MONTHLY

REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #309

2020-2021 Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL

Hello Republic Families,

We have had an exciting and busy couple of months of school. We are so happy to have students on campus and we are excited to offer on-line learning to students at home. Students have been great about wearing masks, social distancing, and they are very

look different this month, we are excited to offer the following activities:

• Parent/Teacher conferences-November 5, 6. Students will have early release on both days, 11:35 dismissal. If you have signed up to meet with your child's teacher, thank you! This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and progress after the first nine weeks of school. If you want to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher directly or call the school and we will work with you. Our goal is to have 100% participation for our first conference, please help us make our goal!!

cooperative during health screenings. Although some of our traditional activities will

- November 10-Veternan's Day Virtual Assembly-the video will be posted on our webpage
- November 11-No School-Veterans' Day Observed
- November 13-World Kindness Day
- Sports Practices-Please contact Dena Fletcher for updates on sports practices and schedules
- Thanksgiving Break- November 26 and 27.
- Make-up day: November 25 with Early Release

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information on any of the above items. Thank you for your continued support of our amazing school!

We are: Tiger Pride, Republic Strong and most importantly, Success for All!

Most Sincerely,

Carolann Gutierrez (Mrs. G)

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NOTE: If your living arrangement is both temporary and the result of economic hardship, you may qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act. The purpose of this law is to provide academic stability for students whose families are in transition.

Please contact the Republic School District McKinney-Vento Coordinator at 509-775-3173 Ext. 106 if your family's living arrangement is temporary and fits into one of the following categories:

- You are temporarily living with friends or relatives, or moving from place to place, because you cannot currently afford your own housing.
- You are living in a shelter or the student is in CPS custody.
- You are living in a motel or hotel.
- You are living in a place not considered traditional "housing", like a car or a campground.
- The student is an "unaccompanied youth" he or she is living with someone who is not a parent or guardian, or he or she is moving from place to place without a parent or guardian.

Children who qualify under McKinney-Vento have the right to:

- Remain in the school they were attending, even if they lose their housing and become displaced outside of the school district. This choice must be a reasonable and in the best interest of the children involved. Check with the district Homeless Liaison if you are not sure.
- Enroll in the school assigned to the attendance area where they are being sheltered.
- Remain in the same school for the duration of the school year if their family is forced to move to another temporary address because of economic hardship.
- Receive assistance with transportation to attend school while they are being temporarily housed.
- Start school immediately while school staff assists in obtaining school, immunization records, or other documents necessary for enrollment.
- Enroll in school without having a permanent address.
- Receive Title I services, including free breakfast and lunch.

If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Grumbach at 509-775-3173 Ext. 106 or email at: bgrumbach@republicsd.org

DANGEROUS WEAPONS POLICY

It is a violation of state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities. The law outlines exceptions in certain cases, i.e., security activities, firearm safety lecture/course, law enforcement officers, etc.

School officials shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy. Students who violate this policy may be subject to discipline, "including a one-year expulsion" for a violation involving a firearm.

FROM THE DESK OF SCHOOL NURSE:

Jeannette Bauer

<u>It's</u> been a new adventure for me as a school nurse after working in the Emergency room. It's definitely not boring and each day brings its own adventure. It's been a very busy start to the school year with school being out for so long last spring and all the COVID requirements we have to comply with. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we've worked through the process. We had a couple bumps in the beginning as we learned to navigate the state requirements, but were able to quickly adapt and learn how to improve things.

Some of you may have received letters regarding your child's immunizations. We would really appreciate everyone's cooperation as we work through getting files updated. There are some older exemptions in files that are not valid (depends on date signed), and many I am finding that were not filled out properly and are thus, invalid. Last year, measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) was no longer covered under a personal/philosophical exemption. This year, the state mandated medically verified immunizations. This can include: if they are in the Washington state system, printed from an online portal (with name/DOB, etc.), printed from a provider's office, or if hand written – then signed by a provider. The lifetime immunization cards so many have can work IF there is a provider stamp/identifier. These are a little trickier.

Some families received a Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) with a request to sign the upper left box. That allows me to upload any medically verified immunizations and/or exemptions on file into the state system. The state will pull our compliance reports from there, so everything must be uploaded to be accounted for. Please help me get things up to date so our state report accurately reflects where we are!

