



June Celebrations and A Look Ahead to a New School Year!

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

Congratulations to our students, families, and staff for finishing the year strong! As I write this newsletter, we have just two weeks of classes remaining. Our sixteen seniors are on track to graduate from high school even as our kindergartners graduate to first grade. Awards assemblies, field trips, and farewell traditions remain alive at our Butte Falls Charter School.

Seniors Savor the moments

Our seniors have been pressing hard to finish all the remaining diploma requirements. Some are also finishing up classes at Rogue Community College or through Southern Oregon University. We thank Ms. Jean Whalen, our college/career mentor/coach for helping our students connect with higher education and with other career exploration activities. Ms. Whalen represents Project Youth Plus, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing long-term school outreach services to help students build healthy relationships, pursue academic excellence, learn key success skills, and experience workforce success.



Seniors Enjoy the lunch break. Free breakfast and lunch are available on campus every day to every student. Food always tastes better when friends are included.



Senior Colby Terrell stands with his dad next to his senior project—a restored fire trailer.

The Logger Bonfire returns.

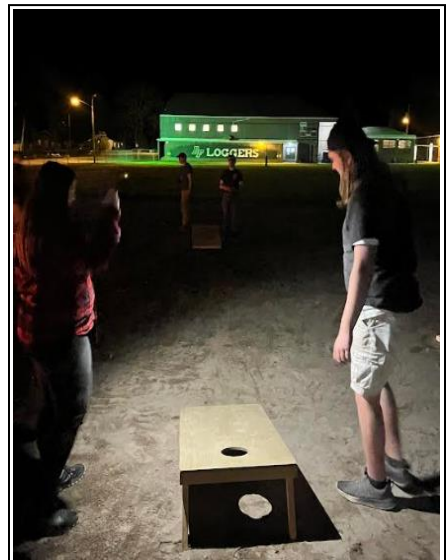
Senior Rickie Myers (and friends) brought back our annual spring Bonfire ritual as a community event. Families enjoyed a toasty bonfire and delicious picnic food from the school concession stand. Ricky continues the family tradition of serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Butte Falls Fire Department. His excellent planning ensured we did not need to press the fire trailer into service.



Q: How many students can fit on a 3-seat camping chair? A: at least six!



A well-built bonfire anticipates sunset and the warmth of friends and family gathered around the coals.



The pleasant evening temperatures invited a competitive game of cornhole.

Prom at the Natural Resource Center.



The Pavilion at the NRC was transformed into a Viking longhouse (langhus) for an evening of good fun and feasting.

The Junior Class sponsored this year’s Prom. The theme was Vikings and activities included dancing (of course) but also a Viking battle zone where participants could compete in axe-throwing and hand-to-hand combat. (Oh, yes, there was also a volleyball game in the former fish pond. Not very Viking-like, but a lot of fun!)

We are grateful to Melody Bright and Andrea Banks, two volunteers from Rogue Credit Union, for providing a smorgasbord of finger foods, amazing table decorations, and friendly help.

Butte Falls Elementary/Middle School Students Serve the Community

At our school, learning extends beyond the classroom. Learning is doing. This year middle school students at our elementary campus have developed a service relationship with the Butte Falls Community School Partnership, which operates at The Landing. The Landing offers a variety of community programs (preschool, Access Food pantry, clothing giveaways, etc.) and serves as a gathering place for the community. It is a big undertaking with limited resources and relies on help from volunteers.



Helping usually involves work. Kudos to these students for tackling a big job to tidy up the grounds at The Landing.



The Landing provides many services for our community. Here students are helping organize resources at the Landing.

First Grade Hams it Up with Farm Animals

Mrs. Childers' first grade students have been learning about farm animals this spring. They had a special guest drop by recently. It was a baby pig! They got to see, touch (and smell) this most friendly of farm animals.

Thank you to our families who are willing to bring their animals to share with our students.

(We can hardly wait to see who shows up when the students study dinosaurs.)



A guest pig hogs the attention of first graders during its surprise visit to Butte Falls Charter School Elementary Campus.

We are getting new Math and English/Language Arts materials for our school.

At its June 12 meeting the School Board will act on a recommendation to adopt and purchase new Math materials for Grades K-12. The state requires school districts to update instructional materials every 7 years and provides a list of materials that have been reviewed to ensure they include learning activities that help student master the subject.

After reviewing the materials in the list and narrowing the choices, the district has selected **enVision Mathematics CC 2024 for Grades K-5 and Grades 6-8, and enVision Mathematics Algebra/Geometry/Algebra 2 for Grades 9-11**. Developed and published by SAVVAS Learning Company, this math curriculum is used across the U.S. It focuses on deep conceptual math understanding which is aided by visual models and personalized learning. The curriculum is aligned vertically from Kindergarten through Algebra 2 which helps us address mathematical standards very effectively. The curriculum also includes family engagement resources to help families support their students at home. The digital resources provide access to additional instruction and practice if a student is struggling in math. Samples of the materials are available to look at the District Office. You may learn more about **enVision Math** at <https://www.savvas.com/index.cfm?locator=PS3c5r>.

The District is also completing the English/Language Arts curriculum adoption for Grades 9-12. Last year we selected and adopted **Into Reading** for Grades K-6 (Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt, publisher) and **Into Literature**, for Grades 7-8. This year the District is planning to adopt **Into Literature** for grades 9-12. You may learn more about this curriculum by visiting <https://www.savvas.com/index.cfm?locator=PS3c5r>.

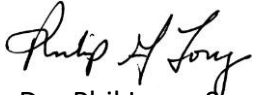
If you have any questions about these curriculum adoptions, please contact the District at Feedback@buttefalls.k12or.us.

Here are some important upcoming District dates. Please check the District News and Events at our website (www.buttefalls.k12.or.us) for any updates.

- **Snow Makeup Day** – Friday, June 2
- **High School Graduation** – June 10
- **School Board Meeting** – 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 12, at District Office
- **Last Day of School for Students** – June 15 (1/2 Day)

Thank you for your support and encouragement for our students and staff.

Sincerely,



Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent

From small seeds grow mighty trees!

Memorial Day – Butte Falls, Oregon
Monday, May 29, 2023



We have much to be thankful as we remember those who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms!