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## SUPERINTENDENT

Republic Families-

First of all, I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing break!

As we return to school, I need to ask for everyone's help in ensuring we can continue in-person instruction. We have been very fortunate thus far in that we've not had to close the school even for a short time and use remote learning for all students. While we've been lucky, we've also taken many intentional precautions and had the support of staff and students in following safety guidelines.

I ask that everyone continue to follow the safety guidelines that have allowed us to remain open. We will continue to follow health department guidelines. One of the most important guidelines requires an extended quarantine for people exposed to a confirmed positive case. While we do our best to limit "close contact" at school, the more positive cases that are discovered in our community the more people who will be forced to quarantine (with or without symptoms). In many other districts in our area, too many staff members have been required to quarantine which has led directly to short term building closures (usually 2 weeks at a time).

Although I know mask use may be a controversial topic for some, I want to be clear that it is a requirement for us to be open. Please reinforce with your student(s) that this is not optional at school or on the bus. I would also ask that when possible please send your student

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# PRINCIPAL

January 1, 2021

Happy New Year! I'm excited for 2021, and all of the future accomplishments of our students and staff. Many students have set goals for the New Year, and I encourage you to reflect on all the possibilities a New Year, or a fresh start can bring.

We, at Republic Schools, are excited to complete the school year with activities, growth, learning and success for our school. Although this year has looked different than in the past, we are still committed to having an excellent educational experience for your child whether it is in-person or online. We appreciate your continued support and flexibility as we navigate through uncharted territories.

This month students will be taking the winter MAP assessment. This test is for students in grades K-8, with kindergarten taking the assessment for the first time. The assessment includes reading, math, and science (for some grades). The MAP standards-based assessment gives us a good measure of what students have learned the first semester of school. Teachers will let you know the exact dates and times.

A couple of other dates for you to post on your calendars at home:

- Monday, January 18, 2021 we will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no school for students
- January 26, ends our second quarter

First week of February:

- Report cards sent home the first week of February
- The Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 21 will be announced

We are so happy that our students are back in school after a long winter break. We look forward to a great start to 2021 and the semester ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of our great school; we appreciate all of you!!

We are: **TIGER PRIDE, REPUBLIC STRONG AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SUCCESS FOR ALL!**

Most Sincerely,

**Ms. G.**

Principal 509-207-7376 (cell) 509-740-7489 (office)  
cgutierrez@republicsd.org

## MONITORING STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Partnership development with parents, teachers, students, and the school district are necessary to achieve academic success. In a rural location, cooperation is a must between all these parties. The make-up of Ferry County and the City of Republic, where the Republic School District is located, draws a blueprint of what 'real life' offers for its' citizens.. Washington states' median income is \$73,775 (U.S. Census Bureau), Ferry County is \$41,939 (U.S. Census Bureau), while the City of Republic is \$32,917 (Data USA). Plus a global pandemic struck early in 2020 leading to higher unemployment. "The preliminary county unemployment rate for the first nine months of 2020 was 12.4 percent. In 2019, the rate was 11.7 percent for the same time period. The unemployment-

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## BUS SAFETY

Reminder no overnight parking.

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.



Monitoring continued from p. 2 ment rate peaked in 2010 at 17.5 percent.” (Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA).

Keeping an eye on how students’ progress is comparable to a basketball game. Early education begins at home with the parent(s) or guardian(s) reading to their child(ren). This promotes an early love of listening and reading for the student. The parents are in the ‘warm-up’ stages of the game.

Next, the teacher begins coaching the ‘regulation’ game. Plays are executed with precision to elevate the students’ skill level and to push them to the limit. Coach K, also known as Mike Krzyzewski says, “Champions play as they practice. Create a consistency of excellence in all your habits.” Teachers will push students to a higher level of excellence.

Students begin at the Tiger Cub level, move up to junior high and high school, yet they may become the next Michael Jordan or Sue Bird if they put in enough time. Resolving to take this ‘championship’ attitude to academic studies creates a rich and rewarding environment for the student. In this analogy, the student is the basketball player. It’s up to each individual to set themselves up for success, whereby they make the time to complete homework assignments and are responsible to submit.

The school district are the fans watching the game. Watching how the teacher (coach) interacts with the parents and students (players). For example, Republic School District had parent/teacher conferences in early November. These conferences provide a platform for parents to gain an understanding of where their child(ren) are academically.

