

We are the Evaline Lions!!

Generations have roared through our halls!

Dear Evaline Community,

Evaline School is a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. Our well-trained staff provide high-quality instruction, paired with individualized support to reinforce learning and ensure no student "falls through the cracks." We also emphasize Social Emotional Learning, helping students understand their emotions and develop the soft skills needed to become well-rounded individuals.

Our enrollment has increased substantially this year, and we believe that growth reflects families recognizing Evaline as a special place for their children. We are proud to continue offering our Transition to Kindergarten program, which helps four-year-olds build the foundational skills needed for a successful start in Kindergarten. This early jump start strengthens learning as students move through the grades.

Outdoor learning is another exciting part of the Evaline experience. Students engage in hands-on opportunities such as fish rearing in first and second grade, stream water testing in third and fourth grades, and attending CISPUS Outdoor Learning Camp in sixth grade.

Evaline School is truly a unique and special place. We sincerely appreciate your continued support in helping us provide these meaningful opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,
Kyle MacDonald - Superintendent



Remembering one of Evaline's Finest - Les Vian **January 17, 1952 - December 22, 2025**

Les Vian attended Evaline School and graduated from the 8th grade here in 1966 before attending Winlock High School. He later served in the U.S. military in Korea, married his wife Kathy in 1974, and attended college in Oregon.

Les built a career in education and after he retired he substituted in Evaline classrooms. He served on the Evaline School Board from 2010–2018 and 2020–2021.

Les was a big supporter of keeping the traditions and values strong at Evaline - donating his time and resources toward activities and needs that both benefited the students' learning as well as keeping their learning fun! Whether he was donating funds to help 6th graders go to Cispus, providing his services and supplies to reward students with ice cream socials, representing the local grange in providing dictionaries to our third graders, adopting families to help at the holidays, being part of the Evaline Scholarship committee, participating in Evaline ASB fundraisers, helping with schoolwide reunion events, attending and supporting the Annual Booster Club dessert auction, or attending schoolwide activities, Les could always be counted on to lend a helping hand in supporting our local community.



Les was a dedicated supporter of both Evaline and the broader community. He will be dearly missed by many.

A memorial service will be held later this month at Jackson Prairie Assembly Church of God.

Upcoming Events / Dates to Watch For

March

Mon. 2nd: All School Read-a-Thon begins
Mon. 2nd - Wed. 4th: Spring Conferences 11:30 dismissal each day

Thurs. 5th - Fri. 6th: Mid-Winter Break (no school) or Snow Make Up Days

Sun. 8th: Daylight Savings Time, move clocks ahead 1 hour
Mon. 9th: Child Find - Kindergarten Screening (Birth to 5 years old)

Mon. 9th - Fri. 13th: Classified Staff Appreciation Week

Wed. 11th: 9:00 am, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Good's Quarry requests Lewis County to increase processing and loadout of customer trucks to 24 hrs a day, 7 days per week. See details on page 4

12th: Booster Club Meeting, 3:00

Fri. 13th: Lion Paw Day, 11:30 Dismissal

Tues. 17th: OJP field trip in Olympia for K - 2nd grade

Tues. 17th: School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Thurs. 19th: Field Trip, 3rd/4th grade - Water Congress at Evergreen College

Wed. 25th: BELL Spring Photos, in the morning

Tues. 31st - Fri. April 3rd: Camp Cispus, 6th graders

April

Fri. 3rd: Lion Paw Day - 11:30 Dismissal

Fri. 3rd: Egg Hunt, put on by Booster Club - 11:30 Dismissal

Mon. 6th - Fri. 10th: Spring Break, No School

Mon. 20th - Fri. 24th: Volunteer Appreciation Week

Tues. 21st: School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

Wed. 22nd: OJP Play Field Trip in Olympia for 3rd-6th grade

Wed. 22nd: Earth Day

Wed. 22nd: Administrative Professionals Day



May

Fri. 1st: VIP Day! Celebrating All Our Special People!

Fri. 1st: Lion Paw Day - 11:30 Dismissal

Fri. 1st - Sun. 3rd: Southwest Washington Spring Youth Fair

Fri. 1st: Evaline Booster Club Annual Dessert Auction

Join us for our annual Dessert Auction beginning at 6:00 pm details on page 2

Mon. 4th - Fri. 8th: Teacher Appreciation Week

Sun. 10th: Mother's Day

Mon. 11th - Fri. 29th: SBAC State Testing

Sat. 16th: Lewis County Historical Bike Ride

Tues. 19th: School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

Fri. 22nd: No School - or snow make up day

Mon. 25th: No School - Memorial Day

Fri. 29th: Leap 10 Field Trip



June

Thurs. 4th: End of Year Field Trip

Fri. 5th: Music Recital

Fri. 5th: End of Year Lion Paw Awards - 11:30 Dismissal

Fri. 5th: Student Showcase

Tues. 9th: Leap 5 & 6 Fun Day at School

Wed. 10th: All School Park Field Trip Day

Thurs. 11th: 11:30 Dismissal

Thurs. 11th: Graduation: 6th Grade and Kindergarten 6:30pm

Fri. 13th: Last Day of School

Tues. 16th: School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm



Evaline Events & Traditions!

