

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MAY 2016**

HELIX ATHLETIC BANQUET

Mark your calendars! **Tuesday, May 24th** the Helix Athletic Awards Banquet is scheduled for **6:00 p.m.** The cost for dinner is \$15.00 per plate, but the Booster Club picks up \$8.00 of that. Attendees will only be charged \$7.00 per person. Please call Cindy to **RSVP by Wed., May 18th, 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 2015-2016 school year. For more information contact the office at 457-2175.

HELIX KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Helix Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on **Wednesday, May 11th from 2:30 - 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 2029! If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Cindy at 457-2175.

SENIOR GRADUATION 2016

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Helix Community Church on **Sunday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** The Griswold High School Class of 2016 will have commencement exercises on **Saturday, May 29th at 4:00 p.m.** in the High School Gymnasium.

DONUTS FOR DADS/MUFFINS FOR MOMS

On **Tuesday, May 10th**, we will be serving donuts with coffee, juice, and milk for Dads and their children from **7:45 to 8:30 a.m.** **Tuesday, May 17th** the Helix School District will be serving muffins with coffee, juice, and milk for Moms and their children from **7:45 to 8:25 a.m.** Please come and let us show our appreciation for all that you do and see what your children are learning in the Helix School District.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m., Griswold High School will be hosting an Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony. New Junior and National Honor Society members will be inducted, NHD and FBLA state/national qualifiers will be recognized and special awards given. Beverages and desserts will be served following the ceremony.

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARDS

Congratulations to Victoria Fox and Don Rydrych for being selected as the Helix School District's Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" 2016 award winners. The presentation of awards will be **Tues., May 17th at 4:45 p.m.** at the Pendleton Red Lion.

Great job and thank you for all you do!

SPRING CONCERT

The Annual Helix School District Spring Music Program will be held on **Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.** The 4th grade thru high school band students will meet in the main gym at 6:40 p.m. to warm up. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will meet in the library at 6:45. If you have any questions, please give Jonathan Butler a call at (541) 457-2175, ext. 3776.

FBLA CAPTURES STATE AWARDS

Congratulations to Helix FBLA for taking thirteen "Top 10" awards at the State Business Leadership Conference on **April 9th** in Portland. Tucker Wilson, Kailey Mize, Ashton Marks, and Hannah Christman all qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference to be held in Atlanta in June.

NHD STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONALS

Congratulations to students who qualified for the NHD state competition on **April 23rd** at Concordia University in Portland. At this competition Jake Sprenger was awarded 1st place in the Individual Documentary category with his film, "The Common Touch: Woody Guthrie's..." Out of 80 total entries at the competition, he was awarded the Best Entry, earning a prize of round-trip airfare to the national competition. Mecaila Espey was awarded 2nd place for her documentary titled "Wings Clipped, Liberation Extended." Bethany Newton and Caiden Marks received 1st place with their group documentary "The Historic Columbia River Highway..." Ashton Marks and Macey Tullis were awarded 2nd place for their group documentary "Primate Pioneers: Ham & Enos Explore the Heavens." All six of these students will be representing Helix at the national competition in June.

ADOPTED SOLDIERS

Grizzlies, we need your help! We are now collecting items to send to our Pendleton, Oregon Aviation National Guard Unit which is currently stationed in Kuwait and Iraq. The men and women stationed overseas truly love and appreciate everything we send! This will be the last collection of the year, so let's make it a good one! From the soldiers' thank you notes, it seems they really enjoy snacks. Please send any contributions to school by Friday, May 13th. Thank you in advance!

CAREER EXPLORATION

Many opportunities were provided this year for our 7th - 12th grade students to learn more about the employment and post-secondary options available to them upon graduation. Field trips, college campus visits, guest speakers, and job fairs were attended frequently. In an effort to continue this job awareness, parents are welcome to contact Mrs. DeRuwe if interested in sharing an hour of two of their time to assist students in learning more about certain careers. Thank you.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY

The Helix Middle School classes will be volunteering to help with a spring clean-up on **Friday, May 27th**. 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.