

Welcome back to school!

by: Julie Freeman

Crisp September mornings, with a reminiscence of hot August days, tell us that the season will soon be shifting. A reminder that summer will be ending, and school will be beginning.

For many of us, the memories of our first days of school were a time of anticipation and change. New cloths, new papers, pencils, binders, markers, (for those of us over a certain age, there was a connection to September and the smell and taste of school paste. Does anyone remember that?)

The expectation of a new beginning.

The new beginning for students of Butte Falls School District begins on September 6th. Classes start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m. for the elementary school and 3:50 p.m. for the high school. Though still on the four day week, there will be an occasional Friday school day in order to fulfill the mandatory hours required by the state. The first Friday school day is scheduled for the first week of school, Friday September 9. Buss schedules will be similar to last year. Registration forms have been sent out. If you have not received one, or are new in the district, please call the school at 865-3563.

The teachers, staff and administration are all looking forward to the students' return and a great new school year!

Moving Forward Update

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Since January 2005, there has been a quiet emerging of a few groups that will hopefully enhance the continued strengthening of the BFSd and ultimately the community as a whole. Through the Butte Falls Community School Partnership and the Natural Resource Education Center, we hope to help alleviate some of the lack of communication & reach out to any and all that may take interest in moving forward towards the future.

One group is the Butte Falls Community School Partnership (BFCSP). The Butte Falls Community School Partnership is a nonprofit organization developed to help provide a mechanism to identify & develop community/school programs & projects. It also provides a system in which resources, such as grants and fundraising efforts, can be received without going through the school district.

A second group, the Butte Falls Grant Ghost Writers (BFGGW) began in January also. The idea was to create a team, each utilizing their own talents to research, communicate, write & create budgets for grants. Through this team a database could be established that would communicate with other agencies in Butte Falls applying for grants. It is imperative, especially for small rural communities to show unity as a community & not compete for the same funders.

Through the generosity of the Ford Family Foundation & numerous agencies, the Natural Resource Education Center has been moving forward. As always it seems in Butte Falls, nothing is fast. But through perseverance, hours of donated time, and the hard effort of school district staff and community volunteers, there has been a strong support not only from the Ford Family Foundation & the school district, but also from S.O.U., the National Forest Service, B.L.M., the County Commissioners, and the community.

The Butte Falls Community School Partnership meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the district office. The Butte Falls Grant Ghost Writers meet the third Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Natural Resource Education Center, which is located in the former health room at the district office. Both groups are open to anyone who would like to attend and encourage anyone interested to join. If you would like more information on the BFCSP, please contact Nancy Thompson at 865-3663 ext. 274. If you would like more information on the BFGGW, please contact Julie Freeman at 865-3563 ext. 2. Faith Jones, director of the Butte Falls Natural Education Center is available Tuesday through Friday at the Center. She encourages the community to drop by and learn more about the Natural Resource Education program or contact her at 865-3563 ext. 285.

Mac Field Concession Stand Break-In!!!

Mac Field Boosters would like to address the person or persons who broke into the concession stand on the night of August 8th. We want to inform them that their actions did not go unnoticed. This crime has been reported to the proper authorities and further actions are being taken to insure this will not happen again. The members of this organization work very hard providing a service to our community and losing approximately \$100.00 worth of inventory to theft is a big set back for us to deal with. We just want to say that we do not appreciate being taken advantage of and make it clear that by stealing from the concession stand you are stealing from the children of this community and honest people who work hard for those children and the community we live in.

(What are we gonna do about this stuff, people?)