Skyward Family Access provides the key to assisting parents get a view of the teacher’s grade book, which contain items like grades and test scores. If you do not have a login or forgot your password, please call Judy Hamrick (High School Registrar) at 509-775-3171 or Amy Sharbono (Elementary Registrar) at 509-775-3327. Collaboration and teamwork make for a great game to watch to monitor student academic success at Republic School District.

## First Hot Cocoa Happiness with the Kitchen Staff



The first hot cocoa with the Kitchen staff was held Friday, December 11. Food Service Manager Wendy Braun served the students L-R: Micah Isom/Kindergarten, Lyezah VanSlyke/1st, Landon Short/5th, Monarch Louie/4th, Kerrington Johanson/6th, and Koby Waterfall/5th.

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

## JANUARY 2021

Republic School District

All Breakfast & Lunch are **FREE** for all students.  
 Adults: Breakfast- \$2.50  
 Lunch- \$4.00  
 Menu May Change due to unavailability

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				No School <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">1</span> Happy New Year
French Toast <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">4</span> Fruit  Pizza Veggies & Fruit	Bagel <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">5</span> Fruit  Taco Veggies & Fruit	Brkfst Burrito <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">6</span> Fruit  Chicken Nuggets Veggies & Fruit	Muffin <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">7</span> Fruit  Cooks Choice Veggies & Fruit	Mini Cinni <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">8</span> Fruit  Hot Dog Veggies & Fruit
Brkfst Sandwich <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">11</span> Fruit  Hamburgers Veggies & Fruit	French Toast <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">12</span> Fruit  Beef Dippers Veggies & Fruit	Oatmeal <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">13</span> Fruit  Chili Veggies & Fruit	Eggs & Biscuit <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">14</span> Fruit  Chicken Burger Veggies & Fruit	Donut <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">15</span> Fruit  Taco Burrito Veggies & Fruit
No School <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">18</span>	Mini Pancakes <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">19</span> Fruit  Pretzel w/ Cheese Veggies & Fruit	Yogurt & Granola <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">20</span> Fruit  BBQ Chicken Veggies & Fruit	Soft Bars <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">21</span> Fruit  Hamburger Veggies & Fruit	Maple Bar <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">22</span> Fruit  Mini Corndogs Veggies & Fruit
Pumpkin Bread <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">25</span> Fruit  Cook Choice Veggies & Fruit	Blueberry Biscuit <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">26</span> Fruit  Chicken Gravy Veggies & Fruit	Scone <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">27</span> Fruit  Spaghetti Veggies & Fruit	Brkfst Sandwich <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">28</span> Fruit  Burrito Veggies & Fruit	Cooks Choice <span style="float: right; font-weight: bold;">29</span> Fruit  BBQ Rib Sandwich Veggies & Fruit

Milk is offered at every meal. Cereal is offered as an option at breakfast.  
 Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:00 AM  
 Grab & Go Breakfast is available from 8:00-8:30 AM

# 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.

# **WINNERS!! SIXTH GRADERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST - PHOTOS COURTESY AMY SHARBONO**



**SIXTH GRADERS  
PLAYING MUSIC!  
HELIANTHUS  
SONGHAND ON  
KEYBOARD AND  
KERRINGTON  
JOHANSON ON  
THE VIOLIN.  
GREAT JOB SIXTH  
GRADERS!!**



## FOURTH GRADERS CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

**PRESCHOOL** - ALL PHOTOS COURTESY AMY SHARBONO



Superintendent continued from p. 1 to the bus or school with a mask. We will continue trying to provide them for students, but many students are using many masks per day. We've gone through roughly 20,000 masks and shields up to this point. This isn't sustainable long term.

We are committed to keeping our buildings open and working with students in person. Although our hands are currently tied, we are trying to find ways to get more students back in-person if they choose that route. We will continue to offer a fully remote option for any student and family that prefers that.

In this difficult year, I want to remind everyone that not every community is sending students to school. Some students around the state are coming up on a calendar year of remote learning. Our community is a special place and we will continue to try to do what's best for students. Let's recognize the positives and try to keep those going. Thank you!

*Kevin*



## THE GRINCH

L-R Cindy-Lou Who, Grinch, and Max. Photo courtesy Dena Fletcher.

