



## Butte Falls Charter School

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Greetings! I am very pleased to be serving my third 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 efforts to boost enrollment from the Eagle Point and Shady Cove areas and will be providing daily bus service to both areas. Previous students will be sent a registration packet in mid-August with a tentative schedule. New students should call or visit our offices starting August 15 to get a registration packet.

We welcome Dr. Phil Long as our **interim Superintendent** as we transition back to a one administrator school. Dr. Long comes to us with much experience from the Medford area and we are glad to have him for even a short amount of time. We have hired Mr. Adam Williams to be our **Alternative Ed** teacher and **Dean of Students**. We will continue with our **Natural Resources theme** this year by utilizing our space at the old fish hatchery and with the garden at the elementary school.

Our goal is to have every student ready for a **successful future**, whether it be college or the work force. We will be implementing the **AVID** program this year at the secondary school. This program will build on the great community that we already have: 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. 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. Students will be expected to use school-provided electronics at school and not use their personal devices in the classroom.

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. You can also be involved by joining our new **Booster Club**. Please call our office to see how you can be involved.

Sincerely, *Dianne Gorman*