

***HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2014***

**FAMILY CARNIVAL AND  
SCIENCE FAIR NIGHT**

Save the date! On **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 - 7 PM**, 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.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to all those who helped make the Booster Club Crab Feed a success, especially Wayne Miller, Cindy Wood, Janet Wood and Jack Bascomb. Without the generous donation of time and effort from the countless Helix community members, parents and Helix staff members, this event would not be as successful as it is.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE AND FEED**

The freshmen class will be holding a Potato Feed fundraiser on **Thursday, April 17<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 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 8:00 PM, and Friday, April 18<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 auction. 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.

**DANCE CLASS FOR STUDENTS  
AND PARENTS**

Dust off your dancing shoes! Instead of sitting in a chair during the next dance, you have the opportunity to learn a few new moves. April Dyntaxa will be offering dance lessons on Monday nights during the month of March (excluding spring break). The steps she will be covering are the fox trot and the 1 step swing. These lessons are being offered FREE for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Adults are welcome at a fee of \$25/person. April teaches for BMCC and the parks and recreation departments. The lessons will go from **7:00 - 8:15 PM on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>** in the multi-purpose room.

**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 entrance 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.

**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 "Rights and Responsibilities in History." This event will be held in the high school computer lab on **Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 8:30 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 April. For more information, contact Mr. Kubishta or Mr. Simpson at 457-2175.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

On **Sunday, March 9<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 part in the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the V.F.W. The theme this year was "What Patriotism Means to Me." Annie Wood received 1st place at the local level, 1st place at the District level, and 4th place at the state level for a total award of \$900.00. Charmayne Bennett placed 2nd at the local level and 2nd at the District level for a total award of \$400.00. Hannah Christman won 3rd at the local level for \$100.00 award. There were approximately 70 papers submitted from schools in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Great job girls!

**WINNER STORE DONATIONS SOUGHT**

Winner Store has become a beloved tradition for our Helix Elementary students. This is an incentive program where students earn "Winner Store Points" for positive classroom behaviors. Winner Store serves grades K-5 and is open for business once a quarter for kids to spend their points on goodies. It seems that our supplies are not going as far as they used to. We would like to ask for donations of new items to sell. The dollar store is a great place to purchase items such as puzzles, games, toys, books, arts and crafts, holiday items, candy, sports drinks, and more. If you would like to donate an item, please feel free to drop it off with Mr. or Mrs. Curtiss or Cindy in the office. We would be grateful for any help continuing and bettering this program!!