

December 1, 2022



Jackson County School District #91 (Butte Falls)

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## Winter Wonderland of Learning

**Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,**

In just 31 days we will say goodbye to 2022 and welcome a new calendar year. But before December evaporates, we still have much to do before the winter holiday break arrives.

### **Winter Safety starts with planning, preparation and communication.**

Winter weather presents some challenges as the elevation of our school campus is about 2540 feet above sea level. This means that it can be snowy or icy at school but just rainy in Shady Cove, Eagle Point or White City. For this reason, we monitor road

conditions early on winter mornings. The county is good to plow and gravel Butte Falls Hwy, but it is sometimes helpful to delay the start of school 2 hours to allow for daylight and better driving conditions into Butte Falls. We will use our electronic messenger program to let families know when we need to adjust the schedule for school due to stormy weather. We recognize it may be difficult for some students who live at elevations higher than Butte Falls to get to school. Be sure to let us know if this happens.



Snow in November reminded us to wear warm clothing to school.

Our school buses are equipped with automatic snow chains. We usually run our regular routes even in snowy weather, except for the routes up Obenchain or east of town. Even if we are open, we respect decisions by parents to keep students home if road conditions are poor near home. Safety remains our first priority.

### **November was a very full month for our students and our school.**

It began with School Spirit weeks at both campuses as students enjoyed Halloween fun on Monday, October 31. Thank you for Cory Hamann for sponsoring a pumpkin carving competition at our secondary campus.

Each campus celebrated students who have stood out as Citizens of the Month. The high school included this in a school-wide assembly along with some class competitions at various group games. Competition remains fierce for the spring goal of being the Class of the Year.

Below are some photos of secondary students competing at various games; the winners gained points for their class. In the aftermath of pandemic distance learning, we are finding that our students appreciate organized times to socialize, play games and have fun.



Jenga masters!



Serving fun with Giant Spoons.



Looking out for Numero Uno!



Unapologetically Sorry players.

### Fall Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences are a Success!

We were pleased to meet with so many of our students and their families during Fall Conferences on November 21-22. The schedule was modified to provide time for some of these conferences to occur in the evening which allowed many more parents to attend after work.

We value this time to talk about the progress of students with their parents or guardians. By scheduling these in November, we are able to talk about what students have learned in the first nine weeks as well as discuss grades and work ethic. Students can share their learning goals for the year with parents. Our second round of conferences is scheduled for April 20-21. That allows our students to share how much they have accomplished during the school year.





Sometimes conferences are a Family meeting.



Seniors share their goals and plans for life after high school.

### Welcome to our New School Board Director!

The School Board appointed Mrs. Bonnie Freeman to serve as a Board Director until June 30, 2023. Mrs. Freeman is a long-time community member and graduate of Butte Falls High School. Her children attend our school and she currently serves as our assistant boys basketball coach. We look forward to her service in this new role with the District. She will take the oath of office at the Board's December meeting.

### Staffing Positions to Fill.

We want to express our appreciation to Mrs. Trina Frei who has served as an elementary teacher for the past 4 ½ years. Trina taught fourth grade for four years and changed her assignment to help at seventh grade this year. She stepped down from her teaching position effective December 15. We wish her continued success. We are in the process of selecting a temporary replacement teacher to complete the school year.

We continue to have openings for educational assistant positions, classified substitutes, and substitute bus drivers. We are also looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions or would like to know if we have other openings, please contact Julie Freeman.

### Here are some important upcoming District Dates.

- MS Boys Basketball games as listed on our District website.
- Monthly School Board Meeting – Monday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.
- Winter Holiday Break (No school) – Friday, December 16, through Monday, January 2
- Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3
- **Friday School Day on January 6. Please make sure to send your student on this day.**

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent  
*From small seeds grow mighty trees!*