

# **HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015**

## **Hearing/Vision Screening**

The IMESD will conduct their annual hearing screening on **October 15<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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am** for students in grades K-12. **Thanks** to Dr. Briscoe and Dr. Monkman for providing this great service!

## **Family Link**

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 side of the screen to the **Family Link** button. After clicking this button you will be asked for a username and password. After you enter this information it will give you a list of students enrolled in upper left corner. Choose the one you want to inquire about and click the tabs down the left side to access their class work, attendance, etc. Current academic standing is under the **Current Progress** link. 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:

\*Jim and Tim Smith for help with irrigation lines this summer.

\*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.

\*Dr. Briscoe and Dr. Monkman for providing vision screening for our K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **Community Feed Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Community Feed, Open House and Book Fair will be held on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 pm**. The Helix Booster Club will provide free hamburgers and hot dogs, the Schuening/Parker family will provide 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 school library. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 6-7 pm and the high school will be open for those interested in seeing the changes after the remodel. A Title I informational meeting will also occur in the elementary resource room. See you on the 8<sup>th</sup>!

## **Oral Hygiene Education at Helix**

On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Walla Walla Pediatric Dentistry will be providing our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students with information regarding good oral hygiene. Students will be in groups based on grade level. The K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be involved in a 20 minute interactive program that teaches the students about the basics of good oral hygiene, nutrition and how to keep the "sugar bugs away." The 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades will have a 20 minute interactive program that teaches the students about the basics of good oral hygiene, but will also focus on special care with braces, nutrition (the effects of sports drinks and sodas on teeth) and the importance of mouth guards to avoid dental injuries. All students will be sent home with a goodie bag with a toothbrush and other dental supplies. For more information about Walla Walla Pediatric Dentistry, visit <http://www.wallakids.com>.

## **Christmas Tree Sales**

The Class of 2017 will be selling Christmas trees this year beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be calling last year's customers to let them know trees sales are available. In addition, a booth will be set up during the Community Feed on October 8<sup>th</sup> and again during the PTC on November 5<sup>th</sup> to preorder trees. Sample colored photos will be available to view; however, every tree is different and there is no guarantee your tree will look exactly as the pictures show. Klickers will be providing three locally grown trees: Douglas, Grand and Noble and will be available in both 6'-7' and 7'-8' heights. Prices vary based on the type and size of tree and will range from \$30-\$50 each. All pre-ordered trees will be delivered to the customer's home or Helix School on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information: contact Macey Tullis 541-969-7348/541-969-9492.

## **Christmas Wreath Sales**

The EuroClub will be selling wreaths throughout the months of September and October. These beautiful, northwest grown wreaths are the perfect way to liven up your holiday season. A beautiful 22" Noble Fir wreath is available for only \$20 delivered. Other holiday greenery is also available for gift giving, and we will have the product shipped directly to the recipient! Wreaths are available for purchase for the Wreaths For Remembrance program. For more information call Lorin Kubishta at 457-2175.

## **Booster Club Alumni Scholarship**

Helix Booster Club may award annual Alumni scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to three (3) qualifying past graduates from Griswold High School. These scholarships may be used at the university, college, or vocational school of the student's choice. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student upon receipt of transcripts or proof of attendance. Contact can be made through the Griswold High School Athletic Director Wayne Miller or Booster Club Treasurer Janet Wood. Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Booster Club, c/o Wayne Miller, PO Box 398, Helix, OR 97835, on or before **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Visit the Helix webpage ([www.helix.k12.or.us](http://www.helix.k12.or.us)) and click on the Booster Club button on the left side of the screen for more information on the Alumni scholarship.