



Chevelon Butte Elementary School District # 5

Serving Blue Ridge & Forest Lakes communities
AUGUST NEWSLETTER

THE school year has started but the School Board and Dr Sue Bradley, our terrific Superintendent, have been working all summer to improve the quality of bus service for your children - especially in the area of safety.

WE have new radios and improved communications, as well as some new rules which will comply with AZ State Law & best practice procedures for bus safety. The students will now be assigned seats on the bus and need to follow rules that were not previously enforced about where and how they sit in the bus. We hope this will only be a good thing for all involved, even if some students need to adjust their habits from last year.

WE have established a new position of dispatcher for the District. This will help us meet Arizona minimum standards for busing students. It will also greatly improve communications between parents, the District and schools. Charlene Underhill is the dispatcher and the person to contact if your child is not riding the bus. Call Charlene if there is a special event for your child - like school letting out early. We will now have one point of contact for information about students, drivers, buses and schools. She is your contact point.



HERE is a view of the School District office & one of our buses. This is also a pick-up & drop-off point for some of our Forest Lakes students.

THE District has purchased a new smaller size bus more in line with our number of students and received a trade in allowance for one of our bigger buses. The new bus will be delivered soon and
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operate in Forest Lakes.

Chevelon Butte ESD Staff:

Dan Best - Bus driver
Kevin Brannick - Bus driver
Charlene Underhill - Dispatcher/aide
Myndi Brogdon - Bus driver
Dave Burrows - Bus driver/lead
maintenance
Angela Plantholt - Admin Operations
manager
Dave Plantholt - Lead bus driver
Unpictured - Welcome - Bill Stevens as a
new Bus driver



DISPATCH: Charlene Underhill - CBESD #5 Dispatcher Mobile Number - 928-240-3794

cunderhill@chevelonbutte.org

We suggest you add her number to your contact list with a distinguishing ring-tone to alert you. Charlene wants to hear from you because your student is our number 1 concern.

A gift for every family – A refrigerator magnet with contact information.

Your CBESD #5 School Board:

This new school year also starts with some newer Board members:

This Board consists of former teachers, a former professor, an experienced School Board member from a larger district, and a parent of local students. We finally have a full 5 member Board again. The Board is dedicated to establishing the best environment for our students to have a comprehensive, success-oriented education & safe and efficient transportation to and from school.

Denny Bondurant is our experienced Board President

Evelyn Counsell came on last fall

Bruce Wetherby appointed in January 2017

Christina Eng appointed in March 2017

Stephanie McKeever - we welcomed our new Board member from Forest Lakes this month.

NOTABLE: *Our former Superintendent Johnny Ketchum is being honored in September as a new member of the Hall of Fame for the Arizona Rural School Board Association.*

