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Who Should We Celebrate?

by Cade (grade 6)

Indigenous peoples day was recently celebrated for the first time in Oregon. It is replacing Columbus day which has been celebrated for many years. Most of you have heard of famous Christopher Columbus but do you know the real story?

Christopher set sail from Spain trying to go around the world to China. He was very mean to his men. But when he wasn't even half way there he saw some islands near the Caribbean. He thought he was off the coast of India. He found some Native Americans that he kidnaped, enslaved and brutally killed because he thought they were in the way. We have evidence of this because he wrote in a diary every day.

Now let's talk about Indigenous peoples day. Indigenous peoples day is about celebrating Native Americans because they have lived here for so many years. Native Americans have never been really celebrated with their own holiday, but at the same time they are so important to us. They are important to us because they helped make our state what it is. So, the real question is: should we celebrate Christopher Columbus day or Indigenous Peoples day?

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser Sales

Go to www.bbswreaths.com to order your wreath!

Project Hoodoo

by Ace (grade 8)

This year the Black Butte School is participating in an eco-friendly program called Roots and Shoots. Roots and Shoots started with a woman named Jane Goodall who created this program in order to empower and encourage youth of all ages to pursue their passion. In this program the goal is to make a friendly impact on the environment. For example you find a spot that has problems with the environment and you make an effort to fix that problem. Which brings me to what the Black Butte School wants to do.

We came up with the idea to help Hoodoo Ski Area.

We decided to do this because at the end of the last

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school year we went to Hoodoo and saw all the trash that got left after the ski season. So far we have made our own google maps that mapped out the area around Camp Sherman and Hoodoo. We also have written letters to Hoodoo staff to get permission and tell them what our plan to do is.

Before we did some of this work, we created our own jobs. We took positions then we voted on which one we wanted to be. Some of the positions are Project Coordinator, Media Designer, and Project Guru. We are very excited to help Hoodoo with this project and we will give more updates in the near future. Don't forget to Be Bold, Be Kind, and Do Good!



Extreme Fires & Smoke by Zion (grade 6)

Imagine waking up to government workers with drip torches lighting a beautiful forest on fire. To burn it to the ground till it's all gone and the only thing you can see is black dust on the ground with dead plants. The Forest Service is a government agency who "helps" the forest by burning the low trees to the ground.

These fires are not all bad because the forests need fires to be healthy. This might seem bad but it is actually good for Camp Sherman and the forest. Last summer there was a fire on Green Ridge, the reason it spread so fast was because the ground was not cleared. It was filled with bushes and low trees. The Forest Service is trying to prevent a big fire close to Camp Sherman by clearing out all the bushes and low trees.

These fires produce a lot of smoke, which has been affecting Camp Sherman. This smoke has been brutal in the morning because of the cold fall weather. The smoke has been limiting the use of the outdoors by Camp Sherman folk. Although the smoke cleared up in the afternoon. All the Forest Service is trying to do is help the environment and Camp Sherman.

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

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