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Ewell Elementary School Reopens for the 2026–2027 School Year

WESTOVER, MD — September 24, 2026 — Somerset County Public Schools is proud to announce the reopening of Ewell Elementary School on Smith Island, welcoming students back for the 2026–2027 school year.

Located approximately 12 miles west of Crisfield, Smith Island is Maryland's only inhabited island accessible exclusively by boat. The island is home to three distinct villages — Ewell, Tylerton, and Rhodes Point — and is deeply rooted in the traditions and culture of Chesapeake Bay life.

For generations, Smith Island has been shaped by the water and the families who make their living on it. The island's history includes a rich tradition of watermen, crabbing, boatbuilding, and family life connected to the Chesapeake Bay. In 1872, Reverend James A. Massey described Smith Islanders as "an almost amphibious race," reflecting the community's enduring connection to the surrounding waters. That unique history and strong sense of community continues today, including through the education of Smith Island's youngest residents.

Ewell Elementary School has reopened its doors for students for the 2026–2027 school year, restoring a neighborhood school to the Smith Island community. The school previously closed in June 2023 after serving generations of Smith Island students.

Ewell Elementary School has a long history of educating students on Smith Island, having first opened its doors in 1961. Its reopening represents an important moment for the island community and provides students with the opportunity to learn and grow within their own community.

Somerset County Public Schools looks forward to continuing to celebrate the history, traditions, and unique character of Smith Island while providing students with a strong educational experience close to home. Please enjoy pictures of the school reopening below.

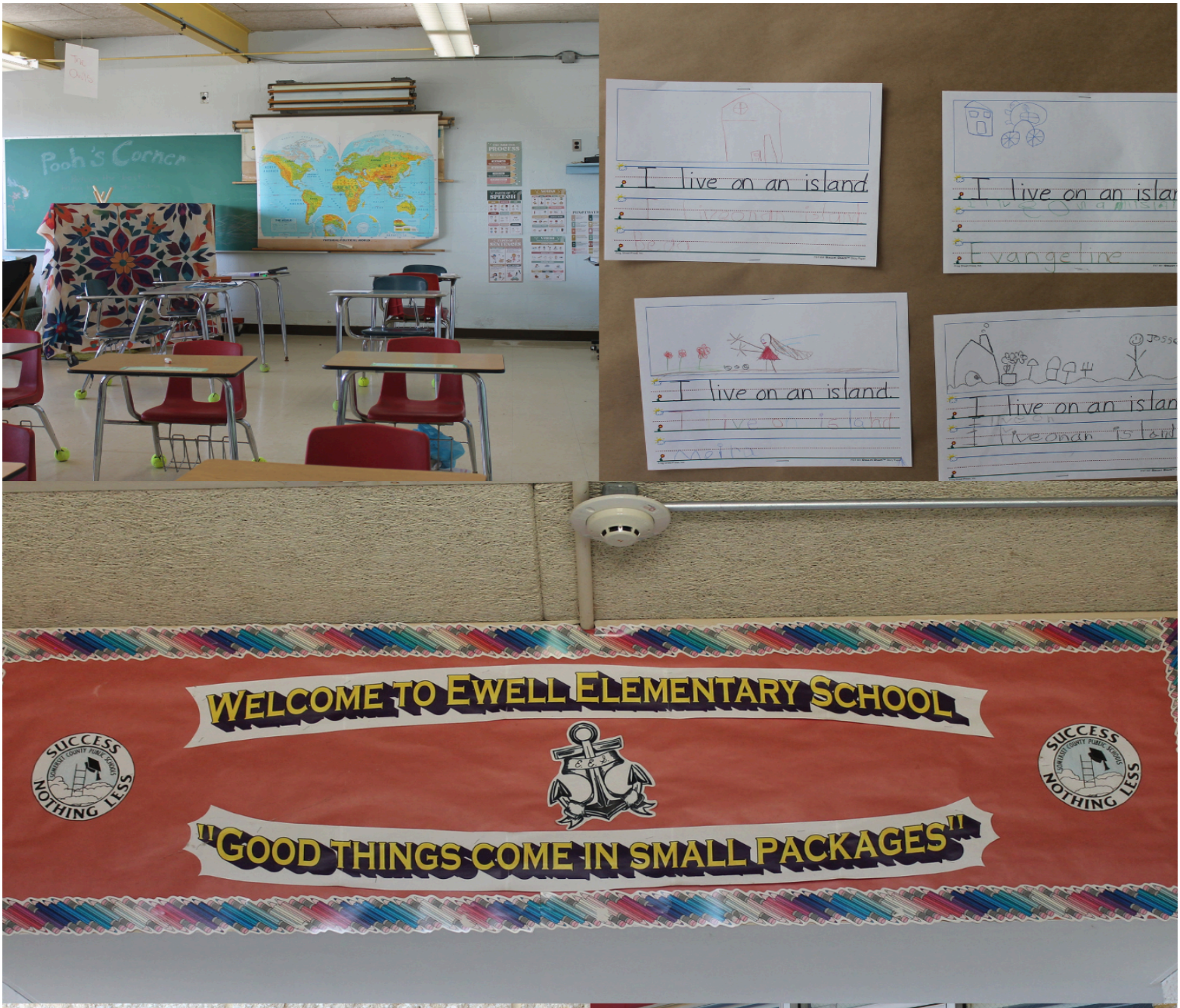
Welcome back, Ewell Elementary School!


