

October 3, 2022



School is in Session!

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our September 29 Open House. Our teachers and students were excited to share with you the spaces where we meet and learn together. The weather was fantastic! And so were our guests! We appreciate these opportunities to meet parents, guardians, grandparents and other friends and to get to know you a little better.

We were happy to have informational presentations hosted by community partners like Rogue Community Health, Project Youth+, Butte Falls Natural Resource Center, and Butte Falls Community Church (the Good News Club) as parents have expressed interest in having more information about our community resources for families.



Open House featured student art work, information from community partners and ice cream bars for all.

Remembering September.

We did a lot of learning together in September and we had some fun, too. Our first week at both campuses focused on how to be successful at school. Our students learned the how the daily schedule flows, procedures that make classroom time, meal time, and breaks (recesses) work well as well as how to navigate our campuses. We got our Middle School Sports program underway. This fall we have Football and Volleyball.



Skill building: Learning the stance!



Skill building: Learning effective receiving technique!

We had our school photos taken and practiced bus safety (including how to evacuate the bus). We managed to have some fiercely fun games and activities as well. Here are photos from two of the things we did at the secondary campus and our Natural Resource Center:

Hungry Hippos. Each grade (8-12) formed a team and selected two people to be the hungry hippo. Hippo food (in the form of a variety of balls) was piled in the middle of the gym and when the dinner bell rang, hippos converged on the food and tried to gather the most for their team.



A Hippo feeding frenzy!



Hippo on the hunt!



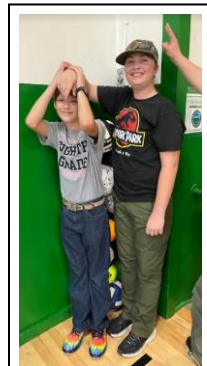
"Right on" is what the Seniors were as they became repeat champions.



Is this hippo hangry!



Everyone became more ferocious in round 2!



Eighth-Graders secure their hippo food.



Sophomores are ready to roll again!

The Great Egg Drop.

The mission: Using a variety of random materials provided in a sack, you and your grade level team must build a protective covering that will keep a fresh egg intact in its shell when dropped from the roof of the NRC Pavilion.

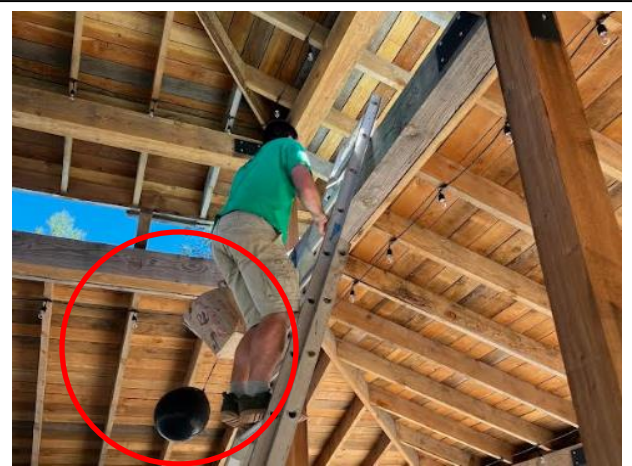
The result: 50% successful egg protection; 100% fun making new friends.



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Will this egg protector work? This team works feverishly to hatch their plan before time runs out!



Science Teacher Mr. DeCarlow climbs the ladder to launch the egg (in its protective covering) off the roof.



The Humpty-Dumpty moment of truth! Mr. Dufrense monitors the drop! Not an egg-zact science, but fun!



As teams watch in the distance, a team member scrambles to collect the fallen egg. The verdict? Intact! And we have yet another a winner! (No yolk!)

Student Parent Conferences. Our Fall Conferences are scheduled for November 21 and 22 (the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving Day). We encourage families to note this on your calendars. These conferences are a timely check-in on your student’s progress.

Coaching Positions to Fill. We are thankful for staff and community members who are willing to serve as coaches for our Sports Programs. We will be interviewing soon for these late fall/early winter sports positions: MS Girls Basketball Head Coach and Assistant Coach, and MS Boys Basketball Head Coach and Assistant Coach.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be a good fit, 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.

School Board Vacancy. The Butte Falls School Board currently has a temporary vacancy for a volunteer to serve until June 30, 2023. To be eligible, you must be a registered voter, 18 years old or older, and have resided within the district boundaries for at least the past 12 months. Applications are available at the District Office (720 Laurel Avenue) or on our website www.buttefalls.k12.or.us. Applications must be submitted by no later than noon on Monday, October 10, 2022. For more information, contact Julie Freeman. This position and one other will be up for election in May for four-year terms (from July 1, 2023 to June 30 2027).

Hello October! Here are some important District Dates.

- MS Volleyball and Football games are listed on our District website
- Teacher Inservice Day/Mid-Quarter planning – Friday, Oct. 7
- Monthly School Board Meeting – Monday, Oct. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Overall, it has been a great start to the school year. We appreciate your support and encouragement. Please give us some feedback at Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us on what’s going well and how we might serve your student even better.

Sincerely,



Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent

From small seeds grow mighty trees!



Butte Falls Charter School Secondary English/Language Arts Teacher Mrs. Tonya Noon-Toledo welcomes ninth-graders back to school. We are thankful for our dedicated teachers and support staff who help our students gain valuable skills.