

September 1, 2022



We are Ready!

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

Thank you for your patience this summer as construction noises, roofing odors, and dust swirled from our elementary campus. The major phases of this project are coming to a conclusion! Yay!

Thanks to a \$2.5 million seismic rehabilitation grant from the State of Oregon, our elementary buildings are much stronger. In the process we have also have new roofing on all of our buildings, new energy efficient LED lighting around our campus, and a fresh coat of paint on all exterior surfaces. In addition, our School Board approved \$435,000 in campus safety improvements including sidewalk repairs and upgrade, new pavement on the drive-through part of our front parking lot, and a resurfaced playground next to the building. We certainly have a lot to celebrate as our new school year begins!



This week the final concrete is being poured and we will have a new ramp allowing more direct wheelchair access from our lower campus to our cafeteria/gym. Our school office will be finished for the first day of school. We have expanded the office and gained a new public entrance. A system of more secure fences and external doors will help us keep our campus safer during the school day.

It has been terrific working with Corey Vitus Construction (from Gold Hill) and the various subcontractors he found for this project. That has included Win Elder Construction (Grants Pass), Hoag Roofing (Central Point), Mountain View Paving (Central Point), and Andrew Piader Painting (Grants Pass) along with plumbers, electricians and other specialized trades.

We will be installing a new swing set near our K-3 playground in the next several weeks and refreshing all playground areas with additional soft-fall material. Thank you to Mark Carlton Excavation for cutting the pad for the swing set and prepping the area by our current swing set. . Work to restore our grounds in the aftermath of construction will continue into the fall.



Remaining Staff Positions to Fill. We have filled all of our teaching positions. Just recently we hired Tonya Noon-Toledo as our high school English/Language Arts teacher. Ben DeCarlow has moved from 7th grade to high school Science and Trina Frei has moved to be our 7th grade teacher. Maggie Smart will teach a 3rd/4th grade blended class. Robin Moreno and Michelle MacKenzie join us as educational assistants. We are still seeking to fill several classified support positions before the school year begins and have begun interviewing for our open Facilities Manager and custodian positions. We also have openings for substitute teachers, bus drivers, educational assistants and custodians.

Coaching Positions to Fill. We are also seeking Fall Sports Coaches: (1) MS Football Head Coach, (1) MS Football Assistant Coach, (1) MS Girls Volleyball Coach, (1) MS Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be a good fit for our staff, please contact Julie Freeman by email at jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us or by phone at 541-865-3563, Option 5, and she can direct you to an application.

Online Registration is open and our school is filling up. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6. If you have a student to enroll, please contact our school office at 541-865-3563 or email techsupport@buttefalls.k12.or.us. Our on-line registration process is available at our website (www.buttefalls.k12.or.us). You may also come directly to our school to enroll. Once we reach our target enrollment for a grade, we place additional students on a waiting list. While we are close to the target for a grade or two, we will work to serve new enrollees.

A Safe and Healthy School. As the COVID-19 pandemic runs its course, we are committed to following the state and county regulations for minimizing the impact on our students and staff. That includes using air purifiers and hand sanitizer dispensers in every classroom, periodic sanitizing of high-contact areas, staggering our breakfast and lunch schedules to reduce wait time, limiting large group gatherings, and maximizing outside activities. Masks are optional. We ask students (and staff) not to come to school if they are exhibiting tangible symptoms of illness (headache, body aches, fever, nausea, runny nose) as these can be symptoms of many communicable illnesses.

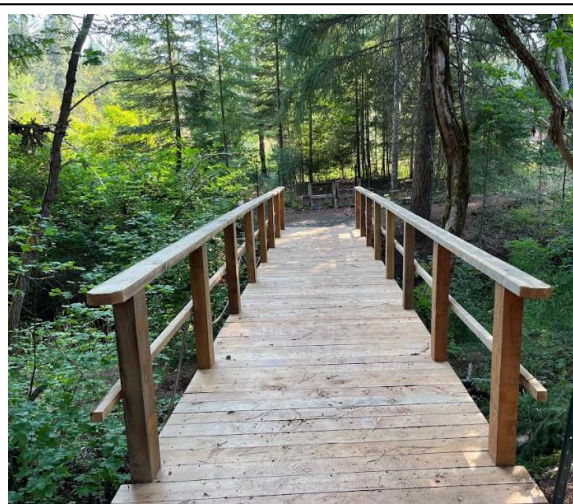
We are ready to welcome students and families back to school. Our rooms have been cleaned over the summer. Carpets and floors were cleaned the last week in August. Our grounds are prepped. Our teachers have lesson plans at the ready. Our support staff is deployed to help throughout our campuses. Our kitchen is cooking! Our buses are ready to roll!

Let's go!

Sincerely,



Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent



Butte Falls Charter School Natural Resource Center Campus: Bridge #1 completed by students under the guidance of Chris Mathas. Spring 2022.