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July 27th, 2026

Dear Barnes Butte Community,

Welcome to an exciting new school year at Barnes Butte Elementary!

We are thrilled to welcome back our returning students and families and extend a very special welcome to those joining our Barnes Butte family for the first time. A new school year brings a fresh start filled with opportunities to learn, grow, build friendships, and create lasting memories. We cannot wait to see our hallways filled with smiling faces and the excitement that comes with the first day of school.

At Barnes Butte, we believe that the strongest partnerships are built through open communication and collaboration between home and school. We are committed to working alongside you to help every student feel safe, supported, challenged, and successful. Whether you have a question, concern, or simply want to celebrate your child's accomplishments, we encourage you to reach out. We are honored to partner with you throughout the school year.

Communication

Staying connected is one of the best ways to support student success. Please be sure to sign up for **ParentSquare** to receive important school announcements, classroom updates, event reminders, and emergency notifications. We also encourage you to like and follow Barnes Butte Elementary on Facebook for highlights, celebrations, and a look at all of the amazing things happening throughout the year.

We are looking forward to an incredible year of learning, growth, and fun. Thank you for trusting us with your children. Here's to another amazing year at Barnes Butte where **Better Never Stops** and **Kind is Cool!**

Open House: Wednesday, September 2nd 4:00-6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Open House!

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We are excited to welcome all of our Barnes Butte families to our Open House! This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, explore the classroom, become familiar with the school, and help your child feel confident and excited for the first day. Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies, meet classmates, and see where they'll be learning throughout the year.

Our Open House is also a wonderful time to connect with other Barnes Butte families and learn more about the many ways to get involved. Be sure to stop by and visit our amazing PTO to learn about upcoming events and opportunities to support our school community.

We can't wait to welcome you and officially kick off another incredible year at Barnes Butte Elementary!

Class Lists: Will be posted on BBE windows on Friday, August 28th.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

September 2nd	Open House @ BBE 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
September 8th	1st – 5th First Day of School
September 8th-9th	Kindergarten Connection
September 10th-11th	Kindergarten Placement Calls
September 14th	Kindergarten First Day
September 14th	School Board Meeting 6:30 pm at the District Office

Barnes Butte School Hours:
Doors Open & Breakfast Served: **7:30 am**
Instructional Day: **7:50 am- 2:05 pm**

Lunches:
Breakfast & Lunch- Is currently ***free*** and does not require you to fill out any free and reduced lunch paperwork.

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Transportation:

Routes will be on the Crook County District website. Please check your students' bus stop time and location as some may have changed. **K-1 is now required to have an adult meet them when they get off the bus to ensure the safety of our youngest students.**

Transportation contact number is 541-447-7789 if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement plays an important role in making Barnes Butte such a special place for our students to learn and grow. We encourage you to stay connected throughout the year by checking our event calendar, as we have many exciting activities, family events, and opportunities to celebrate together.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office at **541-416-4150**. We are always happy to help.

Welcome back to Barnes Butte Elementary! We are excited to begin another incredible year of learning, growth, kindness, and success. It's a great day to be a Badger!

Warm regards,
Nick Gilbertson, Principal