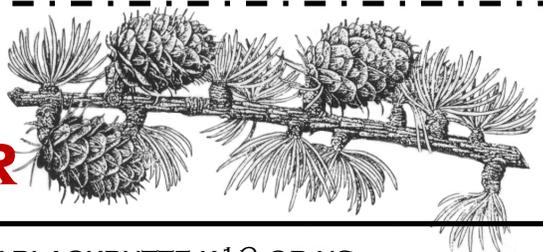


# BLACK BUTTE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## BBS Fundraisers

Please come and support Black Butte School and the Friends of the Metolius at the Memorial Day Weekend Pancake Breakfast on May 28th 8-11am.

Consider purchasing a Black Butte School t-shirt or sweat-shirt with a design created by one of our graduating students, Shelby. Order forms will be available soon!

## Spring At Last!

By Shelby (grade 8)

Spring is here and the Black Butte School is excited. Around half the school was excited about the snow being gone, while others wished it would stay a little longer. With the snow gone, however, we can go back to our normal routines.

For example, now we have P.E. and field trips just like we would in the fall. Our first class of P.E. this year was on Tuesday, April 25. It was so much fun! As for field trips, we already had two. We went on a walk along the Metolius and took a hike at the Oregon Badlands. Next week we will visit the Seed to Table farm in Sisters.

We also started our new field studies topic of Phenology. Phenology means "the study of seasonal change." The Black Butte School is studying and observing the changes of local birds and plants. We will document the changes online through the National Phenology Network's program Nature's Notebook. We are also planting a native plant garden next to the bus barn. With the warm weather slowly creepin' in, it's the perfect time to start!

Speaking of warm weather, have I mentioned how pumped up we are for our upcoming summer vacation?! We're practically wiggling out of our chairs with excitement! Spring is a great time for a new change, especially at the Black Butte School! We are all so excited for what spring has in store for us.



Swimming in Redmond and Hiking on the Metolius

## Spring Program & Promotion

By Audrie (grade 4)

This year's Spring Program is on June 1st at 6PM in the Camp Sherman Community Hall. The program is directed by teacher Ethan Barrons. This year we will be doing something a little bit different. All of the students will be sharing a story told through stop frame animation. We will also share a clothesline art show with art we've made from the whole year. "We're so excited! I can't wait to show people my art," said Keanan and Zion. You will also witness the promotion of two graduating 8th graders. Hope to see you there!

## Super Swimming!

By Emily (grade 5)

After two amazing weeks at the Cascade Swim Center in Redmond, I learned some really important things about swimming. I am 90% better at swimming than when I started. Everyone had fun jumping off the diving boards and racing to the 12' end of the pool. On the very last day, everyone jumped off the high-dive, which was SUPER fun!

We had to swim from the 12' to the 3' end wearing flippers! They're confusing because they try to float to the surface of the water while you're swimming. We also used kickboards to get to the end of the pool. It was a leg workout. One group had a big pole that rouched the bottom of the deep end of pool. They had to climb it to get to the bottom in a certain amount of time.

The kids on my swim team really liked to splash me CONSTANTLY! The swim program was my favorite thing we've done so far, and I learned SO much about swimming that I never knew before. I'm pretty sure everyone else loved it as well as me, too. I love swimming so much! I'm really excited for next year's swim program.

## May on the Metolius

By Makiha (grade 4), our school fish expert

On the Metolius in May the fish are more active and the upper part of the river opens up to fishing. The fish feed more in May because there are many hatches like green drake and caddis and the fish turn into a feeding frenzy. Most likely you will catch rainbow trout, whitefish, or bull trout. This year has been the most successful year for me fishing the Metolius. I hope this year is successful for you too.

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

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