Since returning from winter break, we've been busy with exciting activities! Here's a look at what we've done and what's still ahead this school year.



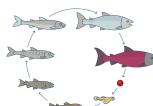
Safety City

TTK-2nd grade visited Richie Brothers for a Safety City tour, learning about traffic, railroad, bicycle, school bus, and fire safety.



Salmon Release

Every January, Mrs. Mittge's 1-2 classroom raises salmon eggs from the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery in Salkum. They studied them in their classroom tank before releasing them into Olequa Creek in February.



Stone Soup

Every February, we enjoy our delicious Stone Soup and invite grandparents to join us. It is always a joy for students and staff to share a meal with our visiting grandparents.



Water Congress

Twice a year, Mrs. Mars' 3-4 class tests Olequa Creek's water. In spring, they join the Student Green Congress at Evergreen State College to share findings, discuss pollution, and suggest ways to improve watershed health.



OJP

Each year, our students travel to [The Washington Center for the Performing Arts](#) to enjoy a live play presented by the Olympia Junior Programs! Kindergarten – 2nd grade attend in March, and 3rd–6th grade attend in April.



Read-a-Thon

In March, our students participated in the **Read Across America** program and school-wide **Read-a-Thon**! Every year they set and reach reading goals and earn some fun prizes, making it a month of excitement and achievement!



Cispus

In March our 6th grade students get a chance to go to Cispus for a week. Cispus is an outdoor learning center in Washington State where students engage in leadership training, team-building, and hands-on nature education through camps and retreats.



Egg Hunt

Every year our incredible Booster Club hosts an exciting all-school egg hunt! It's a day filled with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories for everyone!

Earth Day

This Earth Day, our students will roll up their sleeves to make a difference! They'll be working on the school grounds and in the garden, planting, cleaning, and beautifying our shared spaces. It's a great opportunity to learn about sustainability, teamwork, and caring for the environment while making our school greener and more vibrant!

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Southwest Washington Spring Youth Fair

Each spring every student creates and showcases an art piece at the Spring Youth Fair held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. This year the fair runs from May 1st - May 3rd.



VIP Day in May

VIP Day — Celebrating Our Parents and Guardians!

This year, we're trying something new! Instead of separate Muffins for Mom and Donuts for Dad, we're excited to introduce **VIP Day** — a special celebration for the VIP's in our students' lives.



Dessert (and so much more) Auction Hosted by the Evaline Booster Club

The Booster Club will hold their annual Dessert auction on **5/1/26 at 6:00pm**. Join us for a sweet night of treats, exciting auction items, themed baskets prepared by classrooms and generous donators, gift certificates, and more! Proceeds support all of the wonderful activities that the Booster Club does for Evaline students!

Please join us! Everyone is welcome!



Science on Wheels

A grant provides an all-day field trip experience from The Pacific Science Center! Students kick off the day with a school-wide assembly before diving into hands-on workshops in their classrooms.

Accelerated Reader(AR) Leap Rewards



Our dedicated readers will celebrate Leap Days Awards this June! Leap 5 (50+ points): Special lunch. Leap 6 (60+ points): Afternoon of fun activities. Leap 10 (100+ points): fun field trip to the Quesadilla Factory & Penny Playground, partially sponsored by the booster club!



End of Year Field Trip

Our students will be gearing up in June for an exciting end-of-the-year field trip to the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma. They will embark on a day of adventure, discovery, and hands-on learning outside the classroom. It's sure to be a fun and memorable way to wrap up the school year!



Spring Concert
Our talented students are preparing a spectacular Spring Concert to be held the first Friday in June, featuring a variety of choral and instrumental performances. A wonderful event as we close out the school year!



End of the Year Awards Ceremony

The **End-of-Year Awards Ceremony** celebrates student achievements in academics, leadership, attendance and dedication. This special event recognizes hard work and excellence throughout the school year.



