

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY, 2015**

BOOSTER CLUB CRAB FEED

It's almost here! Mark your calendars! Thursday, **February 26th from 5 to 7 PM** is the annual Booster Club Crab Feed. We will be serving scrumptious, mouth-watering, all-you-can-eat salmon, shrimp, fried oysters, crab, and clam chowder. If you have auction items or need information, call Mr. Miller at 276-4274.

CALENDAR CHANGE

The Helix School Board approved a calendar change at their January 14th meeting. Friday, **March 6th, 2015**, scheduled as an early dismissal, has been changed to a **NO SCHOOL** day. This change will allow Helix staff members to attend regional in-service training on Common Core State Standards.

Most staff members will attend a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Applied Math) training at Wildhorse, others will be attending Eastern Promise PLC meetings.

THANK YOU

The Class of 2015 would like to thank all of those who supported them at the Senior Slave Auction.

SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be at the Helix School District on **Tuesday, February 24th** to take group class photos and spring pictures. Lifetouch will begin taking pictures at 8:30 AM.

VACCINATION EXCLUSION DAY

All students deficient in vaccinations need to have those completed by **February 18th** (Exclusion Day). If they do not have their required vaccination by that date, they will not be permitted to attend school. Those deficient should have received recent notification from the health department. If you have any questions, contact Cindy Wood 457-2175.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

This year the junior class will be hosting the Valentine's Day deliveries and would like to invite you to support them by ordering items to send to your child or their friends. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and order forms are available in the office, from your student's teacher, or online at Mrs. Spendlove's teacher page. They will be accepting orders until **Monday, February 10th**; However, quantities are limit and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Additional orders may be placed on

or before **Thursday, February 12th**, but substitutions may be made. There will be a bulk discount of 20% if your child would like to give something to an entire class. For younger customers, please have adult help you fill out the forms so we can read them.

Thanks for your support!

**SCHOLARSHIP AND CAREER
INFORMATION**

Juniors and Sophomores need to be mindful of two upcoming opportunities this spring. SAT and ACT tests are being offered in the area and are good indicators of aptitude, interests, and achievement as Senior year approaches.

Seniors at Griswold High School have been busy preparing scholarship applications as they become available. Many of the students have completed their FAFSA and are receiving information from the colleges of their choice. Please contact Mrs. DeRuwe if any questions during this exciting time.

Over 40 Griswold Junior High and High School students had the chance to visit with various college representatives on **January 27th** during the annual BMCC Workshop. All students who attended this unique opportunity gained new information about numerous community colleges and universities located in our Northwest Region. Students walked through the various buildings at BMCC, learned about college life from the college students, and received information on financial aid. After the workshop the students had a formal lunch at Roosters in Pendleton.

The Freshmen are currently taking a Career Awareness class which offers 3 college credits from EOJ. This year our Freshmen will have the opportunity to gain a total of 6 college credits through participation in the Eastern Promise program. If you have any questions about the Eastern Promise program and what it offers to our students, please contact the school.

PTO INFORMATION

The PTO would like to thank all the parents that have been so helpful in making our events a success this first half of the school year. Even if you feel like your contribution is small, it is VERY helpful in getting everything done. We want and need all parents involved in any way they can help.

Our Upcoming Events:

Feb. 6th - Italian themed teacher lunch (we still need help putting this together)

Feb. 26th - Fancy Cakes for the Crab Feed Cake Auction

If you want more information or would like to be more involve, please email us at **helixpto@gmail.com** so we can get you on the contact list. Please join us on Facebook; search **Helix PTO** and ask to join. We do announcements & organizing on that group page.

- Thanks, Helix PTO