The Grinch made a surprise appearance Friday, December 11 at the Elementary School. He was reported to have stolen a few gifts. Also in attendance was Cindy-Lou Who and the Grinch's dog, Max.

# #SchoolBoardMonth

**P**LEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

**C**heck the website for updated news and information.

**Y**ou 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.

You may direct  
ASK THE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
questions to Media  
instructor Christian  
Spencer at [cspencer@republicsd.org](mailto:cspencer@republicsd.org)



To clarify what families can expect as COVID increases in our area:

- Continued daily temperature check/screenings.
- Following Tri-County Health quarantine guidelines for COVID positive and identified close contacts.
- If a student/staff is positive, carefully protecting your personal information, while notifying close contacts and those at risk of exposure. NOTE: if a close contact was quarantined or away from school long enough prior to a positive COVID test (per guidelines) then no notification would be necessary.
- Work with families to keep student's education on track throughout any necessary absences.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation with our COVID requirements to stay open. We have thus far had no known cases associated with school spread. We need everyone's continued support to continue avoiding school spread as local cases rise.

Please remember - we cannot have your child at school if they have had a fever of  $\geq 100.4$ , cough, shortness of breath, chills, unusual fatigue, body aches/muscle pain, loss of taste/smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea or other signs of new illness not related to a preexisting condition.

- Also:
1. If a close contact with any confirmed positive COVID-19 persons (>15 minutes within 6 feet - whether masked or not).
  2. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days (unless a healthcare provider certifies symptom onset/10 day quarantine started prior to test date).
  3. Anyone recommended by a healthcare professional to quarantine in the last 14 days.

IF a student must quarantine due to testing positive, close contact or otherwise, the school will work with you to get any needed homework, etc. If there is a positive case within a household - PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. We will make arrangements to bring any necessary work to the car. Thank you for helping us continue to stay open and keep students and staff safe!

*Jeannette Bauer*

A vertical orange banner with a black, spiky border at the top. At the top, the words "ELEMENTARY BUZZ" are written in a jagged, black, hand-drawn font. Below this, the word "MONDAY" is written in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. Underneath "MONDAY" is a photograph of a pile of popcorn next to a red and white striped popcorn bucket. Below the photo, the word "POPCORN" is written in large, colorful, block letters (P: purple, O: orange, P: pink, C: cyan, O: orange, R: red, N: green). Next is the word "WRISTBAND" in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below that is a photograph of several colorful wristbands (purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, black) stacked together. Underneath the photo, the word "WEDNESDAY" is written in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below that, the word "FRIDAY" is written in large, bold, blue, block letters. Underneath "FRIDAY" are the words "HOT COCOA HAPPINESS" in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font. Below that is a photograph of a red and white striped mug with green polka dots, filled with hot cocoa and topped with white foam. To the right of the mug, the words "WITH THE" are written in a smaller, blue, hand-drawn font. At the bottom of the banner, the words "KITCHEN STAFF" are written in a large, bold, blue, hand-drawn font. A small black arrow points downwards from the bottom right corner of the banner.





# Washington State Summary

## Republic School District

CPR 1.4



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### Enrollment

(2019-20 School Year)

345



0%

English Learners

70%

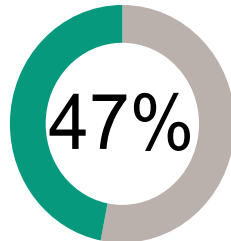
Low Income

### Student Performance

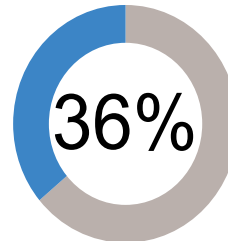
How are we doing getting students to their learning goals?



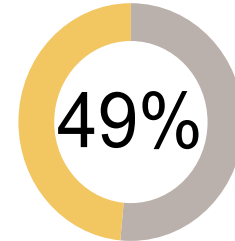
English Language Arts



Math



Science



Met grade level standards on state administered tests

### How engaged are our students?



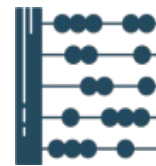
83%

9th Graders on Track to Graduate



36%

Have High English Language Arts Growth



24%

Have High Math Growth

### About Our Teachers and Classrooms



30

Number of Teachers

60.0%

Have Master's Degree or Higher

14.4

Average Years Experience



11.8

Number of Students per Teacher

### Finances

How much money do we spend on each student?