Park Day

A day of fresh air and fun awaits as our entire school heads to the park for **Park Day**. Students will enjoy a BBQ lunch that is sponsored by our amazing Booster Club, outdoor activities, exciting games, and time to relax with friends in a beautiful setting. It's the perfect way to celebrate the school year and create lasting memories!



Kindergarten & 6th Grade Graduation 6/11/26

Congratulations to both our Kindergarten and 6th Grade Graduates! The future is incredibly bright for each and every one of you, and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished.



HANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT EVALINE

Evaline students in grades 1-4 participate in hands-on environmental education! Students garden, rear chicks, mealworms, and preying mantids. They also observe a class axolotl, breaded dragon and bunnies. In addition to these experiences, Evaline students do interdisciplinary projects related to water quality in the Chehalis and Cowlitz watersheds.



In the winter first and second grade students bring 250 salmon eggs from the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery into their classroom to watch the fish metamorphosis. When the young fish reach the fry/parr stage of development

students release them into Olequa Creek.

January of 2026 these students were given the opportunity to dissect 3 "hens" and 3 "bucks." Mr. Corey, who works for The Department of Fish and Wildlife brought the fish from the Cowlitz Fish Hatchery. Students were intrigued by Mr. Corey's uniform as well as his description of the work he does. They were eager to show off their work as scientists as they identified the external and internal structures of the amazing specimens! Students made relevant connections between these structures and how they helped the fish survive in aquatic habitats. Further, students compared and contrasted the anatomy of the fish to our own human structures.



Students carry these experiences with them to the third/fourth multi-grade classroom where they participate in fall and winter water quality testing at Olequa Creek. Students have a connection to the creek and recognize that the water's quality affects the fish they release into the habitat. Students analyze and organize their findings. In the spring they meet with other students from the region on a college campus. Here they present their findings and take part in various hands-on workshops.

We are so thankful for the educational partnerships we have developed with the Cowlitz Fish Hatchery, the Chehalis Basin Education Consortium, and Olequa Creek! The care shown to us by community members has contributed to making Evaline students excited, effective problem solvers! We sincerely thank you!



Science on Wheels is Coming to Our School Again This Year!

Thanks to a grant, our students will experience an exciting all-day Science on Wheels field trip from the Pacific Science Center. This mobile STEM program brings live science shows, hands-on classroom workshops, and interactive pop-up exhibits directly to schools across Washington.

The day begins with a school-wide assembly featuring engaging science demonstrations, followed by small-group, grade-level workshops led by PacSci educators that support classroom learning and science standards. Students will also explore interactive exhibits designed to spark curiosity, encourage experimentation, and make science fun and accessible.

Science on Wheels focuses on hands-on learning that helps students build critical thinking skills, explore real-world STEM concepts, and see themselves as future scientists, engineers, and problem-solvers.

We are grateful for this opportunity to bring a high-quality, inspiring science experience to our students and community.



WHEN SCIENCE ON WHEELS VISITS US

A story about what to expect during a *Science on Wheels* visit with Pacific Science Center.



TK-2nd Grade Visit to Richie Brothers for Safety City Tour

Our Transitional Kindergarten through 2nd grade students recently visited Richie Brothers for an engaging Safety City tour, an interactive program designed to teach children essential real-world safety skills. During the experience, students learned about traffic and pedestrian safety, railroad awareness, bicycle safety, school bus safety, and fire safety through hands-on lessons and age-appropriate demonstrations.

Programs like Safety City often use miniature town settings, working traffic signs, and role-play scenarios to help children practice safe decision-making in realistic environments. This interactive approach helps students build confidence, recognize hazards, and understand how to stay safe at home, at school, and in the community.

We are grateful for this meaningful learning opportunity and for the partners who helped make this experience possible for our students.



Our Community Cares

One important aspect of learning at Evaline that is becoming somewhat unique in today's schools is the priority we continue to give to the process of making and keeping connections within our community, as well as passing on skills and learning from those interactions to our students. This winter and spring are no exception to the connections being made and the skills being shared. We are thankful to all who share their knowledge with us, and to those who lend a helping hand toward our students and their families. It is noticed and appreciated. Here are a few examples of our key supporters during second semester:

Scholarships: The Wachter Family and Hope Grange

each sponsor a scholarship for graduating high school seniors. The Wachter family sponsors the Walt Wachter Memorial Scholarship, and Hope Grange oversees the Evaline Community Scholarship - both of which are given out at our graduation ceremony.

Scholarship Applications are due each year by the 1st of May and can be obtained from our distinct office or on our website.

