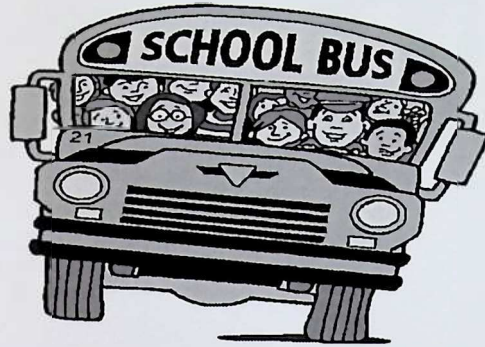




Butte Falls Charter School Transportation News:

Just a note to thank everyone for being so patient this year with our lack of bus drivers and the issues it may have created. As many of you know one of our dear bus driver, Jackie Seeger, has had to take a leave of absence due to illness.

Not only have we missed her bubbly, kid loving personality, we have been faced with a shortage of bus drivers. I personally would like to thank Steve Harvey & "Grandpa Dude", for working extra hard in these last months, and being patient with me as I learn this new realm of my job.

I also would like to thank Marc Ellis for stepping up and helping us out in so many of our activity runs throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have all of them providing safe transportation to our students.

I am happy to announce we now have Mike Bateman on board! Mike came to us when he realized our shortage and just wanted to help where he could. Mike is a very experienced driver and dedicated most of his December training to be able to drive a school bus in the upcoming months.

We all realize how difficult the single bus runs can be and have tried desperately to eliminate as many of them as possible. Mike's addition to the crew will help alleviate many of them, though not all. Looking ahead at February it looks like we will only be facing two single p.m. runs. One on the 4th and one on the 22nd. Single bus runs may vary from regular run times by 5 or so minutes either way.

Amazingly, we have been able to provide the after school activity runs throughout the year! As this is not part of the regularly scheduled runs, but a "bonus" provided to help parents and students out that want to participate in after school activities or needing help after school.

Again, thanks to our amazing bus drivers, who get our students to and from school daily, and provide the opportunity for field trips & sports trips. We are a very fortunate to be able to provide all the services we do.

We are still looking for persons that may be interested in being a substitute bus driver. If you are interested and would like more information please contact me at 541.865.3563 ext. 5 or jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us

Thank you and if you ever have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie Freeman