\$13,609

Staff Salary & Benefits

\$4,468



Non-Personnel Costs

All information is for the 2018-19 school year, unless otherwise noted. To see more from the Washington State Report Card, visit [WashingtonStateReportCard.OSPI.k12.wa.us/ReportCard/ViewSchoolOrDistrict/100217](http://WashingtonStateReportCard.OSPI.k12.wa.us/ReportCard/ViewSchoolOrDistrict/100217)  
If you have questions or comments, contact [ReportCardRedesign@k12.wa.us](mailto:ReportCardRedesign@k12.wa.us)



# Building the future of public education

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”** — Margaret Mead

## January is School Board Recognition Month

### Messages

#### **January is School Board Recognition Month**

Say “Thank you!”

#### **Helping kids soar to Success!**

School Board Recognition Month

#### **Superheroes for schools**

Thank you, school board!

#### **School boards make a powerful difference**

#### **School boards lead so students achieve**

#### **Positive, supportive, caring**

Thank you, school board members!

#### **Strong schools = Strong communities**

Thank your school board

#### **Leading students to success**

Republic School Board

#### **Republic School Board**

Working to make a difference

### Education Quotes

“The Public School is the cornerstone of a democratic society.”—*Horace Mann*

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”—*John Dewey*

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” —*Benjamin Franklin*

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” —*William Butler Yeats*

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.” —*B.B. King*

“I am still learning.”—*Michelangelo*

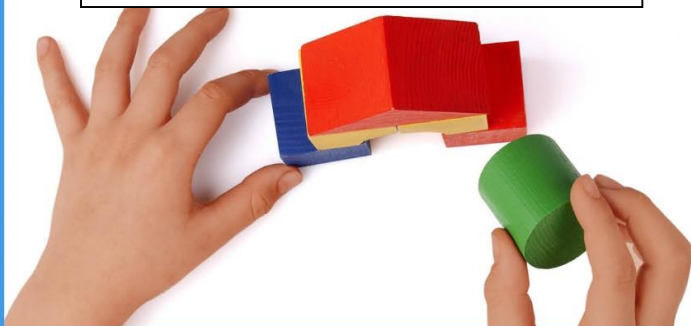
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” —*Dr. Seuss*

“Learning never exhausts the mind.”  
—*Leonardo da Vinci*

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.” —*Chinese Proverb*

A mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*





# COUNSELOR CORNER

## Habits of Highly Effective People

### Habit #1 Be Proactive

This time of uncertainty and transition during this pandemic has presented various challenges to all families, but has also brought about opportunities to rise to those challenges and show our strength. Rather than sit and observe the crisis and let it just happen, we can be an example of a leader and a change maker to our families and others. Despite our fears and the possibility of becoming frozen by our fear of the uncertainty surrounding us, we all have the ability within to rise to the occasion and take control and lead.

Leadership is not an abstract or vague concept. It is simply the act of promotion of some common good or purpose. And good leadership begins with being proactive, or taking action and control of our environment. Can we control as much as we'd like? Of course not; however, focus on the things we CAN control. Meaning our attitudes, our choice to focus on the positive, focusing on what is within our realm of control and do those things. **To be proactive is to take responsibility for our own lives.** And setting this example for your children is how we then teach them to be responsible, motivated, and successful.

You can develop your proactivity by paying attention to your daily frustration. The more you realize what doesn't work in your life, the more inclined you are to want to fix it as soon as possible.

#### Here are some ways to practice this:

1. Pay attention to what frustrates you in your daily life and find a way you can address it. By fixing the small issues of every day life, we then start taking responsibility.
2. Spend 5 minutes at night reflecting on your day and identify those frustrations and consider a potential solution. The next day, try to actually apply what you came up with.

#### How to teach this to your child:

1. Share those things that frustrate you and the ways you have found to fix them in ways that they can understand. Relate it to the things they become frustrated with. Problem solve with them the different ways they can take control and fix their own challenges. Talk to them about responsibility for self and becoming their own problem solvers.