Applicants need only to have attended Evaline School at some point in their elementary years, and scholarships can be used not only for attending college, but also for participating in trade schools and other continuing educational opportunities. A special thank you is offered

to these organizations who have recently each increased their scholarship amounts to \$1,000.00 in order to better assist the recipients regarding furthering their education and skills. Pictured is our 2025 recipient of the Walt Wachter Memorial Scholarship

Emma Stewart, and a representative



from the Wachter family, Andrea Dixon.

Hope Grange #155 Hope Grange continues to be an active supporter of our students and their families all year round. Hope Grange sponsors our end of the year SEL Awards, provides a Free Children's Reading Library, which is available for all families in our community and is located outside our main school building doors, adopts community families at the Holidays, and provides dictionaries to all of our third graders each year through the nationally recognized Words for Thirds program, and is always open to requests for supporting local school and community based projects on a situational basis.



Cardinal Glass - We continue to be thankful to our good neighbors, Cardinal Glass! Cardinal Glass continues to support Evaline School in many ways. From donations, to generously supporting our fundraisers, welcoming our students in for caroling, and even attending various school sponsored events such as our fall festival where they send staff dressed in costumes to judge our costume and pumpkin carving contests. Cardinal Glass goes the extra mile to be a good neighbor, which is greatly appreciated!



A BIG Thank you to Lewis county Lewis County

Footsteps of Hope for donating backpacks filled with food items to a portion of our student body who are currently experiencing food scarcity. These backpacks go out every week during the school year and include basic meal items for the whole family as well as healthy and fun snacks to help put smiles on our students' faces and allow them to focus on learning instead of being hungry, and wondering where and when their next meal will be.



Carly's Closet - Carly's closet supplies clothing and shoe resources as needed throughout the entire school year. We have greatly appreciated adding this community connection to our school, which has supplied new coats, shoes, other clothing items, and even hair supplies to students who are found to be in need of these items during the school year. This organization replenishes resources throughout the year to have on hand as needed, and are open to last minute contacts for additional items when things arise unexpectedly. Their willingness to be flexible is truly appreciated.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Evaline Community,

On Wednesday, March 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Lewis County Community Development will hold a hearing to determine if local business Good's Quarry will be allowed to expand operational days and hours for processing and loadout as listed below:

- The days and hours for active mining of the mine workforce and blasting operations will remain as conditioned in SUP19-0002.
- Daytime processing and loadout of customer trucks – up to 7 days per week, 7 am to 10 pm. Loadout will be limited to 20 loads per hour.
- Nighttime loadout of customer trucks – up to 7 days per week, 10 pm to 7 am. Loadout will be limited to 8 loads per hour.

All interested persons are invited to present testimony relevant to the above-related requested action(s). If unable to attend in-person or via Zoom access, written statements may be submitted by e-mail at karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov or by mail to Lewis County Community Development Department, Attn: Hearing Examiner, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532, by drop off at 125 NW Chehalis Avenue, Chehalis, WA 98532. Written statements must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the business day preceding the hearing. Verbal and written testimony will be accepted at the virtual hearing. Phone calls to staff are not considered part of the hearing record.

The link below will take you to the public hearing notice that also has the zoom link and additional information. An electronic copy of this newsletter can be found on our website. All documents can also be found on the Lewis County Community Development website.

https://lewiscountywa.gov/media/documents/SUP25-0001_Note of Hearing.pdf

Historic Bike Ride - This event has become a tradition in our county where individuals can take a bicycle ride from various identified historic locations in the spring, stopping to rest and have the opportunity to see the locations up close. This event is a fundraiser and a partnership for local organizations such as the Lewis County Boy Scouts, and a way to share our historical background with members of our community.



Child Find - Kindergarten Screening March 9th 2026 from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

★ Give Your Child a Strong Start! ★

ESD 113 Special Education Co-op is offering free Child Find screenings for children ages 0–5, including a Kindergarten and Transition to Kindergarten screening. These quick and easy screenings help identify developmental needs early, ensuring families can access valuable resources and opportunities.

What is Child Find?

Child Find helps detect developmental delays in young children through professional screenings in areas such as:

- ✓ Speech & Language
- ✓ Motor Skills
- ✓ Learning & Cognition
- ✓ Vision & Hearing
- ✓ Social-Emotional Development

How to Schedule a Screening:

If you live in the Evaline School District, please call Ms. Corrie at Evaline School (360-785-3460) to schedule an appointment time on March 9th.

Early support makes a difference—schedule today!



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



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

Our school board does an incredible job of fostering a positive, inclusive environment for both students and educators. They are committed to providing the resources and support needed to help every student thrive, making sure that all voices are heard and that our community continues to grow and succeed together! 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. Please see Upcoming Events on page one for upcoming meeting dates.



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