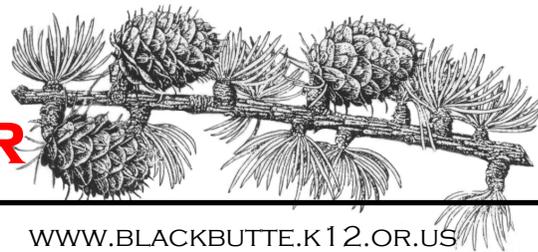


# BLACK BUTTE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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**A Letter from our Head Teacher:** As the school year begins Tuesday September 8, we at the Black Butte School are excited to announce some exciting changes to our curriculum and staff. One new development is the launch of a journalism class for the middle school students, who will be publishing this newsletter on a monthly basis. Look forward to hearing updates from our students and staff in the newsletter as the year continues. We are excited to share all of the fun and learning we are having together with you, our community and supporters. We have a long list of ways that community members can get involved with the school, so please contact us if you want to help out or share your passion with us. We hope you enjoy reading about what's happening at our school.

—Delaney Sharp

## **New Curriculum Highlights Field Studies Program**

With many new staff members, and the support of OSU Cascades, BBS is excited to launch a new curriculum that will facilitate learning directly from our environment and human community here in Central Oregon. Our cornerstone field studies program will allow students to bring together their knowledge from core subjects and apply it to real-world projects. These projects will include science experiments, social studies projects, visits from local experts, collaborations with local agencies, and field expeditions. Field expeditions will take place on full days peppered throughout the school year. We are looking forward to one of our first expeditions where we will camp out along our favorite river, the Metolius. The field studies program will rotate on a four-year schedule of thematic concentrations. This year's themes are forestry, water, farming, and food, which will help students to grasp the interconnectedness between human and non-human communities. Mr. Sharp is excited to bring his 10+ years of environmental education experience to BBS to lead the field studies program.

Our core subjects are the foundations for our field studies program. Each morning, students will break into age groups for focused time spent on language arts, math, science, and social studies. Our very own talented Mr. B will be teaching language arts and social studies, as well as supporting our field studies programs. Our newest and most experienced staff member, Ms. Craig, will be teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Enrichment classes will round off our curriculum and engage BBS students in expanding their creativity, foreign language skills, and physical strength and agility. Enrichment classes planned for this year are: PE (including ski and swim programs), introductory Spanish, health, drama, music, and visual arts. We may add a couple more enrichment classes in the spring.



BBS core faculty (left to right): Delaney Sharp, Ethan Barrons, Judy Craig

## **New Teacher Spotlight: Judy Craig**

Judy Craig hails from the Albany area and has recently retired (well sort of!) in Sisters. Ms. Craig will be leading our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes. She brings over 40 years of experience teaching in small schools, and is a huge asset as we continue to develop a rigorous STEM curriculum that connects to the rest of our programs.

## **New Teacher Spotlight: Annie Painter**

We are excited to welcome Annie Painter to our team to teach a rich visual arts program. She is well known throughout the state as both an incredible art teacher and advocate for arts education. Not only will she be teaching art, but she will also be connecting her art classes to the field studies program bringing alive academic concepts through visual art. We are lucky to have her enthusiasm and talent throughout this school year.

## **New Teacher Spotlight: Jennie Sharp**

Jennie Sharp is joining us this fall to teach drama and music classes that will prepare students for our annual winter performance. Additionally, Ms. Sharp will teach journalism and yearbook classes for the middle grades. She has a rich teaching background in environmental education, language arts, and social studies and we are excited to have her on our team.

*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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