#### Proactive People VS. Reactive

<u>PROACTIVE PEOPLE</u>	<u>REACTIVE PEOPLE</u>
Take responsibility for their choices	Make choices based on moods, feelings, and emotions.
Take initiative to make things happen	Wait for something to happen to them
When things don't go their way, they aren't happy, BUT they stay calm	Explode when things don't go as planned

"Life is a book and you are the author, You determine its' plot and pace and you-only you- turn its' pages.


-Beth Mendez Conny

Habit #1

## BE PROACTIVE

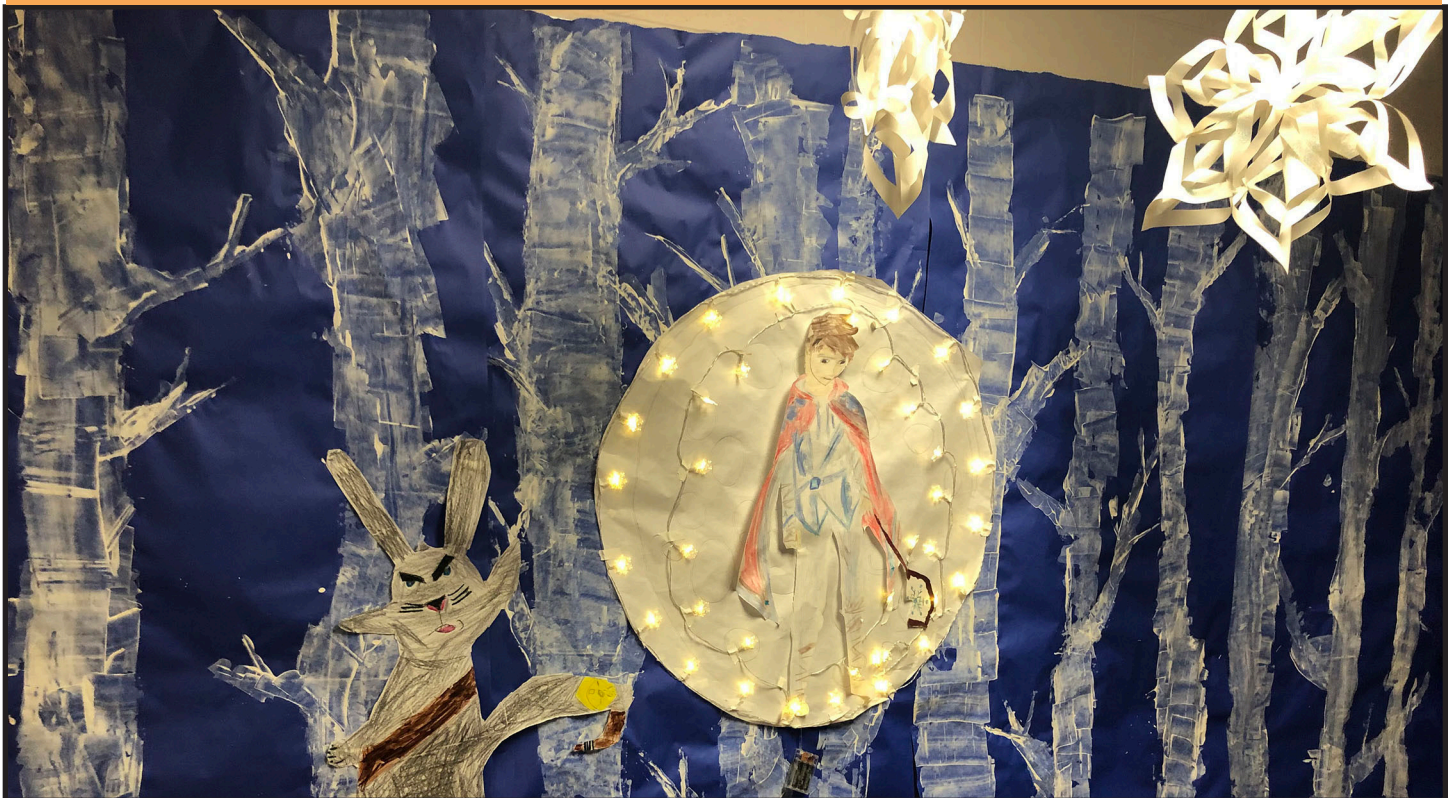
You're in charge of yourself

- I have a "can do" attitude and always try my best at everything I do.
- I follow directions and do the right things without being asked, even when nobody is looking.
- I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods and don't blame others for my wrongdoing.





