

***HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MAY 2014***

HELIX ATHLETIC BANQUET

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, May 20th the Helix Athletic Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6:00 pm. The cost will be \$7.00 per person. Please call Cindy at the office to RSVP if you plan to attend. Dinner is proudly sponsored by the Helix Grizzlies Booster Club. Come help us recognize our student athletes, and their accomplishments for the 2013-2014 school year. For more information contact the office at 457-2175.

HELIX KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Helix Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 14th 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.

SPORTS PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICALS

On Wed., May 14th and Thursday, May 22nd sports physicals will be given at Pendleton High School at Warberg Court Gym from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Anyone planning on playing fall sports will need to have a current physical. Physicals are good for two years. Weston/McEwen requires a yearly physical for all cooperative sports. The physicals have to be done using the OSAA form available in the office and needs to be taken with you to PHS. Cost is \$15.00.

SPRING CONCERT

The Annual Helix School District Spring Music Program will be held on **Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 pm**. The 4th grade thru high school band students will meet in the main gym at 6:40 pm to warm up. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will meet in the library at 6:45. If you have any questions, please feel give Jonathan Butler a call at (541) 457-2175, ext. 3776.

MUFFINS FOR MOMS/DONUTS FOR DADS

Tuesday, May 6th the Helix School District will be serving muffins with coffee, juice, and milk for Moms and their children from **7:45 to 8:25 am**. On **Tuesday, May 13th**, will be serving donuts with coffee, juice, and milk for Dads and their children from **7:45 to 8:30 am**. Please come and let us show our appreciation to you for all that you do and see what your children are learning in the Helix School District.

WASHINGTON DC FUNDRAISER

Helix 6th and 7th graders are planning a can/bottle drive to help raise money for their June 2015 trip to Washington DC and New York. If you are interested in donating cans/bottles, please contact the office at (541) 457-2175.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm, Griswold High School will be hosting an Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony. New Junior and National Honor Society members will be inducted, NHD and FBLA state/national qualifiers will be recognized and special awards given. Beverages and dessert will be served following the ceremony

THANK YOU

A thank you goes out to Mary Len Rees for her generous Winner Store donation. The elementary students and teachers appreciate your generosity.

Thank you to those who supported the class of 2014 senior slave auction.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARDS

Congratulations to Emily Hansell and Elnora Baker for being selected as the Helix School District's Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" 2014 award winners. The presentation of awards will be **Wed., May 21st at 4:45 pm** at the Pendleton Red Lion.

Great job and thank you for all you do!

SENIOR GRADUATION 2014

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Helix Community Church on **Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm**.

The Griswold High School Class of 2014 will have commencement exercises on **Saturday, June 7th at 4:00 p.m.** in the High School Gymnasium.

FBLA CAPTURES STATE AWARDS

Fourteen Helix HS students recently competed in the FBLA State Business Leadership Conference held April 10-12 in Portland. Helix students brought home nine top 10 awards, including first place finishes by Dusty Bennett and Tucker Wilson. Students also toured Adidas, Leatherman, KATU TV, and Intel.

NHD STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Congratulations to students who qualified for the NHD state competition at the Oregon State History Day on April 12 at Concordia University in Portland. Braden Sprenger and Jason Bushman were awarded first place in the Group Documentary category with their film, "The Right to Return Home: Japanese Americans Come Back to Hood River." Tucker Wilson received first place in the Individual Documentary category for "The American Bison: The Forgotten Symbol of America," and Kaycee Lytle took second place with her film, "The Right to Ride: The Responsibility of the Crowd." They will be representing Helix at the national competition in June.

JUNIOR HIGH CLEAN UP DAY

The Junior High classes will be volunteering to help with a spring clean up day on **Friday, May 23rd**. We are offering to help out with weeding, leaf pick up, trimming, and raking. We are especially interested in helping elderly citizens, but will also assist others. If you would like us to send a work crew to your house, please call the office. Students will be divided into groups of 5-6 and will be accompanied by a teacher. This is our way of thanking the community for supporting Helix schools.