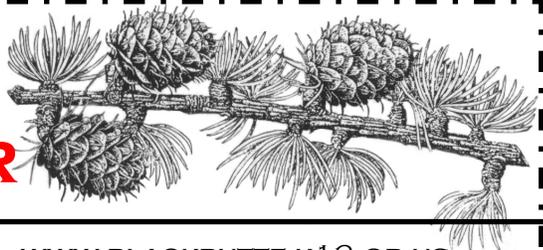


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## Fish Release in the Metolius By Ilya (grade 6)



On March 7 BBS met up with workers from USFS (United States Forest Service) to release 2000 Kokanee fry along the Metolius River. In case you do not know what fry means, it means small fish capable of feeding themselves. The site where we met was a nice cabin area with some snow sprinkled around. The river was cold and there were many trees, thorn bushes, and lots of fallen needles on the ground. One of the USFS

trucks had a huge tank of water and a net of 2000 fish. First the biologists talked to us about how they had already released so many fish out into the wild because most fish die at that young age. The fish were small and gray. We named them names like Donald Trump, Billy Bob Joe, and some Batman.

We broke into four groups who each got 500 fry to put into the Metolius. It was difficult because the fish loved the nets and some stayed in. After we released all the fish we hiked back to school in silence thinking about the great day. At school we reflected on the experience and played a game where each person pretended to be a "fish." In conclusion, we helped many fishy lives and had fun in the process.

## Parent Ski Day By Inanna (Grade 6)

To start off, everyone had tons of fun! Even though our last day of skiing was very cold, it was still sunny and beautiful. We skied with our instructors in the morning and at lunch, had pizza, juice, and delicious BROWNIES. While we were eating, we gave the ski instructors thank-you cards, hand made by all the students, and the PTO gave them all gift cards to REI. It was hard to say goodbye to the instructors, since they helped us progress with our skiing. They also put up with our craziness and strange jokes, which was brave. Thank you Mr. Instructor Dudes.

In the afternoon we skied with our families. My dad and I skied with Shelby and her uncle. We went on lots of runs and to the terrain park, where we hit a ton of jumps. All in all, it was a very fun day packed to the brim with skiing with our parents and friends.

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

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## Swimming By Shelby (grade 7)

After a great spring break, we are spending the afternoons for two weeks at the Cascade Swim Center learning how to swim. We are having a great time swimming in the large pool with our instructors, who are fun and awesome to work with.

All the students are learning so much so fast. On the third day, some kids went into the deep end for the first time. Many students showed bravery when they did something they were scared to do, like Audrie (3) who was frightened to do her first dive, but she did it! Audrie wasn't the only one to do something new, Zion (K) learned how to float on his back, in the deep end, without being scared. With help and hope from friends, he floated for four seconds.



## Spring Term Updates By Delaney Sharp, Head Teacher

With the beginning of spring we are introducing new classes and themes. The focus of the Field Studies class has shifted from water and snow to growing food. This thematic unit will teach students about their connection to the natural world through the lens of food. Students will learn about how agriculture affects the local ecosystem and community. They will learn how to grow plants by planting vegetables, herbs, and flowers in the school solarium. They will observe which plants grow best in Camp Sherman and experiment with compost created by worms.

We are also getting ready for our Spring Program on May 26th at the Camp Sherman Community Hall. Mr B. and our art teacher Annie Painter are working with students on an original performance featuring costumes that the students will design and make themselves.

After spending the winter learning guitar and Spanish, we will take class back outdoors for P.E. and Health. Students will develop their physical fitness with organized games and sports. They will also learn about healthy lifestyle choices and human biology. Our goal is to learn how to live healthy lives for many years to come.