

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2013**

**FAMILY CARNIVAL AND  
SCIENCE FAIR NIGHT**

Save the date!!! On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 - 7 PM, Helix Schools will have a family carnival night. The PTO will be serving a hot dog dinner in the multipurpose room and the Jr. High students will be hosting the carnival games. There will also be gift baskets to bid on by silent auction. In addition to the carnival, there will also be Science Fair projects on display in the multipurpose room. The 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grades will be completing projects during the month of March. Stop by and check out their hard work! Awards will be presented in various categories. Mark your calendar now to attend this event.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the Friends of the Helix Public Library for their generous donation of books for all students K-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE AND FEED**

The sophomore class will be holding a Spaghetti Feed fundraiser on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. This feed will coincide with the spring Parent/Teacher Conferences which will be held Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 8:00 PM, and Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to noon.

**BOOSTER CLUB CRAB FEED**

The Booster Club crab feed was another huge success! The Booster Club Board would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming help and support. They could never accomplish this without you! A special thank you goes to those who donated items for the auctions. Your generosity allows us to return one hundred percent of what is earned back to the school and students in the form of scholarships, program assistance, athletics, and school improvements. A special thanks to Pepsi for donating the pop and to Rooster's for the wonderful clam chowder.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Helix Elementary and Jr. High completed their Battle of the Books competition during February. Over 60 students were involved in this program which involves reading 16 books and answering questions in a quiz bowl format. Congratulations to all students! In the 3rd-5th grade division first place team was the Four Stooges: Kaylee Cope, Hailey Fehrenbacher, Alexis Leake and Kyleen Stahancyk. The second place team, The Furious Five: Ryann Stahancyk, Karalin Reynolds, Bailey Munck, Mackenzie Dunn and Zach Johnson. In the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade division Unstoppables: Annie Wood, Hannah Christman, Charmayne Bennett and Gavin Newton finished in first place. The second place team was CAJT: Caiden Marks, Ashton Marks, Jake Sprenger and Tylor Fehrenbacher.

Both first place teams will be traveling to LaGrande on March 9<sup>th</sup> for Regional competition. Good Luck!

**HELIX KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Helix Kindergarten Registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 8th from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the kindergarten classroom. At this mandatory registration, your student will be assessed on kindergarten entrance skills and be able to explore their new classroom. Your incoming kindergarten student needs to be 5 years old before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records with you at this time. We are looking forward to meeting the class of 2026! If you have any questions or are not able to attend, please contact Cindy at 457-2175.

**NHD LOCAL COMPETITION**

The sophomore and junior social studies classes are preparing for their annual National History Day school-level competition. The students are creating ten- minute historical documentaries based on the theme "Turning Points in History." This event will be held in the elementary computer lab on Friday, March 22nd, starting at 8:45 AM. The public is invited to attend. The top finishers in both the individual and group documentaries will move on to the state competition to be held in May. For more information, contact Mr. Kubishta or Mr. Simpson at 457-2175.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, clocks need to be set **ahead** one hour at 2:00 AM local standard time, which becomes 3:00 PM local daylight time.

**PATRIOT'S PEN WINNERS**

Mrs. DeRuwe's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts classes took place in the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the V.F.W. The theme this year was "What would you tell our Founding Father's?" Sadie Wilson received 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the local level and also 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the district level, receiving \$200 total. Bethany Newton received 1<sup>st</sup> place at the local level, 1<sup>st</sup> place at district and placed at state, receiving \$750 total. There were approximately 70 papers submitted from schools in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Great job girls!

**WASHINGTON D.C. PARENT MEETING**

The time has come to sign-up for the Washington D.C. Trip to be taken spring break, 2014. A parent and student meeting will take place at 5:30 on March 5<sup>th</sup> in Mrs. Newton's room. The \$49 initial deposit will be collected. Even if you haven't participated in the fundraising activities, it's not too late to start! Come to the meeting for more information or contact Mrs. Newton. This trip is targeting current Freshman, 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

The Washington DC Trip students and parents would like to thank all those that participated in the raffle ticket fundraiser. The winners of the raffle were: Tammy O'Conner - \$500, Jamie Levy - \$150 and John Roberts - \$100.