

Staff Preparation and Planning Supports Student Success.

This year we are investing additional time and resources into training and professional learning support for our staff. During the last week of August, our classroom educational assistants participated in 12 hours of training in [Playworks](#), a program to help our students stay active and build valuable life skills through play. We will be applying the strategies of Playworks to provide a better recess experience and help our students acquire skills to work out disagreements and difference and to develop a stronger sense of fairness, confidence, and communication. Students who develop these skills are more likely to participate in class, which means better attendance and better academic learning success.



Remaining Staff Positions to Fill. We have filled all of our teaching positions as well as classroom educational assistants. We still have part-time and full-time openings for our kitchen crew, for custodians, and for substitutes (teachers, bus drivers, educational assistants and custodians).

If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be a good fit for our staff, please contact Julie Freeman by email at jfreeman@buttefalls.k12.or.us or by phone at 541-865-3563, Option 5, and she can direct you to an application.

Online Registration is open and our classes still have room for students. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 5. If you have a student to enroll, please contact our school office at 541-865-3563 or email techsupport@buttefalls.k12.or.us. Our on-line registration process is available at our website (www.buttefalls.k12.or.us). You may also come directly to our school to enroll. Once we reach our target enrollment for a grade, we place additional students on a waiting list. At this point our average class sizes are generally landing between 10 and 16 with a few exceptions slightly higher or lower.



We are ready to welcome students and families back to school. Our rooms have been cleaned over the summer. Carpets and floors were shampooed or scrubbed the last week in July. Walls are freshened up. Our grounds are greening up. Our teachers have lessons ready. Our staff is ready to welcome kids back to school. Our support staff is deployed to help throughout our campuses. Our kitchen is cooking! Our buses are ready to roll!

It's time to get going!

Sincerely,



Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent