



Butte Falls Charter School

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Greetings! I am very pleased to be serving my second year as your full-time **principal** at Butte Falls Charter School. I am a product of this community and I am honored to be part of this exciting time for Butte Falls Schools. We are ramping up our **Natural Resources theme** this year and look forward to taking our students outside on a more regular basis. We have hired **4 new teachers** at the secondary school; Mr. Joel Nye for PE/Health, Mr. Steve Kem for Science, Mrs. Caron Newman for Language Arts and Mr. Chris Mathas for Manufacturing. Our new athletic director is Adam Williams. At the elementary school, we hired a new instructional assistant, Kayla White. Cindy Wright is our new Business Manager. We are also setup to receive an online and distance learning class for **Spanish**. We will be hosting a student registration BBQ on **August 18 at 5:00** for grades 7-12. Come meet the new teachers and register for classes.

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.

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 unique and only when students get out into the real world do they realize the treasure we have here. We provide many extra-curricular activities, including sports and academic clubs. We regularly send students to sports playoffs and this last year, we sent students to national competitions in both Speech and FBLA.

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 attend school regularly and on time. We will be making a big push to increase **attendance** this year. Secondly, make sure your students are adhering to our dress code. Current fashions don't always lend themselves to a good learning environment. 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 currently working on balancing our policies related to the use of personal electronic devices in the classroom. We expect students to follow our rules as we forge our way into unknown territory. Be aware that if any students are coming to school with their own laptop or a smart phone, that they may be accessing content beyond our control.

I believe it truly takes a village to raise a child. Please read the local **newsletter** each month as it contains information from the school, too. Parents are invited to our **school board meetings** on the second Monday of each month and to our **site council/charter board meetings** on the third Monday of each month. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely, *Dianne Gorman*