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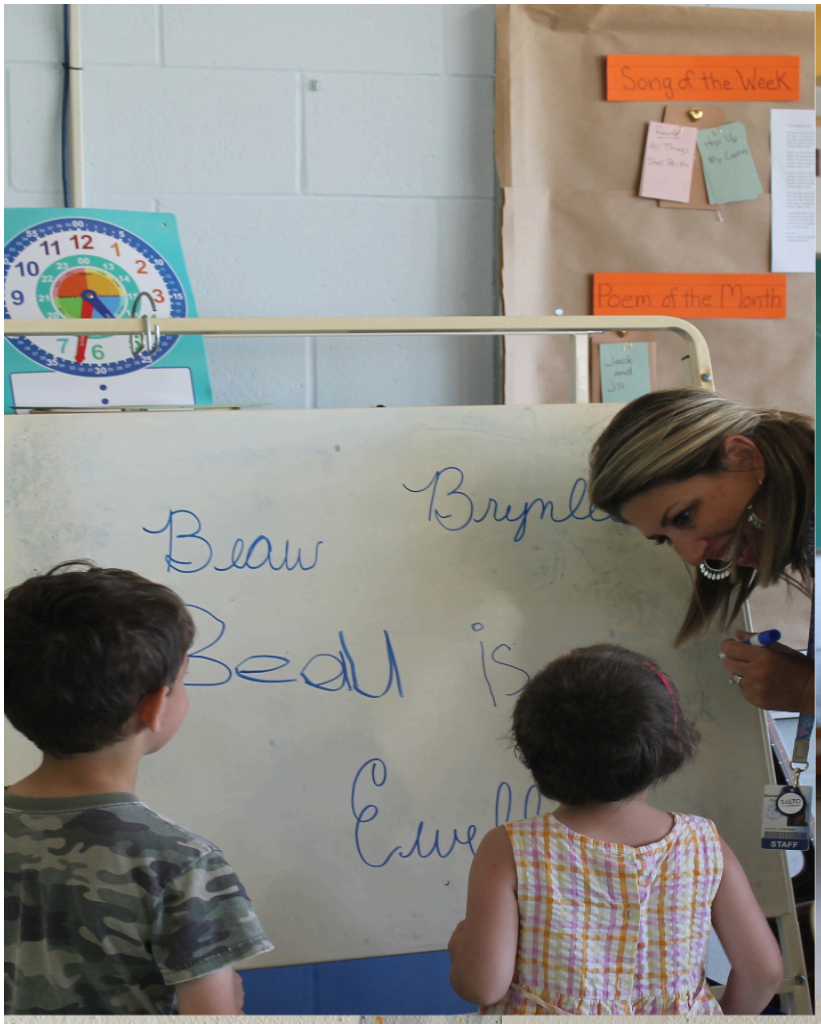

Kaitlin Noelle
SMITH ISLAND, MD




Pooh's Corner
I live on an island.
I live on an island.
I live on an island.
I live on an island.
WELCOME TO EWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
"GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES"
SUCCESS NOTHING LESS
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