BUS SAFETY

Please remember to drive slowly, and to be cautious of the cones that are placed in the school parking lot. Students are in and out of the lot at all times of the day, and it is especially congested during arrival and departure times with buses.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL – **GIRLS**

HS GYM OR ELEMENTARY

COACH DAN GRAHAM

Monday: 5:30-7:30 PM Wednesday: 3:00-5:00 PM

Friday: 3:00-5:00 PM

BASKETBALL - BOYS

HS GYM OR ELEMENTARY

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
JASON STEWART

Monday: 3:15-5:00 PM Wednesday: 3:15-5:00 PM

CHEER

HS STAGE AREA

COACH SARAH VANSLYKE

Monday: 3:00-5:00 PM Wednesday: 3:00-5:00 PM



2020-2021 School Year Republic School District Breakfast after the Bell

Research confirms that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for children's health, academic achievement, cognitive development and mental health. Lack of breakfast can be contributed to busy morning schedules, transportation schedules, or just not being hungry first thing in the morning.

How can the cafeteria in your child's school help your child to reach higher levels of achievement in math and reading, concentrate better, be more alert, retain more of what they learn, and participate in class? Provide a balanced breakfast that is at no cost to your students each morning.

Each day Republic School District offers breakfast before school. Each meal contains whole grain items, fresh fruit, and milk. For students that don't make it to school before the bell, Republic Elementary, Republic Middle School, and Republic High School are offering a "Grab and Go" menu after the bell in the morning. All students may eat breakfast for FREE. If your child eats prior to coming to school, they are still eligible to participate in the "Grab and Go" breakfast for FREE and eat the items as a mid-morning snack, which will help them concentrate until lunch.

If you struggle to provide snacks, or find your child struggles to make it from breakfast to lunch, this "Grab and Go" breakfast provides the convenience you need. Grab & Go will be served from 8:00-8:30 AM.

PUBLIC NOTICE TITLE I NOTIFICATION – RSD POLICY 4130

The board recognizes that parent involvement contributes to the achievement of academic standards by students participating in district programs. The board views the education of students as a cooperative effort among school, parents and community. The board expects that its schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with the statutory definition of parental involvement. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that parents:

- 1. Play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- 2. Are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; and
- 3. Are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

The board of directors adopts as part of this policy the following guidance for parent involvement. The district will:

- 1. Put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its Title I schools consistent with federal laws including the development and evaluation of policy. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children;
- 2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in the planning and implementing of effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- 3. Build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement;
- 4. Coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with parent involvement strategies under other programs, such as Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Parents As Teachers, Home Instruction, Preschool Youngsters, or state-run preschools;
- 5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an

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SAFE SCHOOLS ALERT

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, Republic School District continues to provide the Safe Schools Alert System. Safe Schools Alert is a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration four different ways:

1) Phone: 1-855-4ALERT1, ext. 1045

2) Text: Text #1045 @tip + your tip to ALERT1 (253781)

3) Email: 1045@alrt1.us4) Web: http://1045.alert1.us

You and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism or any safety issue you're concerned about through Safe Schools Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification code: 1045 in your communication.

Every tip Safe Schools Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Together, using Safe Schools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.





GUEST SPEAKERS: GARRETT HEBEL—UNIVERSITY
OF WASHINGTON, DARREN MATTOZZI—RECAP
COALITION COORDINATOR, & STACC (STUDENTS
TAKING ACTION FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE)

Are you concerned about the opioid crisis or other substance misuse/abuse issues affecting our youth and community?

Then come join us as we learn and discuss ways we can make a difference in the opioid crisis and create a healthier and more promising future for our community!



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Republic School District is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if home and school work together to promote high achievement by our children.

Title I schools are required to increase the amount of parent and community involvement and build partnerships with parents to increase student achievement. In addition, a goal of our school improvement plan is to increase parent involvement. Republic School District Policy No. 4131, Community Relations and Title I Parental Involvement are available at the district office. The following is a list of parent involvement opportunities taken from the 2020-2021 Title I School Wide plan:

Section Six – Parent Involvement

Republic School District strives to involve parents and community in the education process. The following are ways that may be used to include parents/community in the educational process:

- Parent/teacher conferences are held for K-12 in November
- Student led conferences in April
- Quarterly grade reports and mid-term progress reports
- A monthly district newsletter is sent home to all parents
- HSPE/MSP (High School Proficiency Exam/Measurement Student Progress results are shared with parents in September
- A committee of staff, students and parents meet annually to review the K-12 discipline policy
- Classroom volunteers are utilized at many grade levels
- Student book fair is held in September or October
- Various school committees (Title, Vocational, Curriculum Adoption, Discipline)
- Senior Citizen's Dinner
- Annual Veteran's Day breakfast and assembly
- Field trips
- Weekly Communication Folder
- Ready! For Kindergarten
- Math and Reading Nights

All efforts will be made to involve the parents of students who are not meeting academic standards. Parent/teacher conferences, open house, literacy night, the early childhood prevention kit and the student compact will all be avenues used to involve such parents.

