

November 1, 2023



Time to Check In!

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

We are 25% of the way through the 2023-24 school year. The fall and winter holiday season has arrived and temperatures have already dipped into the 30s at night. Below is some news and updates about the year so far, as well as a look forward to the next several months. Our [School Year Calendar](#) is available on the home page of our District [website](#).

November Conferences.

We schedule Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences the Monday and Tuesday before the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. This is a great opportunity to meet with your student's teacher and talk about your student's progress in learning this year. We will be reaching out to you very soon to schedule this meeting and encourage you to bring your student.



Then it dawned on us—Sunrise on Butte Falls Hwy.

The 1st Quarter Report Card will be complete and we can focus on what is working well for your student as well as areas for additional growth and support. We will also provide a survey for you to give our school feedback on how we are doing.

District provides Annual Report on Compliance with Public School Standards

At our October 9 School Board Meeting, Superintendent Phil Long presented the annual Report on Compliance with Public School Standards for this past year. During the 2020-2022 school years, public schools were greatly impacted by distance learning requirements. The state is now expanding accountability of Districts for restoring programs and procedures essential for running safe, healthy, and successful schools that support student learning. Our report is posted on the District website (www.buttefalls.k12.or.us, Click on **About Us** and then on **Division 22 Assurances: Report to the Community**).

The district investment over \$180,000 in new K-12 English/Language Arts and K-12 Mathematics curriculum has greatly bolstered our ability to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic. We have also updated our policies and procedures related to serving students with disabilities and extending learning for students who are talented and gifted. We have completed over \$500,000 of improvements to our campus security with another \$90,000 underway this year. We have plans in place to ensure we meet all health and safety needs of students and staff.

Go Loggers! Go!



Serves them right! Play was intense in the Loggers Pit.

Our Middle School Girls Volleyball team enjoyed terrific support from parents and community members as they competed in the Southern Oregon Middle School Athletic Conference (SOMSAC)! Coach Kyndi Sutfin-Perry and Assistant Coach Emily Goettel noted tremendous growth in skills and maturity in the team. High School student Ashley Stancliff volunteered as the Team Manager.

Practices for the Middle School Boys Basketball season have begun. The schedule of games is available on our website.

Kudos to the Freshman class for providing fresh popcorn, nachos, drinks and other snacks to hungry fans at home games. Mr. Cy Carrigan is one of our faithful class advisors who guide and support our students in their various fundraising efforts and student events.

Both campuses planned a week of school spirit activities October 30-November 2. These included four dress-up days with class participation challenges. The high school Junior Class sponsored a Halloween Dance (and game night) and the ASB leaders ended the week with a school assembly.

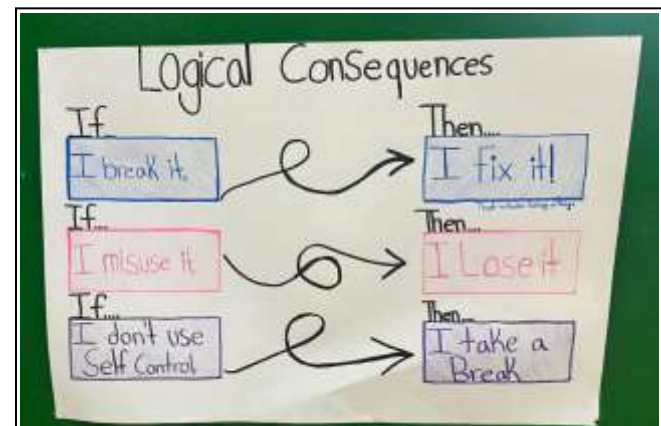


Class of 2027 at your service! Time for Popcorn!

Teaching Self-Respect and Respect for Others

The energy and activity level of students may vary greatly throughout the day. Part of growing up is learning how to regulate one's own behavior as well as to be responsible for it. We work with students and staff on our campuses to grow and maintain healthy self-regulation strategies.

We do not always have control of the circumstances around us but we can certainly focus on how to successfully increase our knowledge of ourselves and our skills to repair relationships when we mess up.



A class poster highlights the thoughtful ways to encourage self-respect and respect for others. It starts with self-awareness, self-control, and self-accountability.

Thank you, to our Community Supporters!

We are privileged to acknowledge Cascade Lodge #208 (chartered through the Grand Lodge of Oregon AF&AM) for its gift of \$450 in support of student academics and other endeavors that enrich the lives of our students. We have enjoyed on-going encouragement from this Shady Cove Lodge in the form an annual financial gift.