THIRD GRADERS! Top is Mrs. King's class and bottom is Mrs. Walker's class ~ photos courtesy Amy Sharbono





Top two photos  
are SECOND  
GRADERS  
decorations

Bottom two  
photos are FIRST  
GRADERS  
decorations

All photos  
courtesy Amy  
Sharbono



# ASK THE SUPERINTENDENT

*QUESTION: Are we going to have any after school clubs/activities?*

ANSWER: We are able to have after school clubs and activities as long as we follow the same safety rules as during the school day. Clubs are ASB activities. To start a new club, it would first have to be approved by the ASB. In addition, you would need an advisor, to create bylaws, and elect officers.

*QUESTION: Will seniors be able to have a senior trip and if not, what will the seniors do instead?*

ANSWER: Great question. I certainly hope so. This will depend on state guidelines and what the senior class proposes for the trip. Overnight (or out-of-state) trips MUST be approved by the school board in advance of the trip.

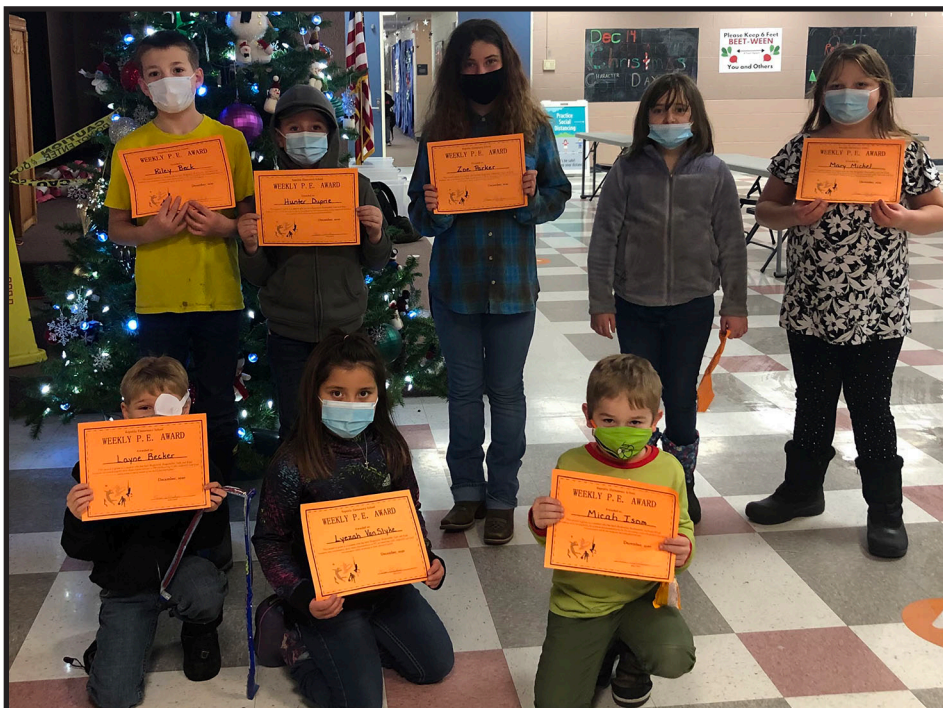
*QUESTION: What will happen if school goes all online for students that don't have good internet?*

ANSWER: If we are forced to remote learning, it is my hope we can find creative ways for most students to access the internet. For students that can't, my goal is to provide weekly instruction on a thumb drive and set-up a weekly exchange for work and a new thumb drive. We'll all have to be flexible as we work out the kinks.

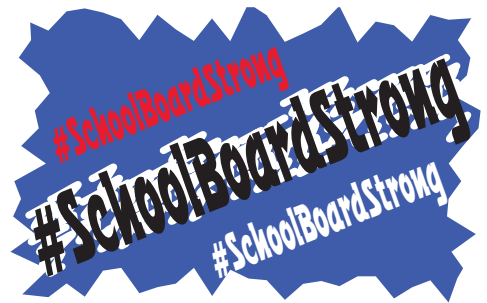
*QUESTION: Will there be Chromebooks for students to check out if school goes online?*

ANSWER: Yes. We are receiving 150 Windows' devices from the state in the next few weeks (for free!) and we have 150 Chromebooks that should finally arrive at the end of November (they were ordered in the spring). Every student will receive a device if we must go to remote learning.

