

**New Youth Fishing Pond** By Weston (grade 4)

The old fish hatchery in Camp Sherman is coming back to life with a new youth fishing pond. Last fall the whole upper grade class went and planted milkweed to attract monarch butterflies. On our second visit we planted



Me (Weston) planting an aspen

Quaking Aspen trees around the pond. Right now they look like sticks just sticking out of the ground, but soon they will have leaves. The cold weather was hard for them but they still are hanging on. This spring we're going to make some signs for the pond. I don't know what they will say or what they will look like yet; it's going to be a total surprise. After we're done I think we are going to hang the signs around the pond, but that is a couple weeks away. I am glad that we are a part of this cool project in so many ways. The youth fishing pond is going to open sometime in the spring. I think a lot of people will go there to enjoy the fishing and (eventually) sitting in the shade of our aspens.

**The Wild Rafting Trip on the Wild & Scenic Grande Ronde**  
By Rope (grade 6) and Jennie Sharp (BBS staff)

This May upper graders get to go on a wild four-day-long rafting trip at the end of the year. The Grande Ronde is a Wild and Scenic River. It has nice rapids and it is just a perfect river to go rafting on. Grande Ronde is in Northeast Oregon which makes it so beautiful. When we start up on the river we will have luggage rafts and rafts that people can go in. Some of the kids think that we will have fun and think that they will barf. Emily said "I am excited to do it" Jo Jo, Ki, and Scott are hoping to go fishing. I hope that we will have a fun wild adventure!

We are excited to partner with Hike-N-Peaks the new outdoor gear shop in Sisters to help us with the costs of the trip. Kids can get 20% off of equipment purchased for the trip. We will also be hosting a gear swap event in May at their store in Sisters to raise money. If you would like to donate outdoor gear for the gear swap or a cash donation to help us cover the costs of the trip please contact our PTO president, Jane Perke at [surtlelake@gocamping.org](mailto:surtlelake@gocamping.org) or (541) 595-6663.

**Yearbook** By Lily (grade 4)

This year the upper grade class is making an astonishing yearbook. It will highlight how much fun we had in 2017-2018 year at school, and we have had a lot of FUN!!

All year long students take pictures and Ms. Sharp edits them and uploads them to our online yearbook program called "Treering." Once they are in Treering, the upper grade class puts them in the yearbook. We have a lot of themed pages. Some of the themes are recess, art, math, mart (math + art), science and many others. Each student works on at least two pages.

We use Treering to make the yearbook. It's a very easy program to use and helps us learn about computers and graphic design. Did you know, for every yearbook sold they plant a tree? That's one reason its called "Treering." We are almost finished with the yearbook and are looking forward to seeing it in print! We will have a copy for you to see at the post office.

**Letters to and from Ghana** By Emily (grade 6)

Learning about other countries in school is important and fun. That's why we write letters to our friends in Ghana, West Africa. Each of us has a pen-pal and exchange letters four times each year. It usually takes around a month or two. We get to learn all about our new friends and what they enjoy.



Me (Emily) writing to my pen pal

It's really interesting to learn things about them. One kid even said they had a tiger as a pet! I wish I could have one! It's really fun to tell our friends in Ghana all about the history of the country we live in. Unless they're taught a little about it in school, they don't know much about our country, and we know very little about theirs. It's interesting to hear about the traditions and holidays they celebrate in Ghana and the food they eat. Cody says "I think they're a lot like us, just more formal." They refer to their parents as Mr. and Mrs., which I think is very interesting. My pen pal has a dog, and she said her dog's name is "Don't forget." Really unique! Learning stuff about our pen pals is good because we can learn which things we have in common. We are very thankful for YoGhana! the organization that helps us with this cool program.

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

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