



On November 8th, the community celebrated the opening of the new Evergreen Elementary School at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. During the ceremony, the Foundation dedicated the handmade quilt to the school community. There is a label on the back of the quilt with a dedication:



**The Longbranch Foundation Student Programs Committee dedicates this quilt to the students and staff of Evergreen Elementary on the opening of their new school in 2021.**

**The Foundation continues the work started in 1921 by The Longbranch Improvement Club to “encourage any activity for the betterment of schools”.**

It was an honor to participate in the school celebration and we look forward to continuing and building upon that relationship.

As we are now officially into the holiday season, with festive celebrations, warm pies, lighted boat parade and a distinct chill in the air, gathering with friends and family to delight in the season, it is also a good time to notice our home. The Key Peninsula is a wonder of natural beauty, and peaceful settings. An early morning sunrise or paddle along the edges of Filucy Bay remind me to savor what nature offers me, those precious gifts that are not bought, but simply available.

The Vision of the Foundation is “A Thriving and Sustainable South Key Community.” In order to obtain this lofty vision, we all must care for each other and the natural world around us.



Wishing you a joyous December and a peaceful New Year.

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## Mentors needed for “Little Eagles” reading program

On Tuesdays, from 4 PM to 5 PM, mentors are needed to sit with first and second graders to listen to them read. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jenn Martin, martinjg@psd401.net.

Mentors are trained by Community in Schools and get further information at Evergreen specifically for the students there. There are directions every week,

and everything is provided that is needed to work with each child.

These youngsters are excited to make relationships with other adults and getting to know your students while helping them improve their reading skills is super rewarding!

Jan Prichard  
TLF Student Program Chair

## Evergreen Elementary’s Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Official ribbon cutters 😊



Polly, Michele G., Sheryl L., Carolyn W.



New library



## Food Market

A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.

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