recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Tues. 16th: Temperance and Good Citizenship Day**

**Tues. 23rd: School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm**

**Fri. 26th: End Of Semester**

**Mon. 29th: Safety City field trip - TTK - 2nd grade**

**Mon. 29th - Fri. Feb 2nd: School Spirit Week**

### FEB.

**Fri. 2nd: Lion Pride Day 11:30 Dismissal**

**Thurs. 8th: Report cards mail**

**Tues. 14th Valentines Day Party**

**Wed. 14th - Thurs. 15th: Spring Conferences**  
**11:30 dismissal each day**

**Fri. 16: Staff Development - 11:30 Dismissal**

**Mon. 19th: No School - Presidents Day**

## Attendance, It Matters

We, the school, are required to take daily attendance and notify you when your student has an unexcused absence.

Every absence, excused or unexcused, is a learning opportunity lost and can have significant impacts on a student's success in school and life. A student who misses 18 or more days in a school year—just two days a month—for any reason is considered chronically absent.

Chronically absent students are more likely to fall behind in reading and math and less likely to graduate from high school. Addressing chronic absenteeism and developing good attendance habits is a solvable problem for which we all share responsibility. If your student has **three unexcused absences in one month**, state law (RCW 28A.225.020)

requires we schedule a conference with you and your student to identify the barriers and supports available to ensure regular attendance. In elementary school after **five excused absences in any month, or ten or more**

**excused absences in the school year**, the school district is required to contact you to schedule a conference at a mutually agreeable, reasonable time with at least one district employee, to identify the barriers and supports available to you and your student. A conference is not required if your student has provided a doctor's note or pre-arranged the absence in writing and the parent, student and school have made a plan so your student does not fall behind academically. If your student has an Individualized Education Program or a 504 Plan the team that created the plan needs to reconvene.

## TTK and Kindergarten

Mrs. Tinnin

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a good break. It is great to see everyone again and hear their stories of what happened over the break.

Kindergarten is reviewing sounds that they already learned before the break. They are also working on writing sentences with a focus on starting with a capital, finger spaces in between words, and ending with punctuation.



Kindergarten is working on finding the missing number in the number sentence.  $8 + ? = 10$  with the use of manipulatives and number bonds.

TTK is learning about The Gingerbread Man and The Shoemaker and the Elves. They are learning about characters in the stories and sequencing, identifying what happened first, middle, and last.

## First and Second Grade Explorers

Mrs. Mittge

My heart is full! It is wonderful to have our students back. First and second graders returned with a fire lit under them to learn and succeed! They are completing reading logs and completing classwork with quality. **Please remember to sign off on your child's 20 minutes of reading each night.**

First graders began a new math chapter on counting and modeling numbers. Second graders are beginning a unit on double-digit subtraction! Mathematicians are really trying to stretch their thinking as they explain their problem solving. Families can support this work at home by asking higher level thinking questions during conversations such as: "What would happen if...?" or "Why?" or "Explain your thinking."

Students found new dramatic play and cooperative play centers as they returned from break. We have enjoyed getting familiar with them. Thank you to Twin Star and the Washington State Retiree's Association for the grant money that funded our new: blocks, kitchen, vet center, train set, market and more!

Friday we receive our salmon eggs! We are looking forward to watching these amazing creatures go through their life cycle!

## Third and Fourth Grade Classroom

Mrs. Mars

Welcome back from break, it has been great to have everyone back and to hear about all the fun they had!

This week we jumped right back into learning with 3rd grade starting their first unit of division and 4th grade jumping into fractions.

Students should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes each night. Please be encouraging your student to both start and finish a book before moving onto the next book. We have class time set aside each morning for students to take any needed AR tests. All students should be at leap 3 by the end of the month in order to hit Leap 6 day, a fun day filled with activities, by the end of the school year. So READ, READ, READ!



Next week will be the start of Mrs. Zoey taking over parts of our day in preparation for my exit. This allows Mrs. Zoey to practice while I am still here to offer guidance and help as well as allowing the students to get comfortable with her teaching.

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Classroom

Mr. Burlingame

Welcome back from break, I hope everyone had a great two weeks off!

We have started a fun unit on Poetry in ELA and in Math have been working with creating tessellations out of geometric patterns and pictures.

### 6th Grade Parents!

It's hard to believe it but before we know it'll be time for Cispus! Please look out for information in the coming weeks for info on Cispus this year. There will be a parents meeting after school where any questions you have can be answered and we will briefly discuss graduation this year. If you know for sure that your student will not be attending Cispus, please reach out to me at [sburlingame@evalinesd.k12.wa.us](mailto:sburlingame@evalinesd.k12.wa.us).



**Cispus attendance is not mandatory but students who do not attend will be expected to be at school for alternative lessons.**