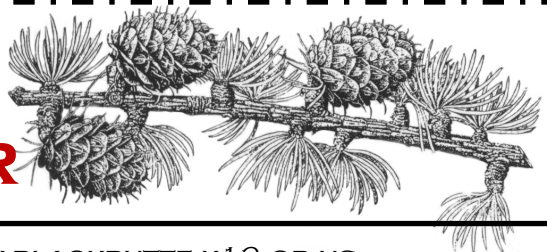


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Black Butte School's 2017 Ski Season

By Conner (grade 8)

So far in 2017 we've had great snow for skiing! I like to ski in powder because I love to fly down black diamond runs with powder spraying at each turn. There have been more powder days on the mountain this year than most. I know some people haven't appreciated the weather this winter, but the skiing has been great. At Black Butte School we are lucky to get to go skiing at Hoodoo on Fridays in the winter.

During ski season students earn skiing in the classroom. Students must turn in all their homework, be cooperative, and take responsibility to be ready to ski. On Friday we go up to Hoodoo and try to start skiing by 9:00am and finish skiing about 1:45pm. There are three sessions. The first session goes from 9:00am to 10:30am, then there's a snack break. The next session is 10:45am to 12:15pm, then there's lunch break. The last session is 12:45pm to 1:45pm. A student that did not earn skiing privileges may be in the lodge doing school work for one, two, or all of the ski sessions.

All skiers learn skills that help them improve. This year there were nine first time skiers at school. They improved a lot during the season. They learned to ride ski lifts by themselves and now are working on turning and control. They started on the bunny hill and now do many runs off Manzanita. This is my ninth ski season with Black Butte School and I've learned something new each year. I am proud of my skiing ability and am thankful for all we learn in the ski program.



Black Butte School students, staff, and 2017 Hoodoo ski instructors celebrating a great ski season!

Black Butte School's Adventure Through Space!

By Shelby (grade 8)

The upper grades class is going out of this world to learn about space and the amazing secrets it holds! From the mysteries of our planets, to the many spectacular galaxies that surround us, we are learning a lot!

When we first started out, we wrote down what we know and wanted to know about astronomy. Turns out, we all already know a lot about the universe. We may know a lot, but when it comes to space, how much we can learn is never ending. We even started to learn about how not too long ago, scientists learned even more about our planets Neptune and Uranus.

An interesting fact we learned is that most of our popular knowledge about space is most likely to be false. Take the popular movie "Martian" for example. It is about a man that accidentally gets abandoned on Mars and has to find away to survive until the rest of his comrades save him. This movie has lead to some people actually to believe that people have already gone to mars and back. This is extremely false.

Mr. Sharp, the school's Head Teacher, teaches our Field Studies class, in which we've been focusing on Astronomy. He has been taught us true from false, important from pointless, and much more. Mr. Sharp got us excited to learn about the amazing wonders of space.

Blasting Off to Sisters Science Fair Saturday March 18th

By Athan (grade 4) and Mr. Sharp

Every spring the Sister Science Fair attracts over 800 people that love science. They come to explore and see the projects made by students in Sisters and Camp Sherman. This year Black Butte School will have a presentation of what we have learned in both our field science and social studies classes on stars, constellations, and the stories ancient people told about them.

Every year Sisters Science Fair comes up with projects students can make. Upper graders are making tennis ball chuckers and the lower graders are making mousetrap cars for the annual competitions. Hopefully one of us will win!

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

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