

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2015**

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES

MARCH:

Friday, March 6th NO SCHOOL, originally scheduled as a ½ day, early dismissal.

Tuesday, March 10th, School Board Meeting, originally scheduled for Wed., March 11th.

MAY:

The Griswold Senior Graduation Ceremony has been changed from Sunday, May 24th to **Saturday, May 30th at 2:00 PM** in the new gym.

**FAMILY CARNIVAL AND
SCIENCE FAIR NIGHT**

Save the date! On **March 5th, 5 - 7 PM**, Helix School District will have a family carnival night and science fair. A hot dog dinner will be served in the multipurpose room and the middle school 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 6th - 8th grades will be completing projects during the month of February. 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, Melissa Mize and Jack Bascomb. Without the generous donation of time and effort from the countless Helix community members, parents, Helix staff members and students, this event would not be as successful as it is.

Huge Thanks to Kim Herron for all the cakes and goodies she made and donated during the basketball season for Cake Raffles!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE AND FEED

The sophomore class will be holding a Potato Feed fundraiser on **Thursday, April 2nd from 4:00 – 7:00 PM**. This feed will coincide with the spring Parent/Teacher Conferences which will be held **Thursday, April 2nd from 3:30 – 8:00 PM, and Friday, April 3rd 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.

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 "**Leadership & Legacy in History.**" This event will be held in the high school computer lab on **Friday, March 13th, 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 8th**, clocks need to be set **ahead** one hour at 2:00 AM local standard time, which becomes 3:00 PM local daylight time.

**MR. KUBISHTA AWARDED VFW
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Griswold High School Business and Social Studies teacher Lorin Kubishta was recently selected as the Oregon recipient of the Smart/Maher VFW Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America. Lorin will now be considered at the national level for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Good luck Mr. K and thanks for all you do!

**PATRIOT'S PEN and VOICE OF
DEMOCRACY WINNERS**

Mrs. DeRuwe's 7th and 8th grade Language Arts classes took part in the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The theme this year was "Why I appreciate our Veterans." Annie Wood received 1st place at the post level, 1st place at the district level, and 6th place at the state level for a total award of \$860.00. Hannah Christman placed 2nd at the post level and 2nd at the district level for a total award of \$500.00. Good job girls!

Mr. Kubishta's 11th grade US History class participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy contest. Tucker Wilson placed 1st at the post level, 1st at district, 5th at state and ended up with a total award of \$1,400. Great job Tucker!

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 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 2028! If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Cindy at 457-2175.