

Community School Notes September 2003

People frequently ask, "What is a Community School?" While there are certainly longer and more complicated answers, perhaps the simplest answer is that it is the creation of coordinated programs and partnerships which strengthen and nurture a community. Each community that undertakes to fulfill this concept goes about it in ways which are specific to its own needs and assets, and each community school must remain flexible to changes in those needs and assets. The grant proposal for our Butte Falls Community School outlines a number of programs, each of which fall into one of four components: Life-Long Learning, Family Strengths, Community Fun & Enrichment, and Sustainability. While still in the early stages of our Ford Family Grant, we must now go forward with one of the largest and most important programs of life-long learning, Community Education. As school is about to start we're busy planning a variety of activities, including Fun Nights and Outdoor Recreation event is time to open the school and our school district's resources to the community, and begin developing our community education program.

What is "community education?" Put most simply, it means making our community a place where learning and personal enrichment opportunities are accessible to all in a collaborative atmosphere. It means maximizing our educational resources, promoting community involvement and leadership, inter-generational interaction, and learning from each other. This means that the doors of our schools are open to us all, and that we all have things to teach one another. Our school facilities will be open during and beyond the traditional school day to provide academic, extracurricular, recreational, family support services, and work force training and/or preparation for all ages. The range of class offerings in community school education programs is virtually without limits, ranging from such things as unusual hobbies, cooking, quilting, small engine repair, to computer skills, art, and literature. Community education means this: for every need or wild dream, a class may be created. For the regular daytime high

school schedule, the Site committee will coordinate with the high school staff, to facilitate community access to high school classes. To fulfill this concept and develop our Community Education program, we need to ask of you who are interested to respond to a few questions. Please complete the questions below, and mail them to: Stephan Torre, Coordinator, PO Box 228, Butte Falls, OR 97522. Thank you!

- π Are you (circle one) Male Female
- π Are you (circle one)?:
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| 18-24 | 24-35 |
| 36-50 | 51-62 |
| over 62 | |
- π Tell us which class(es) you would be interested in taking:
- π Please tell us which special skill or subject you would like to teach:
- π Share any ideas, suggestions, or comments. (Steve Torre, 865-3563, ext. 276)

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire- will Yeats



Thank You Steve Pine!

Leadership is all too often taken for granted. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Pine for all he has done & continues to do for the Butte Falls School District. Through his visions and positive attitude we made it through a year filled with uncertainty and despair. We came through with hope for the future, & are looking forward to the new school year.

By changing & rearranging, numerous hours of grant writing, & envisioning each student & staff member at his or her full potential he has given B.F.S.D. the fortitude to not just get by, but to succeed in these times where education has taken a back seat in priorities. His leadership has encouraged all of us to believe we can succeed.

We would like to say thank you to Steve Pine for his dream and for not being afraid to take on an impossible job. We would like to say thank you for reminding us that change is inevitable & uncertain, but that it can also be strong & positive. We would like to say thank you to Steve Pine for your visions of hope for the students, staff & community of Butte Falls.

Citizens Who Care....

-REWARD-

**For the return of my chainsaw
and the name of the person that
stole it from the back of my
truck! \$300.00
Tim Wright 865-3919**

We're So Grateful!

**To everyone that has sent
cards, offered food, called
and checked on us, visited us
and shown their thoughtfulness in
many ways!**

**It makes the healing process
a little bit easier....**

**The Stephens Family
Shawn, Robin and kids**

