

HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY, 2013

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the Helix PTO for sprucing up the teachers room. The new dishwasher, microwave, tables, chairs, dishes, refrigerator, paint job, decorations and curtains are greatly appreciated by the staff.

Thanks to Glen Dickie for the donation of the two exercise bikes and autographed posters he recently donated to the basketball teams and school.

The class of 2013 would like to thank their sponsors at the recent slave auction. The senior class is planning to use the money they raise to continue work on a veteran's memorial for the gym entry.

BOOSTER CLUB CRAB FEED

It's almost here! Mark your calendars! Thursday, February 21st 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.

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Sign-ups for Triangle Little League will be held at Helix on Tuesday, February 5th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the multi-purpose room. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. For more information or questions please email trianglelittleleague@hotmail.com.

SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be at the Helix School District on Wednesday, February 20th to take group class photos and the spring pictures. Lifetouch will begin taking pictures at 8:30 AM.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

The senior 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 \$0.75 to \$5.00 and order forms are available in the office, from your student's teacher, or online at Mrs. Spendlove's teacher page. Orders will be accepted until Monday, February 11th. However, quantities are limited so please place your order early. Additional orders may be placed on or before Wednesday 13th, but substitutions may be made. We will be giving bulk discounts of 20% off if your child would like to give something to an entire class. Thanks for your support!

LIGHTNING TRACK SIGN-UPS

Lightning Track and Field Sign Ups – February 19th at 6:30 in the Athena Elementary Library. Contact Tanna Munck 566-0246 with questions.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Juniors need to be mindful of two upcoming opportunities this winter and spring. SAT and ACT tests are being offered in the area and are a good indicator of aptitude and achievement as Senior year approaches. In addition, scheduling college visitations for any colleges or universities of interest is recommended by the end of the school year. Go online to check out what certain universities offer and discuss how that works or doesn't work for your future.

Griswold High students had the chance to visit with various college representatives on January 29th during a BMCC Transfer Day workshop. All students that attended this unique opportunity gained new information about numerous community colleges and universities within our Northwest Region. Students also walked through the various campus buildings at BMCC and receive information from current ambassadors about the process of enrolling as college students.

SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Two seniors recently were awarded scholarships for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. Sydney Cave was awarded the Stevens Academic Achievement scholarship for \$8,000 from George Fox and Elizabeth Schatzlein received \$1,000 from the Elk's National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship.

BOND UPDATE

Members of the facilities committee (Scott Harper, Gunder Terjeson, Butch Corey), school board (Tyson Raymond), and Superintendent Darrick Cope, with assistance from Program Manager David McKay, spent several hours in December and then again in January trying to make the best decisions for the Helix District regarding the architect and construction company (CM/GC). Architect selection interviews went well and BLRB from Bend, Oregon was chosen to design the bond projects. The committee felt BLRB would be the best choice for our project needs. The CM/GC scoring involved three firms: WC (Elgin), McCormack (Pendleton) and KNCC (Bend). Although the committee really wanted to stay local with McCormack or WC, KNCC seemed to have more experience and a better fit for Helix. Both firms have signed a contract and planning has already begun with a design "Kick-Off" meeting that occurred on Friday, January 25th. A huge thank you goes out to Tyson, Gunder, Butch and Scott for their time and effort in the scoring sessions.

For questions or more information regarding the bond, please call Darrick Cope at 457-2175 or email at dcope@helix.k12.or.us.

VACCINATION EXCLUSION DAY

All students deficient in vaccinations need to have those completed by February 20th (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.