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Hiking Three Fingered Jack by Colton, grade 8

Three Fingered Jack is a summit of a shield volcano in the Cascades. I, and many other people have hiked Three Fingered Jack. It has amazing views, abundant wildlife, and is a great place to stay overnight or just go for the day. The trail is 11.3 mile round trip and pretty busy. The trail doesn't go all the way to the summit because to get there you need to rock climb. Three Fingered Jack is 7,844 feet tall. It was first climbed in 1923 by E. Mcneal and party.

When I hiked Three Fingered Jack, it was June and there was still snow on the top. At the top of Three Fingered Jack there is a small lake next to a small glacier known as the Jack glacier. Everyone who can, should hike Three Fingered Jack at some point!

Field Trips at Black Butte School by Carrick, grade 7

Here at Black Butte School we go on a lot of field trips, so we need to make sure we are prepared when we go on them by bringing the proper equipment knowing the safety procedures.

On a field trip we always bring two decent sized water bottles filled with water, for hydration. Another important thing to bring on a field trip is food! You always need someone in the group who has a first aid kit. We have safety precautions so no one gets hurt. Kids need to stay in their group and don't wander off. We don't climb anything above our head. We don't disturb wildlife on the field trips or throw anything because it could hit someone—especially over cliff edges. In conclusion if you're going on a field trip just behave, bring the proper gear and stick with your group.



BBS kids exploring Sehalie Falls & High Desert Museum.

The Story of Kellen at Black Butte School by Kellen, grade 8

Hi, you might know me, my name is Kellen, and this is my 9th year at BBS. A lot has changed during the time I've been at the school. I don't really remember my first day at BBS, but I know I was excited to go to school. Only one of the staff from my first 3 years is still at the school, Mr. B. He became a teacher for BBS 3 years before I joined, the same year my brother joined the school. When I was 2 or 3 years old I would visit Mr.B and feed the goldfish in his classroom.

I don't remember much from my first couple years other than having a lot of fun and some of the teachers and events. For those years we had less students than all the other years. The least amount of students we have had at once during my time at the school is about 12 students. One year we had 34 students total which was the largest amount we've had in one year.

In my fourth year, I remember almost all of the staff changing. I felt a bit uncomfortable for the first few days, with barely any staff that I knew. That's the year Mr.Sharp joined. After, I got used to all of the new faces and differences. The next year I joined the upper grade and started to write these articles.

One of the biggest changes was in my 8th year when the pandemic started. When school got closed, it felt weird. Then the school found a way to do distance learning by sending packets of work home to us. At the start of the next school year, we went to school two days a week paired with work at home, which felt a bit more normal. The next step, was the lower graders and upper graders having half days on a separate time schedule. Now things are a lot smoother since we are in full time school.

The school has changed a lot over time. The first few years at the school we averaged students in the teens. More recently we have more kids. What we now call the multi purpose room used to be a gym. Part of what I'm trying to say is just how much the school is changing from a really small neighborhood school to something bigger.

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