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA), Republic School District contracted with Education Service District 101 of Spokane, Washington, to conduct a Three-Year Asbestos Reinspection of all school buildings. During July 2015, an EPA accredited asbestos Inspector and Management Planner performed the required inspection, reassessed each category of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) and noted any significant changes from the 1989, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013 inspections. Reinspection will assist the school district in the process of safely managing each ACBM within our district.

The AHERA Reinspection Report and Management Plans (1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013 and 2016) are available to the general public and can be reviewed anytime during normal school hours. As required by AHERA, a designated person is available during regular business hours to answer any questions concerning ACBM in our buildings. The designated person can be contacted through the district office.

The following Non-Friable Asbestos Containing Building Materials are present in the Republic School Building:

- Vinyl floor tile/adhesive (throughout Jr-Sr High building and custodial supply trailer, shop classroom & storage)
- Pipe insulation (beneath floor slab and inside walls of the high school building).

The following Friable Asbestos Containing Building Materials are present in the Republic School Building: None.

All ACBM listed above were found to be in good condition and are being continually maintained in accordance with all Washington State and Federal laws.

ASB STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Associated Student Bodies of Republic Schools are governed by the elected ASB officers, class presidents, class representatives and one elected representative from each club.

The purpose of the Republic ASB is to provide the opportunity for active involvement of students in the organization and management of student affairs, to promote interest and enthusiasm in school activities to teach and develop leadership within the STUDENT body, and to provide opportunity for cooperating in helping our school reflect spirit, pride, and unity.

Meetings are held on a regular basis and student representatives make up the voting delegation at the meetings. There are five elected officers including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and publicity officer. Currently, they are elected for one full school year. Through the sale of ASB cards, students are able to attend all school-sponsored activities for a discounted price and the money raised through card sales helps to finance activities, purchases, and provide services and equipment for STUDENT needs and use.

Junior ASB Officers L-R: President Kerrington Johansen, Vice President Saige Schooley, Secretary Tristen Bennett, Treasurer Zerenty Lytle, and Publicity Officer Zoe Parker.





Virtual Veteran's Day recordings will be posted to the school website. Watch for it!

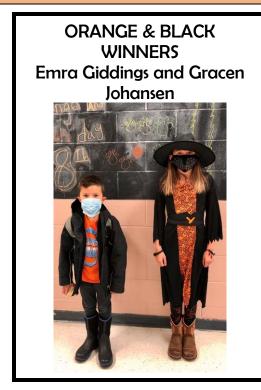
24 YEARS AGO...

The first day of school for the "new" Republic Elementary School was November 4, 1996. Final mortgage payment was December 2003.

SPIRIT WEEK



PAJAMA DAY WINNER: Logan Kersten – 5th Grader





EMOTIONALLY PREPARING YOUR CHILDREN FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEASON

(Family Features) Between sheltering-in-place, online learning and time away from friends, many children will need a little extra support as they head back to school this fall. Consider these tips from the experts at KinderCare to help you emotionally prepare your children to return to school with confidence, optimism and excitement.

Address your feelings (and theirs)

Children often take cues about how to react from their parents. Think about what it takes for you to feel calm and prepared (or even excited) for the start of a new school year. That could mean talking with your child's teacher or school about the safety precautions they're taking so you can feel more at ease, taking a few minutes to establish a morning routine or stepping away from news that makes you anxious. Focus instead on the positive aspects of school, like the opportunity your child will have to learn, make friends, interact with others and grow into his or her own person.

"Children need a sense of belonging, and school provides an important connection point for them," said Dr. Elanna Yalow, chief academic officer for KinderCare Learning Centers. "Nothing builds a sense of community like personal contact with friends and teachers. That connection is essential in supporting a child's growth and development."

Set expectations about what to expect before the first day

Some children may feel ready to go and eager to explore, while others can be more reserved or even fearful of new places, faces and routines. When your child knows what to expect, it can go a long way in soothing any worries he or she may have about leaving home and going to school.

It's also important to respect your child's growing independence and empower him or her to help others. As you explain safety precautions like covering the mouth when sneezing or coughing, or proper hand washing, emphasize how your child's actions can help keep family, friends and teachers safe.

