

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MAY 2013**

HELIX ATHLETIC BANQUET

Mark your calendars! **Thursday, May 16th** the Helix Athletic Awards Banquet is scheduled for **6:00 pm**. The cost will be \$7.00 per person. **Please call Cindy at the office to RSVP if you plan to attend.** Dinner is proudly sponsored by the Helix Grizzlies Booster Club. Come help us recognize our student athletes, and their accomplishments for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information contact the office at 457-2175.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IN MAY

Helix Kindergarten Registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th** from **3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** 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 2026! If you have any questions, or are not able to attend, please contact Cindy at 457-2175.

SPORTS PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICALS

On **Thurs., May 2nd and Monday, May 6th** sports physicals will be given at Pendleton High School at Warberg Court Gym from **7:00 – 8:30 pm**. Anyone planning on playing fall sports will need to have a current physical. Physicals are good for two years. Weston/McEwen requires a yearly physical for all cooperative sports. The physicals have to be done using the OSAA form available in the office and needs to be taken with you to PHS. Cost is \$15.00.

SPRING CONCERT

The Annual Helix School District Spring Music Program will be held on **Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm**. The 4th grade thru high school band students will meet in the multipurpose room/little gym at 6:40 pm to warm up. That same night there will be a high school awards ceremony in the multi-purpose room from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. If you arrive early, please do not enter the multi-purpose room. Please have your children dress in nice "game day" attire: slacks, button up shirt or nice shirt or dress. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have more specific instructions closer to the concert date. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Jonathan Butler a call at (541) 457-2175, ext. 3776.

MUFFINS FOR MOMS/DONUTS FOR DADS

Tuesday, May 7th the Helix Schools will be serving muffins with coffee, juice, and milk for Moms and their children from **7:45 am to 8:25 am**. On **Tuesday, May 21st** the Helix Schools will be serving donuts with coffee, juice, and milk for Dads and their children from **7:45 am to 8:30 am**. Please come and let us show our appreciation to you for all that you do and see what your children are learning in the Helix School District.

JUNIOR HIGH CLEAN UP DAY

The Junior High classes will be volunteering to help with a spring clean up day on **Friday, May 24th**. We are offering to help out with weeding, leaf pick up, trimming, and raking. We are especially interested in helping elderly citizens, but will also assist others. If you would like us to send a work crew to your house, please call the office. Students will be divided into groups of 5-6 and will be accompanied by a teacher. This is our way of thanking the community for supporting Helix schools.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

The Class of 2017 will have their 8th grade graduation ceremony on **Friday, May 31st at 6:30 pm** in the main gym since the multi-purpose room is under construction. Congratulations to these students and best wishes for the next four years of high school!

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to the PTO for bringing the Portland Tears of Joy Theatre to Helix to present the Ugliest Duckling puppet show. Everyone really enjoyed the puppet making workshop later in the day.

Thanks to the Helix Public Library for the RIF book donations that gave all K-8th grade students a book.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARDS

Congratulations to Yvonne Terjeson and Jack Bascomb for being selected as the Helix School District's Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" 2013 award winners. The presentation of awards will be **Wed., May 15th at 4:45 pm** at the Pendleton Red Lion. We wish both Jack and Yvonne our best as they retire after this school year.

Great job and thank you for all you do!

SENIOR GRADUATION 2013

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Helix Community Church on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm**.

The Griswold High School Class of 2012 will have commencement exercises on **Sunday, May 26th at 4:00 p.m.** in the High School Gymnasium.

BOND UPDATE

Much has happened with the bond projects in the last month, especially in the multi-purpose room/stage area.

The construction plan is to bid the bond project in two packages. An early package includes the new gymnasium site work, foundation, underground utilities, and the foundation, as well as the demolition of the stage and framing of the two classrooms in the main building. A later package (bids due May 21st) would consist of everything else that is part of the project scope, which wasn't in the first package. This plan, having two bid packages, allows construction to start on areas KNCC has access to without disrupting school or having to wait until the end of the school year on June 4th to begin.