

## ***HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER***

***APRIL 2014***

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The Helix School District Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm** and on **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**.

#### **Freshmen (Class of 2017) Baked Potato Feed**

The Class of 2017 will be hosting a baked potato fundraiser in the Helix School cafeteria on **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 pm**. This event will be in conjunction with the Parent Teacher Conferences.

Tickets will be available at the door or you can purchase one in advance from a member of the class of 2017. For more information call Mr. Butler at 457-2175 ext. 3776.

### **WASHINGTON DC PARENT MEETING**

Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a meeting on **April 14 at 7:00 pm** in Mrs. Newton's room. We will discuss fundraising for a Washington DC trip to be taken in June, 2015.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual Helix Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 10:00 am** at the Helix Community Church. Come and enjoy a fun community egg hunt followed by punch and cookies provided by the Helix Heart of the Country 4-H Club.

### **HELIX KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Helix Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 5:00 pm** in the kindergarten classroom. At this mandatory registration, your student will be assessed on kindergarten readiness skills and be able to explore their new classroom. Your incoming kindergarten student needs to be 5 years old before September 1st. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records with you at this time. We are looking forward to meeting the class of 2027! If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Cindy at 457-2175.

### **SPRING TESTING**

The 2014 "testing season" will be in full swing after spring break. OAKS tests on reading, math, science, and social studies will be given at the teachers' discretion between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The results are immediately available to the students upon completion of each test. If students in grade 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> do not pass initially, they have one more opportunity to retest. However, if a student in grades 3-8 does pass on their first try, we will need permission to retest. Often a student's first attempt is not the best score they can get and they have been encouraged to retake the test in the past if it is felt the first test does not reflect the student's knowledge. High school students will have three opportunities to pass each test.

### **CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AT HELIX**

The Griswold High School ASB and Key Club have designated April as *Find a Cure for Cancer* Month. These students will be holding multiple activities (Pajama Day – **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**, Hat Day – **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**, bakery sales on Mondays) to raise awareness and money. All proceeds will be donated to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

### **SPRING CONCERT**

The Annual Helix School District Spring Music Program will be held on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm** on the stage in the new gym. There will be more specific information sent home with the students, as we get closer to the concert date.

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED**

The Helix Budget Committee and School Board are seeking applicants to fill a vacant position. Budget committee members assist in approving the yearly school budget. Interested applicants need to write a letter of interest to the school board by Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first budget committee meeting will be **Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. For more information call Cindy Wood or Darrick Cope at (541) 457-2175.

### **FAMILY CARNIVAL AND SCIENCE FAIR NIGHT**

Save the date! On **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 - 7 PM**, the Helix School District will have a family carnival night. A hot dog dinner will be served in the multipurpose room and the Jr. High students will be hosting the carnival games. There will be gift baskets to bid on by silent auction. In addition to the carnival, there will be Science Fair projects on display in the multipurpose room. The 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<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.

### **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

The Battle of the Books contests have been completed. We appreciate the support of the Helix Booster Club and the Cemetery District for providing funding for this project.

#### **4th/5th grade results:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Smarties - Mackenzie Dunn, Zack Johnson, Bailey Munck, Rebekah Shaw

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Book Worms - Sam Kubishta, Lexie Mize, Anna Schatzlein

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** The Nerds - Ryann Stahancyk, Bryce Fairchild, Karalin Reynolds

#### **6th-8th grade results:**

**1st place:** Snotastics - Sam Carlson, Hannah Christman, Gavin Newton, and Annie Wood.

**2nd place:** Gandhi Namaste - Kierra Carlson, Julie Davis, Logan Davis, Autumn Harris, and Kailey Mize.

**3rd place:** Crazy Readers - Kaylee Cope, Hailey Fehrenbacher, Alexis Leake, Vitor Pedrosa, and Kyleen Stahancyk.

Great Job to all who participated!