Republic School District

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

www.republic309.org

District Office 775-3173

Elementary 775-3327

Middle/High School 775-3171

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- August 24-Orientation
- 25-All Staff Orientation
- 26-Orientation 27- First Day of School

<u>September</u>

- 2-FR
- 3-4 FairWeekend NS 7-Labor Day NS 14,15-Closed due to Smoke

12- Columbus Day NS

November

- 3- FOQ
- 5-6 Conferences (ER) 11-No School Veterans 25 - Make Up Day for
- Closure in September (ER) 26,27 - Thanksgiving Break

December 18-Early Release 21-31 Winter Break (NS)

- 1- New Year's Day (NS) 18 Martin Luther King Jr. (NS) 26 - End of 2nd Quarter

1-End of 3rd Quarter

September (ER)

5-9 Spring Break 15.16 Conferences ER

15- Presidents' Day (NS)

5-Make Up Day for Closure in

May

31- Memorial Day (NS)

<u>June</u>

- 5- High School Graduation 11- Last day of School Farly Release (11:30) End of Quarter
- ER: Early Release EOQ: End of Quarter NS: No School OR: Staff Orientation

EMERGENCY ALL-CALL

This system allows the district to have every student emergency contact number called in less than 15 minutes in case of an emergency. It is very important if you have moved or changed your phone service to update your records with the school district. This system will also allow groups to be called – for example if a bus carrying football athletes has a flat tire and will be late – the coach can have the Emergency Allcall alert system let parents know the bus will be arriving later.

BOOSTER CLUB HOLIDAY SALE!!

Saturday. December 5

7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Republic Elementary gym and multipurpose room **Questions please contact:**

Debbie Besemann 509-775-2417



PUBLIC NOTICE CONTINTUED FROM P. 5

annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served with Title I funds including: identifying barriers to greater participation of parents in Title I related activities, with particular attention to participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children; and

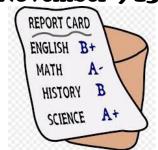
6. Involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement are spent.

Legal References: 20 USC § 6311 ("No Child Left Behind Act") Management Resources: Policy News, October 2008: Family Involvement Policy: Policy News, June 2005:

Title I Parental Involvement Policy: Policy News, August 2003: No Child Left

Behind Update Adopted 5.13

Report cards will go out the week of November 9-13.



SPIRIT WEEK

October 26-30

COSTUME DAY WINNER: Megan Ricard and Avery Barnes



Class pictures include Mrs. Torzewski's class (top) and Mrs. Walker's class (bottom)









PAJAMA DAY 2020 – Spirit Week Science teacher Christian Sencer and ASB Secretary Dena Fletcher



ORANGE & BLACK DAY Para-Educator Katrina Sage

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Conferences - Nov. 5 & 6

Advisors will contact to schedule appointments for ALL students

DATE: November 18
TIME: TBA
Retake Pictures

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHILD FIND

The Republic Schools provide many programs for the children in our school district at no cost to you. The schools offer special programs such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, Title/LAP and special education academic programs, and preschool classes to children 3 years and older.

Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability, which could adversely affect their educational development, are available at no cost to you. These services are available for persons between the ages of birth and 21 years of age.

Appointments or further information can be obtained by contacting the school office at 509-775-3327.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Republic School District shall annually notify parents of students currently in attendance, and eligible students currently in attendance, of their rights under the Act and this part. The notice must include a statement that the parent or eligible student has a right to:

- 1) Inspect and review the student's education records;
- 2) Request an amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
- 3) Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the Act and the regulations in this part authority disclosure without consent;
- 4) File with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint under Sec. 99.64 concerning alleged failures by the Republic School District to comply with the requirements of the act and this part; and
- 5) Obtain a copy of the policy adopted under Sec 99.6.

Copies of the policy adopted under Sec. 99.6 are located at the Republic School District office, 30306 East Hwy 20, Republic, WA 99166, 509-775-3173. The Republic School District may provide this notice by any means that are reasonably likely to inform the parents and eligible students of their rights. The Republic School District shall effectively notify parents of students who have a primary or home language other than English.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Republic School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Title IX Coordinator/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator Kevin Young, Superintendent email: kyoung@republicsd.org

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PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

Check website for updated news and information.

You will find many resources including an up-to-date calendar of school activities and sports events, parent, student, and district information – just to name a few.

Upcoming Events

- SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
 Wednesday, November 18, 2020
 Wednesday, December 16, 2020
 Wednesday, January 27, 2021
 Wednesday, February 24, 2021
 - New Board Room Location: 'Old' High School Library
- Work Session starts at 6:00 PM
- Meeting starts at 6:30 PM



Board approved make up day: Wednesday, Nov. 25 with Early Release Friday, March 5 with Early Release

REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #309 Issue 02 NOVEMBER 2020



Republic School District #309 30306 E Hwy 20 Republic WA 99166

District Office 509-775-3173

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020