

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2016**

Junior (Class of 2017) Taco Feed

The Class of 2017 will be hosting a taco feed fundraiser in the Helix School cafeteria on **Thursday, March 31st, 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 2016-2017 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 11th** 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 2029! 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.

HELIX KNOWLEDGE BOWL THANK YOU

Mr. Kahl and the Helix knowledge bowl team would like to give appreciation and thanks to all of the parents, volunteers, and school staff for making this knowledge bowl season one of the most successful yet! The knowledge bowl team (consisting of Makenzie Mize, Tucker Wilson, Caiden and Ashton Marks, Jake Sprenger, Allan Holden, Justin Williams, Erik Jones, Autumn Harris, Alyssa Keene, Mecaila Espey, and Annie Wood) took first place in the competition at Echo and first place in the overall season! Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered throughout the season; we couldn't have done it without you!

SPRING CONCERT DATE MOVED

The Annual Helix School District Spring Music Program has been moved from Tuesday, May 3rd to Tuesday, **May 10th, 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, March 31st from 3:30 PM – 8:00 PM** and on **Friday, April 1st from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**.

NHD LOCAL COMPETITION WINNERS

The 16th Annual National History Day local competition was held on **March 18, 2016**. Almost twenty entries from the sophomore and junior classes were shown. This year's theme is "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History." The judges selected the top three entries in both the group and individual divisions. The state NHD competition to be held at Concordia University on **Saturday, April 23rd**.

Group Documentaries:

Ashton Marks & Macey Tullis – Primate Pioneers: Ham and Enos Exploring the Heavens
Lynne Ashby & Glae Bird - Looking Through the Lens: War Photojournalism
Bethany Newton & Caiden Marks - The Historic Columbia River Highway: An Engineering Marvel...

Individual Documentaries

Jake Sprenger - The Common Touch: Woody Guthrie's Encounter with The Bonneville Power...
Justin Williams - The 555th Triple Nickles Parachute Infantry Smoke jumpers: Paving a Path Through...
Mecaila Espey - Wings Clipped, Liberation Extended

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-Victoria Keene, 2nd place-Chase Fehrenbacher, 3rd place-Pendra Ogilvie

7th grade results:

1st place-Ryann Stahancyk, 2nd place-Mackenzie Dunn, 3rd place-Eli Sprenger & Bryce Fairchild

8th grade results:

1st place-Kyla Harper, 2nd place-Alexis Leake, 3rd place-Vitor Pedrosa

Great Job to all who participated!

PTO WALK-FOR-WATER WALKATHON

Mark your calendars for the K-5 Helix Walk-For-Water Walkathon sponsored by the Helix PTO on **May 27, 2015** from **2:00 – 3:00 PM** on the school track. Money raised this year will go towards purchasing a new drinking fountain for our school playground. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Julie Harper at 457-2175 ext. #3766.