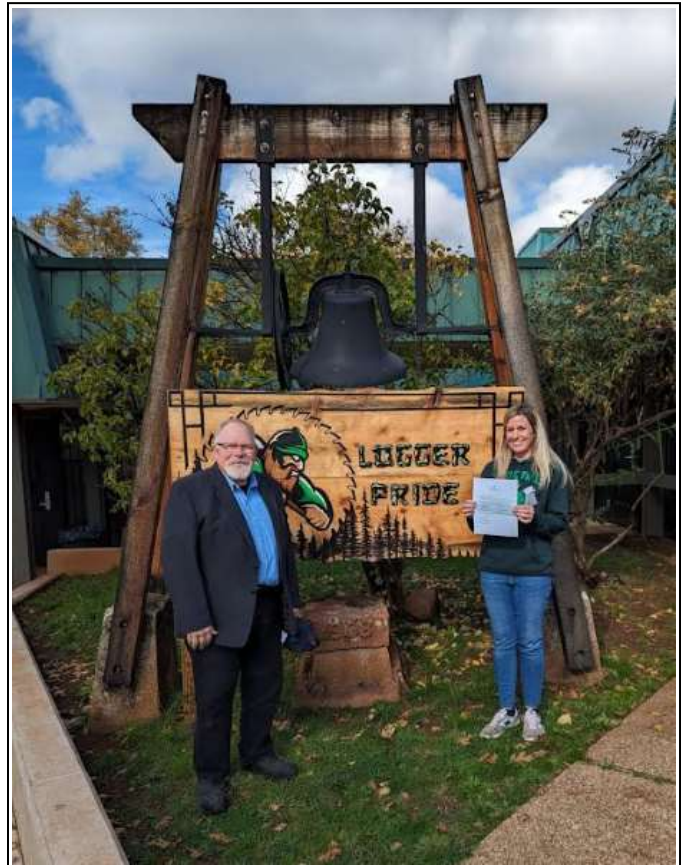
Thank you, also, to Mr. Chris Mathas, who prepped and primed the exterior to House #3 (our Higher Education Research Building) in anticipation of further renovations. Mr. Mathas volunteers as our liaison to Southern Oregon University students who conduct environmental research projects in and around the Natural Resource Center.



NRC House #3 is now protected with a fresh coat of primer/sealer. It awaits interior renovations to make it usable for partnership programs with SOU and other extended learning programs.

Today's Announcements!

Our elementary students have been enjoying hearing (and seeing) the daily announcements as produced by middle school students. Mrs. Ealy works with a cadre of students who are learning how to write, present, video, and produce important announcements. These are broadcast across the campus in the morning to keep everyone up to date on the latest news.



Principal Karina Ferre' receives a donation letter and check from Cascade Masonic Lodge #208. Thank you very much!



Middle school students meet with 6th Grade Teacher, Mrs Ealy, to sharpen their skills in video presentation and production.

Start Making A Reader Today (SMART) program is starting up again!

We have been fortunate to have a long-time partnership with SMART Reading of Oregon. This award-winning program has helped over 250,000 students in its 30 years of existence. We are recruiting student readers to read to our Kindergarten and First-Grade students for 20-minutes each week. SMART provides a wide variety of grade-level books. The K-1 students are allowed to select 1-2 books each month to take home as a start for their own personal home library.

We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to help each week with the coordination of SMART reading. It is scheduled for Wednesday afternoons between 2:15 and 3:15. If you are interested in helping, contact Superintendent Phil Long at plong@buttefalls.k12.or.us.

You can learn more about SMART reading at www.smartreading.org.

We are Looking for Backup!

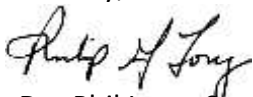
We are always looking for people who like working with kids and are willing to serve as substitutes for some key support staff positions (custodian, educational assistant, bus driver, cafeteria help). If you are interested, contact us at Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us or call Julie Freeman at 541-865-3563, Option 5.

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.

- **End Daylight Savings Time: Turn clocks back one hour** – Sunday, November 5.
- **First Day of 2nd Quarter** – Monday, November 6
- **School Board Meeting** – 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 13, at District Office
- **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – No School** – Monday/Tuesday, November 20-21
- **Thanksgiving Day Holiday Break—No School** – Wednesday/Thursday, November 23-24
- **Winter Break – No School** – December 22 – January 1
- **Friday School** – January 5 (Please plan to send your student to school)
- **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day** – Monday, January 15
- **Possible Snow Makeup Day** – Friday, January 19 (If we have a snow day before then)
- **End of Second 9 Week Term** – Thursday, January 25.
- **First Day of 3rd Quarter** – Monday, January 29.

Thank you for your support and encouragement for our students and staff! We hope to see you at our community and sports event!

Sincerely,



Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent

What you focus on gets done!