



Recess in the Snow by Rosemary (grade 7)

When winter comes something amazingly different comes to recess. Black Butte Students have so much fun in the winter. The snow comes and you get to make forts, go cross-country skiing, and sledding. The younger students have so much fun sledding. They like playing in the snow. The older students enjoy the snow as well. I think some of the teachers enjoy looking and watching the older and younger students having fun. All of the kids like building forts. After the last snow there were two big forts that everyone plays in. I really like having snowball fights and going sledding. Recess is fun there is some really amazing things to do at school. We all seem to like, skiing, snowboarding, sledding, and building forts all winter.



Chinook Fish in the Tank by Daniel (grade 8)

This fall, we raised chinook salmon to release in the Merolius river. We raised them until they were button up fry and released them last week. We had fun with this in the past and are again. There are very few chinook salmon left in the wild, so we are helping the ecosystem and increasing their number in the wild. The chinook life cycle starts at eggs, to sack fry, then button up fry. After they grow larger and head downstream, reaching the ocean where they stay for three to four years. Then they head back upstream to where they were born, lay their eggs and die. The Chinook people are closely connected with the chinook salmon that come up the Columbia River. The Chinook people brought salmon to trade with Lewis and Clark when they were at Dismal Nitch. We have been learning about how the Chinook people were not treated very kindly by the government. Chinook people currently have a connection to the Merolius too. When you see a chinook salmon, you might think of the people who were driven off their land for this very interesting creature.

The Winter Performance by Ace (grade 6)

The mythical Hodags of Camp Sherman came to life at Black Butte School's winter performance, "Oregon Winter," on December 19 at the Community Hall. Ms. Sharp worked hard writing and directing a funny, neat, heartwarming play called, "The Legendary Hodag," that everybody loved. "It's amazing, fun, and I think it's going to be really cool," said Keanan before the event. We also sang "Lumberjack," by Johnny Cash, "Coming Home," by Mar Kearney, "Deck the Halls," and "Suzie Snowflake" and "It's the most Wonderful Time of the Year." Ms. Sharp also sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" as a solo. Hollie Foster on the piano and Brian Schultz on guitar accompanied us on the music. There was a dessert potluck and invitations were sent to the people that have been there in the past. We hope those of you who came were delighted by our show!



Ski & Ride by Kellen (grade 6)

Since 1971 Black Butte School has been skiing and snowboarding in the amazing powder of Hoodoo. That's just about 49 years and counting! We only did skiing until two years ago, then we started to snowboard also. The kids love it. Keanan said, "it is so much fun and a great sport." During the first class, everyone gets split into groups based on their skiing or snowboarding ability. There are usually three skiing groups and two or three snowboarding groups. There are beginner, intermediate and expert levels. We could be changed into a different group at any time. BBS has done a lot at Hoodoo. In 2012 all the students made a painting up on the second floor. This year we will make a downhill dummy for Winter Carnival in our science class. On the last day, all the students go down a run taking the same path and our families are invited to ski with us. I hope BBS will keep coming up to Hoodoo for generations to come.