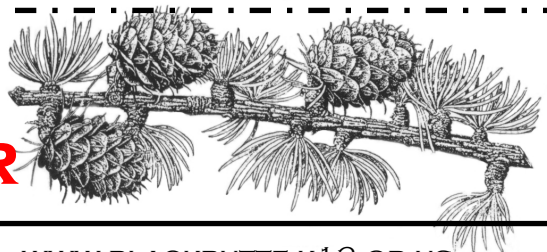


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Earth Day Stewardship: BBS Rakes Local Trail

By Conner (grade 7)



How do you celebrate Earth Day? Black Butte School spent Earth Day raking the bike trail in Camp Sherman. After lunch we split into three groups. One group worked near the school, one group worked near the store, and one group worked near the community hall. Each group raked pine needles and pine cones off the trail, to make it safer for bikers and hikers. We also picked up trash off the trail and out of the nearby forest. Three communi-

ty members (Magda and Pete Schay and Dick Kellogg) joined us. We really appreciated their help.

Raking the trails was hard work but a good exercise for Earth Day. Earth Day started in 1970 and is a national day to focus on learning about environmental issues and give back to the earth. Environmental studies has been an important part of our field studies program all year. It feels good to also have projects that help us care for the earth. The trails are enjoyed by bikers, walkers, and runners. I know the work we did will be appreciated by trail users

Stewardship Along the Metolius By Cody (Grade 6)

On April 20, Black Butte School went to hike, help, and learn along the Metolius with Trout Unlimited. First we watched a video on the Metolius river and learned for a bit before we headed out. We learned that the river is one of the cleanest rivers in Oregon! Then we planted native plants to restore a damaged river bank. We planted: idaho fescue, elderberry, chokecherry, and bitterbrush. We put water from the river on the plants after we were done planting to make sure they grew.

After planting, we started to hike. The upper grades went with our guide Armando and Derek went with the lower grades. They taught us about the nature around us as we hiked from Bridge 99 to the fish hatchery. At the hatchery we fed the fish. Some of them were so big that lots of kids called them "Big Daddies."

Spring Program at the Community Hall May 26 at 6pm

By Delaney Sharp (Head Teacher)

This month the whole community is invited to celebrate the success of the school year at our annual Spring Program. The event will take place on May 26, 2016 at 6pm at the Community Hall. This year's program will highlight some of the accomplishments of the students their work will be on display. The program will be highlighted by an original performance by the whole school called "The Magic Baseball Cap." It is a fragmented Japanese folktale inspired by Yoshiko Uchida's story of a similar name. The students are creating their own costumes and set designs to bring the story to life with their art teacher, Annie Painter. The tremendous community support at our Winter Program was very appreciated and we look forward to another opportunity to entertain friends and family. See you there!

Visit to Juniper Jungle Permaculture Farm By Ilya, (grade 6)

On Wednesday April 27, 2016, BBS went to Juniper Jungle, a farm on the outskirts of Bend, OR. We learned about animals and plants, ate tons of leaves and flowers, and also did some farm work. The soil in the High Desert is not that good so the farmers use manure (mostly pig and cow poop) to make the soil better. They have cows, pigs, chickens, and bees at the farm. The farm has a lot of biodiversity in animals and plants. Some plants they have are dill, squash, potatoes, and onions. The farm operations are based on permaculture principals For example, the farm produces it's own seeds instead of buying them. Anyone can become part of their CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and get fruits, veggies and herbs from the farm.

After walking around and learning about the CSA, veggies, and animals we had lunch. During lunch we asked questions about the farm. We also answered some questions in our field journal. That day we learned a lot about farms and agriculture in the High Desert.



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

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