

Charter School Grant News

Butte Falls Charter School is a classic example of not only a school, but a community that never stops believing. A district that has long been innovative and vision bound, yet affected by the declining funding for education has never given up.

Butte Falls Charter School recently received a federal grant to support the ideas that the charter school was built on. In addition to an emphasis on natural resources, the grant will also support the development a school environment that promotes diversity and respect for self and others.

Lindsey Miller, project director for the Federal Charter Grant has busy setting up various committees and with administration has been looking at hiring consultants that are a requirement of the grant.

"We are excited by the opportunities the grant will allow us. We will move forward on our charter school vision at a much faster pace." Superintendent Courtney stated.

If you are interested in being part of the grant process by joining us at our Charter Board meetings, or joining one of our committees please contact the district office at 541.865.3563 ext, 5. The committees include; Community Outreach, School Culture, Curriculum Professional Development and Technology.

Other Updates

Butte Falls School District will be closed December 19 - January 4 for Winter Break. School will resume on January 5, 2015.

Butte Falls School Charter School Accreditation Review

Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools, and designed primarily to distinguish schools adhering to a set of educational Standards. Today the process is used at all levels of education and is recognized for its ability to effectively drive student performance and continuous improvement in education.

Some colleges only accept students from accredited schools. Butte Falls Charter School is currently listed as an accredited school.

Schools seeking to retain accreditation, such as Butte Falls Charter School, must meet AdvancED Standards. The "Standards" require demonstrated growth in student learning and achievement, a commitment to developing learning, thinking and life skills for all students.

Butte Falls School must participate in an external review. A team will visit our school and community for two days in March. They will be visiting classrooms, interviewing staff, parents and community members.

The staff has been working diligently since August on various assessments required of the review. Surveys provided by the program have been introduced to parents, students and staff. All this will be presented in a formal presentation to the review team in March.

Information from these assessments, surveys, and the review will be shared at our Parent Involvement/Site Committee and Charter Board meetings held every third Monday of the month starting at 5:30 at the elementary library. If you have any further questions, please call Julie at 541.865.3563 ext. 5.