

Education Program through Oregon State University. All of our teachers have been learning to integrate natural resource curriculum into our existing curriculum.

The old office building has been rented to a wonderful couple Kevin & Mardell Smith, who have done an amazing job at keeping the grounds well kept, repairing fences etc. and general maintenance.

Mike Harrington and his construction tech crew have been working hard this year on creating signs and other wonderful wood creations for the site.

Lynne Claflin (our new science teacher this year) and her Natural Resource class have been working on a number of things that are all students led projects to enhance the center.

Joe Sixta (our new social studies teacher this year) is going to provide classes next year that will give students the opportunity to create a master plan and learn the economics creating and running an outdoor education center. This year he and his students have been working on creating a historical display about Butte Falls.

Partnerships with BLM & the Forest Service have provided additional opportunities for our students to learn more about the area that surrounds us.

Jim Hutchins of the Oregon Stewardship Foundation has worked with students planting trees and other various projects.

The big projects this year are to get water back into the pond and to turn the rocky area next to pond (the old concrete fish tanks) into a natural setting for a camp area. This is taking a little longer than we anticipated, and as always, money being part of the constraint. Regardless, we continue to move forward, seek funding from grants and keep our vision in sight. The federal side of the property remains untouched as our conversations with agencies involved have not yet responded. Should we obtain these buildings, they could provide overnight accommodations for numerous activities and adventures, and enhance our school and community.

Next year, we are hoping our dream of an outdoor education center, not only for our school but other schools in the area with become closer.

If you would like to be a part of this dream for our school and community we would love your help! Please contact Julie Freeman at 541-865-3563 ext. 5 or jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us

Other Updates

If you would like to see some of the art work, photos, and woodwork our students created for Vision 2014, please feel free to stop by the district office and take a look.