## P.E. AWARD WINNERS FOR DEC. 7-11, 2020



Top L-R: Riley Beck/5th, Hunter Duprie/3rd, Zoe Parker/6th, Olivia Thew/4th, and Mary Michel/3rd. Bottom L-R: Layne Becker/2nd, Lyezah Van Slyke/1st, and Micah Isom/Kinder. Photo courtesy Amy Sharbono.



## Citizen Complaints

If you believe that the law that applies to federal programs like Title I has been violated, you have the right to file a complaint. First contact your child's school. If you can't reach a solution, you can file a Citizen Complaint through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Information on how to do this can be obtained through this link: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/special-education/dispute-resolution/file-citizen-complaint>.  
CPR 1.9



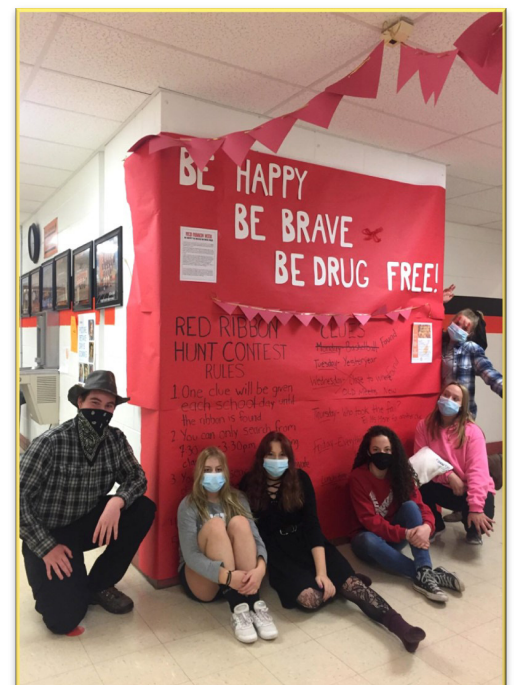
## WHAT IS STACC?

STACC is an official ASB club, and it's an offshoot of *RYAC (Republic Youth Action Coalition)*. Its members are passionate about creating greater opportunities for youth to build new skills and brighter futures and making the community a healthier and more positive place! Any Republic youth, grades 7-12, can join. Contact Mr. Urseth ([aurseth@republicsd.org](mailto:aurseth@republicsd.org)) or Mrs. Misner ([tmisner@republicsd.org](mailto:tmisner@republicsd.org)) for more info, or check out our weekly meetings — every Friday after school at the high school.



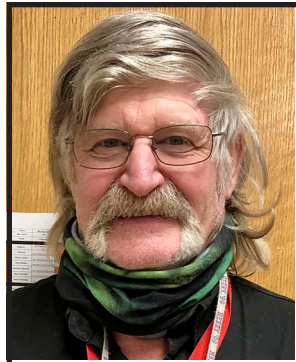
## WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO IN STACC?

Students in STACC have the opportunity to spend time with friends, participate in fun events and projects, and gain meaningful life-skills, like public speaking, professional writing, and project planning, all while making positive changes in their school and community. Dedicated members also have the chance to attend exciting conferences & trainings all over the state and country.

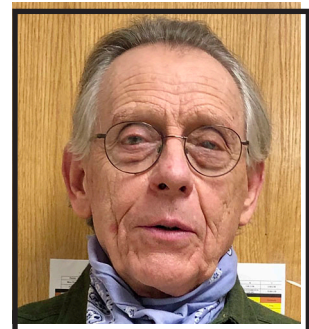




**Travis Fletcher**  
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Chairperson



**Jack Hamilton**  
District 2  
Vice-Chair &  
WGA Representative



**Randy Sage**  
District 4  
Legislative  
Representative

#SchoolBoardMonth

**A HUGE THANKS  
TO OUR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEM-  
BERS! ENJOY  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MONTH!!**



**Amy Rooker**  
District 3

*Photos courtesy Dena Fletcher*



**Ralph Ellingson**  
District 1

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**REMINDER!**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL: JANUARY 4, 2021**

**NO SCHOOL - JANUARY 18, 2021**

**END OF QUARTER - JANUARY 26, 2021**