

HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY, 2017

BOOSTER CLUB CRAB FEED

It's almost here! Mark your calendars! Thursday, **February 23rd 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 379-1373.

SENIOR SLAVE AUCTION AND MEETING

The Class of 2017, Senior Slave Auction will be on **Friday, February 3rd**, after the Varsity boys' basketball game. For more information, please contact the Helix District office at (541) 457-2175.

Mrs. DeRuwe will be hosting a Senior class meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 8th from 6:00-7:00pm**. For more information or to RSVP for this meeting, please call Mrs. DeRuwe at (541) 457-2175, ext. 3779.

SPRING SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch Photography will be at the Helix School District on **Tuesday, February 21st** 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 15th** (Exclusion Day). If they do not have their required vaccinations 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 in charge of the Valentine's Day gift fundraiser 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 \$3.00 and order forms are available in the office, or from your student's teacher. The juniors will be accepting orders until **Tuesday, February 7th**; however, quantities are limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve, basis. If your child plans to make an order, please assist them in filling out the forms so we can read them. Checks should be made to Helix Class of 2018.

SCHOLARSHIP AND CAREER INFO

Sophomores and juniors need to be mindful of the upcoming opportunities this spring. SAT (March 11, May 6) and ACT (Feb. 11, April 8, June 10) 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 you any questions during this exciting time.

The freshmen are currently taking a Career Awareness class which offers the possibility of earning 3 college credits from EOU. 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.

A webcast from the National Honor Society on Early Planning for College Affordability will be airing **Wednesday, February 15** from 4-5 pm. Access the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.us/students/college-admission-and-planning/college-admission-planning-webinars>. The school affiliation number for those interested in registering/viewing this webinar is 00026259.

THANK YOU

A huge thanks to Gary Ogilvie for donating an America flag to the Helix School District, for our flag pole. The new flag looks really great!

ATHLETIC PICTURES AVAILABLE

If your student is missing an athletic team portrait from the past few years, Mr. Kubishta has most of the sports team's photos available for purchase. Please contact him at the school for further information. Proceeds from photo purchases help fund FBLA and NHD activities.

PATRIOT'S PEN and VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS – 2016/17

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 is "*The America I Believe In*." Rebekah Shaw received 1st place at the post level, 1st place at the district level and will compete at the state level. Sam Kubishta placed 2nd at the post level and Kyler Greenhalgh place 3rd at the post level. Great job and good luck at State, Rebekah!

Mr. Kubishta's 11th grade US History class participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy contest. The theme this year is "*My Responsibility to America*." Alyssa Keene placed 1st at the post level and 3rd at district level. Kailey Mize placed 2nd, and Allan Holden 3rd, both at the post level. Great job you guys!

HELIX WEBSITE

Just a reminder, the Helix School website is a great source of information. It includes breakfast and lunch menus, sports schedules, scores, Booster Club info, staff email addresses, etc. The website is at <http://www.helix.k12.or.us>.