

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2015**

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 2nd**. The first budget committee meeting will be **Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 PM**. For more information call Cindy Wood or Darrick Cope at (541) 457-2175.

Sophomore (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 2nd 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the Jr. High families who donated items for the carnival and to the community for supporting it. We appreciate your attendance at our annual event. We are looking forward to next year!

HELIX KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Helix Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 13th 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 five 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 2028! If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Cindy at 457-2175.

SPRING TESTING

The 2015 "testing season" will be in full swing in April and May. Tests (Smarter Balanced English language arts and math and OAKS science and social studies) will be given at the teachers' discretion between April 1st and the end of school. The results of the Smarter Balanced English language arts and math tests will not be known until all hand scoring is completed. The students will be doing some writing for this test and it will all be scored at a central site serving multiple states. Until that scoring is done, there will be no Smarter Balanced scores released. Students will immediately see their scores on the OAKS science and social studies tests. Students will only be tested on social studies and science in grades 5, 8, and in high school. Students will only take the Smarter Balanced tests one time. They can retake social studies and science tests if they do not pass initially.

SPRING CONCERT

The Annual Helix School District Spring Music Program will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th, 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.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Helix School District Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **Thursday, April 2nd from 3:30 PM – 8:00 PM** and on **Friday, April 3rd from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Helix Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 4, 2015 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.

NHD LOCAL COMPETITION WINNERS

The 15th Annual National History Day local competition was held on March 13, 2015. Over a dozen entries from the sophomore and junior classes based on the theme "Leadership & Legacy in History" were shown. The judges selected three entries to move on to the state NHD competition to be held at the Oregon Historical Society on **April 18**.

Clarence Darrow and the Monkey Trial: The Evolution of Education - **Connor Westfall and Tucker Wilson**

Walter W. Waters and the Bonus Army: A Soldier's Legacy - **Bradey Cope and Paden Flerchinger**

God Bless America: Irving Berlin and the Legacy of Song - **Sierra Bryant and Makenzie Mize**

Congratulations to the winners and all of the competitors. Good Luck at State!!

SCIENCE FAIR

The Helix Middle School Science Fair projects were completed, displayed and judged. We appreciate all those who supported and provided funding for this project.

6th grade results:

1st place: Rebekah Shaw, **2nd place:** Ryann Stahancyk
3rd place: Hannah Denny

7th grade results:

1st place: Kyla Harper, **2nd place:** Alexis Leake
3rd place: Emma Harvey and Hannah Byerley

8th grade results:

1st place: Hannah Christman and Annie Wood
2nd place: Gavin Newton and Colton Reynolds
3rd place: Jayden Bryant and Jake Gillpatrick

Great Job to all who participated!

PTO WALK-FOR-THE-PLAYGROUND

Mark your calendars for the K-5 Helix Walk-For-The-Playground sponsored by the Helix PTO on **May 22, 2015 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM** on the school track. Money raised this year will go towards purchasing a new play structure for our school playground. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Julie Harper at 457-2175 ext. #3766.