



Dancing in Sisters, by Audrie (grade 6)

This year twelve BBS students of all ages are doing dance with the Sisters Dance Academy. The students are doing many different styles of dance like, Irish, Lyrical Ballet, Contemporary, Broadway Jazz/Tap, Hip-hop, and Ballet.

There are many teachers at the Academy, who all really love dancing. The owner, Lonnie Liddell, loves teaching kids. As it turns out, all of Lonnie's daughters are following in her footsteps. One of her daughters, Kenna has just turned 18, so it is her turn to teach. Addison thinks, "she is really good at dancing and is a great teacher." Another teacher is Shannon Albero, the teens' hip-hop teacher. She was on the Ellen Show for her amazing African dancing! "She taught me how to dance and she teaches cool stuff," says Jojo.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Dance Academy. I have been dancing with the studio for the whole 10 years. The Spring Dance Recital is very popular and will be held on June 22, 2019.



The Dance Academy will host the Spotlight Showcase on May 10th that some BBS students are auditioning for. Most will do solos and duets they have choreographed themselves.



Black Butte School dancers

Dead Trees, by Daniel (grade 7)

You may have noticed all the dead trees along highway 20. The Oregon Department of Transportation used an herbicide, called Prospective, to kill off broadleaf weeds that are a fire hazard. Prospective killed 2,500 ponderosa pine trees along hwy 20 near Sisters. It is affecting the ecosystem, which will take food from squirrels, cover from the deer and elk, and homes from birds.

Prospective is not only affecting animals, it is also affecting humans. This is because it affects the scenery that we like to look at. It all will go away because the dead trees will soon be cut down. This was all because of an accident when they got an overdose of Prospective.

This herbicide could affect the ecosystem for a long time. This is because the herbicide is still in the ground, which could infect the new trees that grow replacing the old trees that got cut down. This could end up creating barren ground that could last for years. There are many reasons why we need the trees, this could be a big change in the ecosystem that we all love.

Birthdays at BBS, by Addison (grade 5)

The way we celebrate birthdays at BBS is with the CELEBRATORY SUN! We all sit in a circle with a big yellow ball that represents the sun in the center. The birthday kid walks around the circle the number of years old they are. As they walk around the circle, the teachers share memories from the birthday kid's life. When a birthday rolls around everyone is excited to celebrate with the birthday kid. It is enjoyable and we all laugh from the funny memories. This year there were a large amount of birthdays, more than there were last year because there have been a lot of, "new recruits" you could say. There are six kids who joined our BBS family this school year.

On Audrie's birthday she shared a hilarious memory of when she stole her Aunt Haylie and Uncle Hunter's wedding rings when she was three years old, right before the wedding! They spent hours looking and finally found them in Audrie's toy vanity where she liked to hide things!

On Jojo's birthday we learned that when he was eight he went on a cruise and swam with dolphins.

On Weston's birthday he shared about when he was six and went on a motorcycle ride with his father. They were off road, went through a stream, and the motorcycle got water in the engine and stopped. The mosquitos were so bad they couldn't even take their helmets off. But Weston stayed positive and they made it out alive! These stories show just how awesome our BBS students really are!