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Jackson County School District #91 (Butte Falls)

It's time to get school started!

Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents and Community Members,

We are very excited to welcome back students to our school! Over the summer, we have been reallocating our resources to be very prepared to meet the new school year.

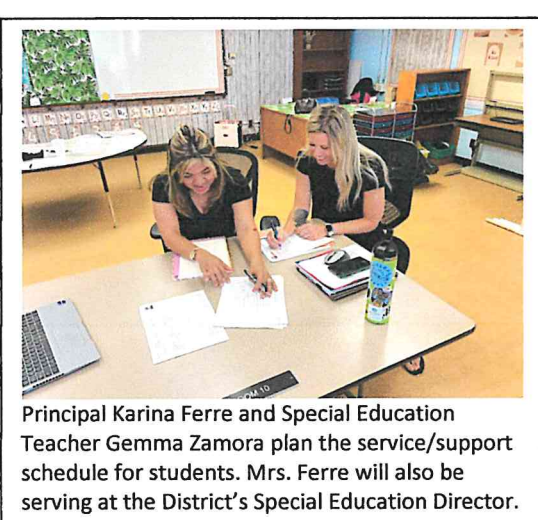
At our elementary school, we have added a counseling conference room to provide improved support for meetings with students and parents and more privacy for counseling. Our sixth and seventh grade classrooms have benefited from fresh paint (and new carpet in one room). We are finishing the summer cleaning and sanitizing this weekend to be ready for the first day of school.

At our secondary campus, we removed asbestos tile and added new carpet to the English classroom. It also received a fresh coat of paint as did our health classroom. As we work to maintain clean, welcoming, and safe school facilities, we are also able to improve our classroom furnishings and dispose of items that have worn out.

At our Natural Resource Center (NRC) we have finished the development of the parking areas and cleaned up our driveways with fresh gravel. The food forest is green and lush with produce. And the site is ready to welcome students back for outdoor, hands-on learning activities.



We are very excited about our new sign at the entrance of our elementary campus. Thank you to one of our supportive parents, Jeremiah Curphey, for designing, constructing, and installing this. This will be in many "First-day-of-school photos" in the years to come. Yay!



Principal Karina Ferre and Special Education Teacher Gemma Zamora plan the service/support schedule for students. Mrs. Ferre will also be serving at the District's Special Education Director.

We are implementing our newly adopted K-12 Math curriculum published by SAVVAS Learning Company. This curriculum comes with additional academic supports so we can better support student learning. We are also implementing the rest of our K-12 English/Language Arts curriculum published by Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt, Inc.

The addition of an experienced 4th/5th grade elementary teacher, Ms. Kristina Severns, and the willingness of Mrs. Jill Dufresne to teach seventh grade has ensured that we have experienced, licensed teachers at all grade levels. We are also thankful to have Mrs. Gemma Zamora joining us as our new full-time Special Education Teacher. She is partnering with Mrs. Erin DeCarlow to provide excellent Special Education support for all grade levels.

We are also pleased to welcome our newest employee, Mrs. Kathy Rambo, who will be serving as an educational assistant at the secondary campus. She brings a wealth of life experience with her (in insurance finance, retail management, and helping others).