



Dear Evaline Community,

Happy New Year to each one of you! As we approach the midpoint of the school year, we are encouraged by the progress our students are making. I believe our small school atmosphere, which lends itself to more individual attention, is more valuable than ever. Since 1883 we have been carrying the Evaline name proudly, and our students have gone on to do us proud in their post elementary settings. In addition to academics, be sure to look at our calendar of upcoming school events included in this letter. We do many "extras" that add to the enjoyment of traditional learning.

Our playground covering process is moving along. This project, funded by a state grant, should go out to bid sometime in the next two months. After that we will be looking at playground enhancements.

Please note that we have included School Levy information in this letter. We do have the lowest levy rate in the county and have tried to be good stewards of levied dollars over the years.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your school and helping build great students with Evaline Lion Pride!

Sincerely,

Kyle MacDonald - Superintendent



## Proposition 1 - REPLACEMENT Educational Programs and Operations Levy :

**NOT A NEW TAX**

Proposition 1 is not a new tax and if passed, would replace the expiring local levy at the same yearly amount of \$190,000 since 2009.

The expiring local levy averaged a tax rate of \$1.06 per \$1,000 of assessed property value during the last levy cycle. The new levy rate is lower at \$0.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This change is due to the increase in assessed property values.

### Is there a senior tax exemption?

If you are a senior citizen or disabled person in need of property tax assistance, you may be able to take advantage of the property tax exemption program.

To see if you qualify, call the Lewis County Assessor's Office at 360.740.1392 or visit their website at: [www.lewiscountywa.gov](http://www.lewiscountywa.gov).



### What is the difference between a bond and a levy?

Bonds are for new construction and rebuilding of schools. Levies pay for the learning that takes place inside schools like teaching staff, nurses, utilities and extra curricular activities.



Bonds=Building



Levies=Learning

### What will the levy funds support?

The passage of Proposition 1 would help Evaline School District educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, which can include the following:

- \*non-high payments: Evaline does not have a middle or high school, therefore the district pays annual levy fees to neighboring districts where our 7th-12th grade students attend middle and high school.
- \* special education programs not funded through basic education
- \*music recitals and programs
- \*annual winter play as well as other school programs and activities
- \*curriculum replacement
- \*technology equipment and enhancements
- \*security and emergency preparedness
- \* field trips and field trip transportation
- \*regular transportation not fully funded by basic education
- \*student food services
- \*professional development for staff
- \* support services provided by ESD113
- \*infrastructure such as utilities, maintenance, operations and insurance outside of basic education funding.

You should receive your ballot soon.

Please vote by February 14th.



Thanks!

### Upcoming events / Dates to watch for:

- 1/30 - End of Semester
- 2 /9 - Report Cards out
- 2/13 - 100th Day of Learning
- 2/14 - Valentines Day Party
- 2/15 - 2/17 - Early Dismiss / Spring Conferences
- 2/17 - Lion Pride Day/Early Dismiss Staff PD
- 2/20 - No School Presidents Day
- 2/21 - School Board Meeting
- 2/22 - State Capitol Tour
- 3/1 - 3/21 - All School Readathon
- 3/2 - Lion Pride Day/Early Dismiss Staff PD
- 3/2 - Dr Seuss Birthday
- 3/3 - Mid-Winter Break
- 3/6 - 3/10 Swimming lessons - 2-6
- 3/10 - 3rd-6th Grade Olympic Junior Programs - Play in Olympia
- 3/12 - Daylight Savings
- 3/17 - St Patrick's Day
- 3/21 - School Board Meeting
- 3/29 - 3/31 - tent. CISPUS - 6th
- 3/31 - Lion Pride Awards



### Staff of Focus this Winter



**Annie Gehrman:** Cook, Recess Duty, Janitorial, Bus Monitor, Help with Holiday Celebrations. Annie joined our Evaline team in September 2021. Growing up in the Napavine/ Winlock area, Annie has known of "Evaline the Littlest School", as she and her family would fondly yell out the car windows as they drove by when she was growing up. Annie greatly enjoys that she now is getting

a chance to work in that little school, and being able to help wherever there is a need. Annie has already been gathering fun memories, such as making lunch in the dark one day, and from her time sharing a workspace with the 5th and 6th graders. She is happy being part of the team here at Evaline working hard to give the students of our community positive memories which will last a lifetime, such as her recent work on the Feast and the Student Winter party, as well as past events such as Stone Soup, and Graduation. Annie is especially proud that our school has prioritized providing free breakfast and lunch packed with lots of fruits and veggies to all students as part of its recovery plan from the pandemic and is seeing first hand the benefit this resource provides in the health and learning of our students.

## The Evaline Booster Club

The Evaline Booster Club supports many student activities and school traditions, and welcomes new members and their ideas. For upcoming meeting times, please contact: [evalineboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:evalineboosterclub@gmail.com)



### **2022-2023 Evaline School Board**

**President:** Cheryl McGee,

**Vice President:** Mike Porter

**Board Members at Large:**

Jamie Moran, Anya Klemmensen, Ona Felker

**Secretary to the Board:** Kyle MacDonald

Thank you to our school board members for all that you do to support your community through your service with our school district. Regular school board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. Guests are welcome to attend.



**“Evaline... doin’ fine... 140 years down the line!”**

*This spring Evaline will be turning 140 years old! Please contact Susanne K Duren, our Community Liaison, if you have*

*any requests or ideas related to recognizing and celebrating this milestone in Evaline’s history.*

### **Ways to keep in contact:**

**111 Schoolhouse Road;**

**Winlock, WA 98596**

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**Community Liaison:**

[sduren@evalinesd.k12.wa.us](mailto:sduren@evalinesd.k12.wa.us)

**Website:**

<https://www.evalinesd.k12.wa.us>

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Evalineschool>

## **Connecting with our families & Community**

In November our students participated in a local Food Drive and participated in a combined Thanksgiving Feast with the Olequa Senior Center.



In December we were excited to resume having our Winter Music Concert, Carolling and putting on the Winter Plays for our community and families.



Evaline School District #36  
111 Schoolhouse Road  
Winlock, WA 98596

# Evaline School District No. 36

WINTER 2023

Established 1883,  
Evaline School District  
No. 36 is Lewis County's oldest  
continuously operating school district.



## **We are the Evaline Lions!**



**Generations have roared through our halls!**

