

READ, READ, READ!

By Julie Freeman

The Reading Hall of Fame program was created as an incentive reading program, to encourage elementary students to read above and beyond the classroom setting. Students that earn enough points have the opportunity to go on a special field trip to reward their efforts. The success of this program is living proof that it truly does take a "village to raise a child".

Through parent and community support of the annual Scholastic Book Fair, The Ruby Edwards Foundation, and the Butte Falls Christmas Tree Lot, students at Butte Falls Charter School will once again will have this opportunity.

We the staff at Butte Falls Charter School would like to give a special thanks to all the parents and volunteers that support our Title I Dinner and Reading Night, Ruby Edwards and Cecil Bailey who have supported our youth and community throughout the years, and those that made our unique Christmas Tree Lot, just that...unique.

A special thanks to Ms. Melty Knighton who not only organized but made it all happen, to Mr. Larry Wetjen, Ms. Crystal Clark, (and little Allison), Catherine Cogdill, Shelly Conopa, & Carrie Driskell who gave up their weekends to stand by the fire on COLD, COLD days, and wave at Christmas tree seekers. To Mr. Mark Hewitt and family who blazed the snow and cut the trees, to BLM for giving us the permit, to the cheerleaders and coach who froze caroling, to Stan the Santa and to Ms. Cory Hamann who does SOOO much to support our schools. And of course, to all of the people who stopped by and made our fire warmer with their presence and to all that bought a tree to support the students of this community ...we thank you.

Although Christmas is over, the spirit of Christmas still exists in this community and makes me proud to say that I live in Butte Falls.