

**HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER, 2012**

**Hearing/Vision Screening**

The IMESD will conduct their annual hearing screening on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be for the K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, new students and referrals. For more information on this screening, talk to your student's teacher or call Cindy Wood at 457-2175.

Vision Source of Pendleton will be conducting eye screening at the school **October 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** for students in grades K-8. Thanks to Dr. Briscoe and Dr. Monkman for providing this great service!

**College Corner**

My College QuickStart is an online college and career planning kit available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT at collegeboard.com. It is personalized based on your test performance and is a valuable part of your PSAT/NMSQT experience. You will need a College Board website account and the access code printed on your PSAT/NMSQT paper score report. You can find your access code at the bottom right of your PSAT/NMSQT® paper score report, as well as a couple of other places where you see a computer icon. The access code begins with a letter, is followed by eight numbers, and ends with a letter.

For more information on My College QuickStart, see Mrs. DeRuwe for information or call 457-2175, ext. 3779.

Senior parent meeting on **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in Mrs. DeRuwe's classroom. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

**Junior High Girls Basketball Coach Opening**

The Helix Junior High girls basketball coaching position is currently open. Deadline to apply for this position is November 1<sup>st</sup>. For information or an application call the office at 457-2175.

**Home Access**

The Helix School District has a parent access center that enables you to access your student's grades, attendance, etc. via the internet. Once you obtain the username & password just follow a few simple steps: Pull up our school web page ([www.helix.k12.or.us](http://www.helix.k12.or.us)) and scroll down the buttons on the left hand side of the screen to the HOME ACCESS button. After clicking this button you will then be asked for a username and password. After you enter this information it will give you your list of students enrolled in the Helix School District. Choose the one you want to inquire about and click the tabs down the left – hand side to access their class work, attendance, etc. For more information or to get your username and password please contact Cindy Wood at 457-2175.

**Thank You**

Thank you to the following for their support and generosity toward the Helix School District:

- \*Janet Wood and the Helix Tuesday at Two (TAT) Women's Club for the donation of school supplies.
- \*Rita Nelson for the donation of popsicles for the K-5 students on behalf of Reading Buddies.
- \*Leslee Williams for repairing the banner the band used in the Westward Ho Parade.

**Community Feed**  
**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Community Feed, Open House and Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 pm**. The Helix Booster Club will be providing free hamburgers and hot dogs, Harry Schuening will have his famous sauerkraut and German Sausage and the Helix Parent Teacher Organization will share some delicious desserts. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this **FREE** dinner. You can also sign up to be a Helix Booster Club member, join the PTO and purchase new Helix merchandise. The Helix Friends of the Library will be selling books at their annual book fair in the elementary computer lab. We will have a larger selection this year! See you on the 11th!

**School Bond Slated for November Ballot**

The required documents were submitted to the Umatilla County Election Department and as a result the Helix School District will officially be having a \$4.8 million General Obligation Bond on the **November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012** ballot. Information will be presented at the October 11<sup>th</sup> Community Feed. See the school web page for more information ([www.helix.k12.or.us](http://www.helix.k12.or.us)).

**Christmas Wreath Sales**

The EuroClub will be selling Christmas wreaths throughout the month of October. These beautiful, all-natural decorations are the perfect way for you to add some extra charm to your holiday season. Prices are just \$18 or \$19. We will also be selling wreaths for the Wreaths for Remembrance Project. If you would like to honor a veteran, we will place a wreath on their headstone this December. See any member or call Lorin Kubishta at 377-2703; delivery will be the week after Thanksgiving.

**European Tour**

EuroClub is planning a fantastic trip to Europe in March 2015. The 10-day tour will be over Spring Break, and we would love for you to join us. So far, 19 students have expressed interest... why not you? Contact Lorin Kubishta at 457-2175 or [akubishta@yahoo.com](mailto:akubishta@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Washington D.C. Trip**

The current 7th, 8th, and 9th graders have an opportunity to participate in a trip to Washington D.C. during spring break of 2014. We will be fundraising over the next year to prepare for this. One of our fundraisers is new Helix merchandise! Check out the fashions at the community feed. Purchase your new attire to support the volleyball and basketball teams. If you are interested in the trip, please contact Sharilyn Newton at 457-2175 or by email [snewtson@helix.k12.or.us](mailto:snewtson@helix.k12.or.us).

**Helix School Public Safety Awareness Day**

The Helix School District is planning a Public Safety Awareness Day on **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 - 2:30 pm**. The Helix Fire Department in conjunction with the Oregon State Police, The Life Flight Organization, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, East Umatilla County Medic 400, and Pendleton Fire and Ambulance will present the emergency service they provide to the community. For information call the district office at 457-2175.