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BBS Ski & Ride Starts Again

by Brennan, Grade 6

For almost 50 years BBS has been doing a ski and ride program. And the program is back up! BBS just went to Hoodoo on January 14. It was really fun. It was a nice day on the mountain and lots of smiles. The beginner snowboarder group was led by Instructor Sampson and the advanced level was led by Micah. They are very nice and we did not get discouraged. After our first session, we had a snack then headed back out.

The second session was way funner in the beginner group. After the second session we went to our cozy lodge and had lunch. After lunch we went back out for our last session. During this one we were kinda free to do whatever, and that was very fun. We all fell pretty hard, but we were not afraid to get back up and go again.

Towards the end of the day, we put rentals and personal snowboards and skis on the bus. We piled things up like we were playing Jenga. After a long day on the slopes, we were very tired. Only two were awake and the teacher, Ms. Steele said "That was a normal ski and ride program where everyone is tired." I can't wait to go again!



Spotlight on the Kindergarteners

By Cade, Grade 6

Imagine going outside into the freezing cold during recess and seeing a kindergartener jump off of a huge snowball and take down a 6th grader with him. That kindergartener's name would be Zephyr. He is an amazing student and he always likes to play with older kids no matter what they are doing. From wrestling to playing football, Zephyr always sticks around. But Zephyr isn't the only kindergartener. We also have another amazing student named Posey. It is her birthday today and she is now six years old! Now let's get to the fun part... interviewing the kindergarteners, Zephyr and Posey. First I asked what is the funnest thing to do during recess. Zephyr said "playing football" and Posey said "playing with the six year olds since I'm six now." The next question was, what has been most challenging during kindergarten so far? Posey said "trying new things," and Zephyr said "long classes." They both also said they are very excited for the ski and ride program. Lately Zephyr has been playing "bump" (a basketball game) with the older kids and Posey has been playing tag with the 1st-3rd graders. The kindergarteners are doing a great job keeping up with the older kids!



The Long-Range Facilities Plan

by Ace, Grade 8

Black Butte School, built in 1950, is still holding up after 72 years with only minor changes. Now it's time to hit the refresh button and bring it up to date with the Long Range Facility Plan. The Long Range Facility Plan involves bringing it up to 2022 standards. Why now? Well the School Board and Staff have been talking about this project for years now. But if all goes well, the major improvements could start in the next few years.

The facility plan is split up into four Big Ideas. We still don't know if it will all happen, but we hope that the majority will. The first improvement on our list is Safety and Security. The safety of this school is in good condition but it's not very reliable. Some of the key points are removing asbestos from the floors and putting in ADA doors (new standard door) with FOBs (electronic key).

The second big idea is to have instructional Improvements and Operations. The biggest suggestion is to add a third classroom that is fully functional, create science and music areas that could be in the third classroom. Another suggestion is to make storage for science and music supplies.

The third big idea is Energy Conservation. Some of the suggestions were to put in operable windows, replace all lights for LEDs, and possibly add ceiling fans and solar panels. It is also necessary to replace the HVAC system (the heating), since its nearing the end of its life.

Then the last idea is to reroof the school and repave the parking lot/bus lane. Hopefully all goes well so that all