



Butte Falls Charter School

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Greetings! I am very pleased to be serving as your part-time **principal** at Butte Falls Charter School. I am a product of this community and I am honored that you have allowed me to work my way up through teaching into the administrative area. I think it is an exciting time for Butte Falls Schools. With the addition of the Natural Resource Center (old fish hatchery), our opportunities as a charter school are growing. Teachers have already started to integrate Natural Resource lessons into their curriculum.

Our goal is to have every student ready for a **successful future**, whether it be college or the work force. This means that everyone has a job: Teachers, coaches, students, and parents. Dr. Courtney and I will work to make sure everyone is doing their job in the best way possible.

We want every student to be **proud** of where they come from. Over the years, countless alumni have come back and you can hear the pride in their voices when they relive stories from their school days at Butte Falls. We are definitely unique and only when students get out into the real world do they realize the treasure we have here. We have maintained an incredible amount of extra programs for a school our size.

Parents, you can help make sure that your students are **ready for each school day** in many ways. First, instill an attitude for learning. Our most successful students are the ones who glean everything they can even if it seems mundane. Secondly, make sure your students are adhering to our dress code. Current fashions don't lend themselves to a good learning environment. Those of you that know me, know that I am a stickler on this one! Lastly, insist on a homework time and appropriate bedtime. With all the distractions in our world, this can be challenging, but the results will pay off.

Technology brings with it many opportunities and issues. We are continually working on policies related to use of personal electronic devices in the classroom. We expect students to follow our rules as we forge our way into unknown territory. Be assured that we are protecting your children while at the same time providing opportunities and guidance through technology. Be aware that if any students are coming to school with their own laptop or a 3G/4G phone that they may be accessing content beyond our control.

We are fine tuning our discipline program around **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible**. We have clearly defined rules and consequences that will be shared with all students.

I believe it truly takes a village to raise a child. Please join us for our **Open Houses** on September 5 at the elementary school and on September 19 at the high school. Also, call our office to see how you can be involved in our site council meetings each month.

Sincerely, *Dianne Gorman*