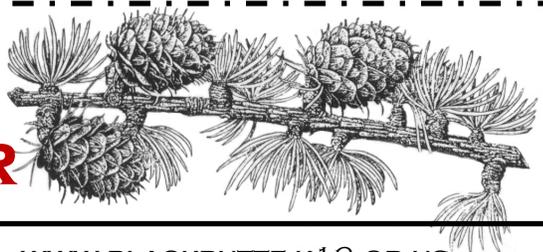


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Our Performance: Winter Tales

By Shelby (grade 8)

Every year, Black Butte School sets up an organized play/potluck at the Camp Sherman Community Hall. It was an absolute blast and took a lot of perseverance and determination to make this play happen.

When we first started, we practiced our lines and most of the movements at our school. We measured the size of the actual stage we would be using and made the shape with tape on our multipurpose room floor. The week of the performance, we set up the stage in the Community Hall and practiced there to get the feel for the real thing.

When the weather forecast warned us about the upcoming snow storm, many of the students and staff were worried about the play. "Is all that work we put into the play going to waste?" many of us asked. It came to a point where it was too dangerous to do the play; but luckily, our amazing teachers made it possible to have the play up and running after our winter break!

We are so thankful for all the help of our teachers and staff! Here are a few words from us: "It was pretty nice! Boy, that was very fun," said Ilya. "It was funny when people jumped off the stage during practice," said Scott. "I thought when you did the final performance, it was pretty cool, I'm proud of all the hard work and dedication," said Ms. Benton our school counselor. Thank you so much for those of you who came to our show! We were so happy to do this play and excited for the next one!



Some of the younger students performing "The Mitten"



Up on the slopes at Hoodoo!

Snow Play!

By Eniat (grade 6)

This winter we have had record breaking amounts of snow that is perfect for snow play at school and at home. We have two snow hills at the back of the field for sledding. We started sledding on a smaller hill that is made of pine needles under the large amounts of snow. The larger snow hill is made by the plow when it comes through the church parking lot. On this sled hill we do most of our sledding off the back, which is very steep and kids almost always fall off their sleds. There are two more snow hills, one by the side of the school, and one by the side of the bus barn. These two snow hills became very icy so they are not very good for "cliff jumping." "Cliff jumping" is when we jump off the snow hills and land on the snow. All and all, we have been having lots of fun this winter cliff jumping and sledding. Yipee!

Winter Blizzards!

By Emily (grade 5)

I've definitely seen winter weather before in central Oregon, but never THIS crazy. I can't believe how much snow there is! I've seen snow piles as high as seven feet and kids sinking into the snow while trying to walk at recess. Speaking of recess, the playground equipment has been almost completely covered by thick layers of ice and snow. The swings are only an inch higher than the ground, and they can be difficult to play on. The merry go round has completely sunken into the heavy snow, to the point where you can't even see it anymore! Everyone loves to build sled-hills and snowmen. The amount of heavy snow this year has been very shocking to me, and it's one of the coldest and snowiest winters that's happened in years! It's amazing to see snow knee-high for me and my classmates, and covering every piece of playground equipment. The snow this year has been awesome!

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

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