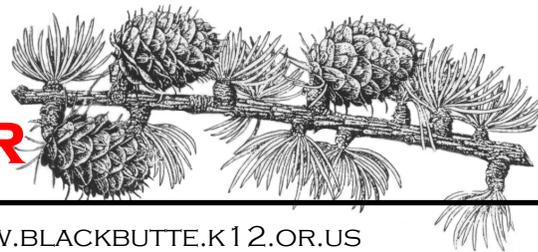


# BLACK BUTTE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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**A Note from our Head Teacher:** Black Butte School has been an important part of the Camp Sherman community for decades. The current school continues to strive to build community and connect across generations. We hope to connect with you, in a variety of ways. This newsletter is just one of many points of connection. We also have a blog you can subscribe to, [blackbutteschool.blogspot.com](http://blackbutteschool.blogspot.com), as well as a facebook page. Come see us in action at our holiday performance, Winter Magic, on December 17th at the community hall. We hope to see you there!

— Delaney Sharp

## **Buy a Wreath to Help our School** By Cody (Grade 6)

Black Butte School has made a yearly commitment to sell wreaths to raise money for field trips and educational equipment. It also gets us students excited to connect with our community and be apart of something that is bigger than us. Last year we raised over \$7,000!



The wreaths come in different sizes: 27", 32", as well as custom shapes and sizes on request. They are made from various winter greens and decorated with bows and cones. Smaller wreaths can be delivered anywhere. These wreaths look awesome on your house and are very festive. Wreaths are available to order now, contact the school for how to order.

## **Art Books** By Conner (Grade 7)

We made awesome books in art class this month. We made squares of art paper with tools, like scissors, glue, and ribbon, to make lines and texture in our paint. We used these colorful, painted square papers as covers for our art books and as designs inside the cover.

For the inside pages we cut shapes out of the painted paper and pasted them to make a positive image and a negative image. We also put white sheets of paper inside to give plenty of room for us to write or draw in the future. "I will use my book to draw pictures in," says Kellen, grade 3. All of us students intend to use our art books to draw in, doodle in, and use as a special place to record our thoughts and ideas.

*The Black Butte School is a K-8, two room schoolhouse nestled in the small community of Camp Sherman OR.*

**To learn more about our programs contact Delaney Sharp at 541-595-6203.**

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## **Fire Ecology at Glaze Meadow** By Ilya (Grade 6)

On October 6, as a part of our Field Studies unit on Fire Ecology, BBS went to the forest surrounding Glaze Meadow near Black Butte Ranch. A few days before, there was a controlled burn in which 212 acres burnt. The forest was covered in heavy smoke.

We met up with a Forester from the US Forest Service named Will. He showed us a tool he uses to measure the age of a tree by boring into it. We learned that fire can be good for a forest because it helps thin out trees to let older ones grow bigger. We also learned about wood boring beetles, which bore into trees when they are stressed (such as after a fire). Trees have defense mechanisms to protect themselves from the beetles where they release pitch and expel the beetles.

After the hike, we were separated into groups. The 4-7 group measured trees to figure out if the forest was healthy by using fancy measuring tapes and a special math formula, while the K-3's wrote in their journals. It turned out that part of the forest was not healthy because it had too many trees. We had a successful day of learning about how fires change forests.

## **Halloween Party**

By Inanna (Grade 6)

The school Halloween party was great! We had a normal morning of classes, but after lunch we started the party. First was the scavenger hunt. "The scavenger hunt was very chaotic but it helped with communication skills," said Ilya. The goal was to be the first group to find the prize, which were M&M's.



Many of our parents brought festive food and drinks for the party. It was great! There was a cupcake making stand, popcorn, banana ghosts, caramel apples, mummy pizza, punch, finger hot dogs, and apple cider. The punch had dry ice in it so it looked like a witches cauldron of blood. All in all it was amazing and super fun and we all had beautiful, delicious snacks!

Since we've been studying bats, this was a popular costume