

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER, 2013**

**Hearing/Vision Screening**

The IMESD will conduct their annual hearing screening on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be for the K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, new students and referrals. For more information on this screening, talk to your student's teacher or call Cindy Wood at 457-2175.

Vision Source of Pendleton will be conducting eye screening at the school **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** for students in grades K-8. Thanks to Dr. Briscoe and Dr. Monkman for providing this great service!

**Home Access**

The Helix School District has a parent access center that enables you to access your student's grades, attendance, etc. via the internet. Once you obtain the username & password just follow a few simple steps: Pull up our school web page ([www.helix.k12.or.us](http://www.helix.k12.or.us)) and scroll down the buttons on the left hand side of the screen to the HOME ACCESS button. After clicking this button you will then be asked for a username and password. After you enter this information it will give you your list of students enrolled in the Helix School District. Choose the one you want to inquire about and click the tabs down the left-hand side to access their class work, attendance, etc. For more information or to get your username and password please contact Cindy Wood at 457-2175.

**Thank You**

Thank you to the following for their support and generosity toward the Helix School District:

\*Jim and Tim Smith (Helix Telephone Co.) for the assistance this summer on bond projects around the school

\*Janet Wood, Amanda and Matt Benedict and the Helix Tuesday at Two (TAT) Women's Club for the donation of school supplies.

\*Rita Nelson for the donation of popsicles for the K-5 students on behalf of Reading Buddies.

**Booster Club Alumni Scholarship**

Helix Booster Club may award annual Alumni scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to three (3) qualifying past graduates from Griswold High School. These scholarships may be used at the university, college, or vocational school of the student's choice. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student upon receipt of transcripts or proof of attendance. Contact can be made through the Griswold High School Athletic Director Wayne Miller or Booster Club Treasurer Janet Wood. Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Booster Club, c/o Wayne Miller, PO Box 398, Helix, OR 97835, on or before **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Visit the Helix webpage ([www.helix.k12.or.us](http://www.helix.k12.or.us)) and click on the Booster Club button on the left side of the screen for more information on the Alumni scholarship.

**Community Feed  
Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Community Feed, Open House and Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 pm**. The Helix Booster Club will be providing free hamburgers and hot dogs, Harry Schuening will have his famous sauerkraut and German Sausage and the Helix Parent Teacher Organization will share some delicious desserts. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this **FREE** dinner. You can also sign up to be a Helix Booster Club member, join the PTO and purchase new Helix merchandise. The Helix Friends of the Library will be selling books at their annual book fair in the elementary computer lab. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 6-7 pm and the high school will be open for those interested in seeing the changes after the remodel. See you on the 10th!

**Bond Projects Update**

The 2013 Helix Bond Projects have progressed rapidly over the summer. Although the school district set an extremely tight timeline for construction, KNCC and their sub-contractors have done an amazing job. In the high school, a few of the changes include the addition of two classrooms (science and computer lab), three classrooms have expanded and totally remodeled, new carpet, additional lockers added, new electrical wiring throughout, a new set of bathrooms added upstairs, remodeled ADA downstairs bathrooms, new lighting fixtures in the hallways, expanded office that includes two ISS rooms and a sickroom. The boilers were also removed and were replaced with a more efficient HCAV system to both heat and cool the elementary, middle school, high school, multipurpose room and kitchen. The new gym is slated to be completed by the middle of November.

**Christmas Tree Sales**

The Senior class of 2014 will be selling Christmas trees throughout the month of October and November until PTC on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. A booth will be set up during the Community Feed on October 10<sup>th</sup> and again on November 26<sup>th</sup> to preorder trees. These beautiful, locally grown trees are the perfect way to start at your holiday season. Four types of trees will be available: Grand Fir, Colorado Fir, Concolor Fir and Sub-Alpine Fir. Color pictures of these trees will be displayed at the preorder booth. All preordered trees will be available to pick up at the school, the week after Thanksgiving. Delivery within the Helix city limits is free, and for a small fee, within a reasonable distance, can be delivered. For more information call Dusty Bennett or the school district office at 457-2175.

**Box Tops for Education**

Earning money for our school is as easy as 1,2,3. BUY participating products, CUT out the Box Tops, and SEND them to school with your child. Last year we earned \$582 for our school and have a goal of \$650 for this school year. Every Box Top is worth 10 cents and that can add up quickly. Collection flyers will be sent home soon so start clipping, our first submission deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or would like more information, please stop by our PTO booth at the Community Dinner on October 10<sup>th</sup> or contact Julie Harper at [julie.harper@helix.k12.or.us](mailto:julie.harper@helix.k12.or.us).

