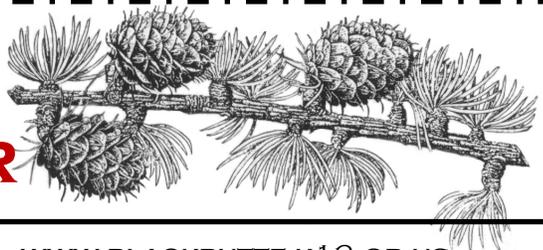


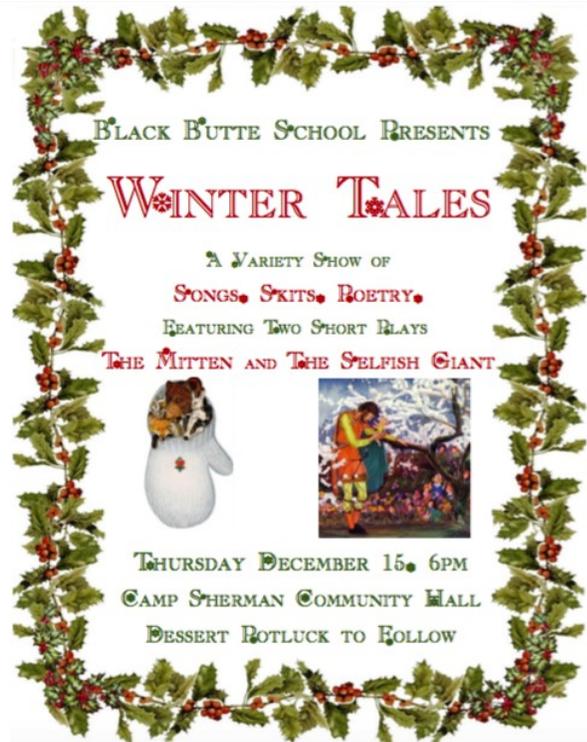
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Hiking Whychus to Escape the Power Outage

By Conner (grade 8)

It was a gray, overcast day and the canyon was wet from a recent rain as our class hiked in Whychus Canyon. We were thankful to be out of school because there was a scheduled power outage. We took our time so noticing the landscape and rocks. We saw many different types of rock and different layers of rock from past lava flows.

Observing the different rocks helped revealed there were lava flows from many past volcanic eruptions that created the landscape. When the creek flowed over the lava, it eroded the rock exposing the different layers and creating the canyon. We saw evidence of this in different types of lava rocks like pumice and obsidian.

We learned pumice and obsidian are alike, but they look very different. They both are rock formed from lava. Pumice is light, airy, and can even float because it cooled very quickly leaving it with lots of air pockets. Obsidian is heavy and smooth because the lava cooled slower and had time for the air pockets to escape first. Spending time with rocks helped us learn more about this environment.

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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Wreath Sales

By Audrie (grade 4)

Black Butte School's students sold many holiday wreaths this November. In fact we sold over 400! This raised \$6,455 to pay for a new playground at our school. I personally loved going around town and asking many people if they wanted to buy a wreath. I am sure a lot of other kids did to. Thanks to everyone who bought one!

Restoring the Merolius

By Ilya (grade 7)

It was a cold October day and the Black Butte School met up with people from Trout Unlimited. They work to protect watersheds, rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. They are a nationwide organization with over one hundred and fifty thousand members and a staff of lawyers, scientists, and policy experts. Their main goal is river conservation.

We set out to our destination along the river, a place near where this little creek that flowed into the Merolius River. We planted many plants along the side of the Merolius. Some plants we planted were Idaho Fescue, Wood Rose, and Bitterbrush. All these help wildlife and help stop erosion. I enjoyed it and I know others did as well.

New Student Services Coordinator, Jennifer Benton



Jennifer Benton is very passionate about children and is excited to collaborate with teachers and families at BBS to help build character in all students. She strives for all students to be successful in their social, emotional and overall well-being. She will be a big help at BBS delivering a variety of student services including, counseling and special education.

Jennifer was born and raised in Plano, Texas. Jennifer earned her teaching degree in both Special and Elementary education. She taught special education in Texas for four years and also has experience teaching first and second grades. Jennifer earned Masters degrees in Professional and School Counseling and was a school counselor for the last ten years in Frisco, Texas. We are delighted to have her part of our team.