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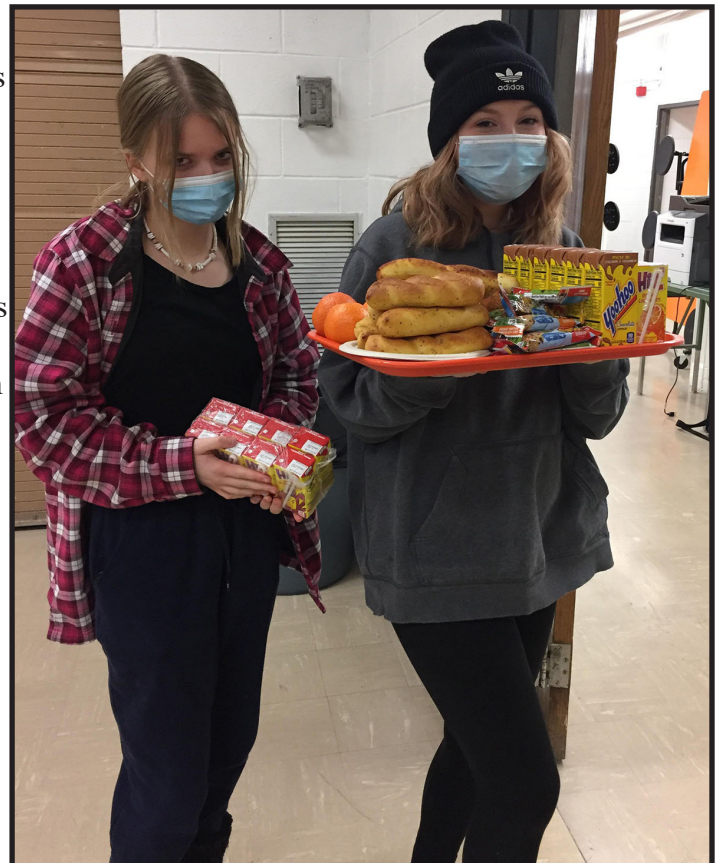
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## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: STRIPES

Stripes after school program for high school students has started off on a

good note. With approximately 30 registered students they got to choose between Automotive, Cooking/Art, and Gaming. Students meet after school for 6 weeks Monday - Thursday, and will learn various things in the courses they choose to be in. The automotive team will be taking apart a dune buggy and putting it back together. The cooking/art team will prepare snacks for all students continued to p. 5



# PRINCIPAL

February 1, 2021

Hello Republic School Families,

Welcome to February, the shortest month of the 2021 school year. Students and staff are gearing up for an exciting month of learning, celebrations, and fun events for all.

Students began MAPs testing in ELA, Math, and some students for Science last week. This test is administered three times a year and helps teachers gauge where student growth is, and where any adjustments need to be made in their lessons. These are computer based tests and last approximately one hour per test. For on-line students, Mrs. Larson and Mr. Zaker will be contacting you with more information.

Middle and high school students can now earn tickets for having Zero Tardies in a Week, Going Above and Beyond at school, and Being a Helping Hand. Tickets can then be redeemed for snacks and other items at the newly created Trading Post which is managed by ASB students. Our goal is to continue to be good citizens and show responsibility, respect, safety and kindness at school. Thank you ASB students for the great project for our students.



Above in the photo ASB Treasurer-Riley Spurgeon and Vice President Azelea Mendoza in the Republic Trading Post.

A few items of news for you:

- Report cards for all students will be mailed the first week of February
- STRIPES-after school program started last Tuesday, February 19 for grades 9-12, space is still available

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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 employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination please contact Kevin Young, Superintendent at 509-775-3173 or [kyoung@republicsd.org](mailto:kyoung@republicsd.org).

CPR 14.2

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

## 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.



# Parent Involvement Policy

The board recognizes that involvement of parents and guardians (hereafter “parents”) 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) Participate and are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
  - 3) Become 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.
- Additionally, to ensure effective involvement of parents and to

support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community, the board adopts as part of its policy the following guidance for parent involvement at each school assisted by Title I, Part A funds:

- 1) Provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or district, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as:
  - a. Washington’s academic standards
  - b. State and local assessments, including alternate assessments
  - c. The requirements of Title I
  - d. How to monitor their child’s progress
  - e. How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children
- 2) Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement.
- 3) Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other staff with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and how to do the following:
  - a. Reach out, communicate,

and work with parents as equal partners

- b. Implement and coordinate parent programs
  - c. Build ties between parents and schools
- 4) Coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with similar strategies used under other programs.
  - 5) Ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand. When necessary and upon request, this information will be provided in an alternative format.

School Board Policy 4215, Community Relations

School Board Procedure 4215P, which contains more information about implementation of this policy is available at 509-775-3173 or website link: <https://www.republic309.org/>.

**Republic School District participates in the Title I Program. Title I, Part A is part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Its goal is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state and academic standards.**

**Our Title I schools qualify for federal grant money which we use for additional staffing, parent involvement, staff development, and extended school day opportunities to help us meet that goal. This update is intended to provide you with important information about this law and your child’s education.**

**Please contact the principal if you would like more information about Title I activities or parent participation at your child’s school.**



BREAKFAST

LUNCH

FEBRUARY 2021

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
French Toast <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">1</span> Fruit  Chicken & Waffles Veggie & Fruit	Bagel-Cream Cheese <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">2</span> Fruit  Tacos Veggie & Fruit	Egg,sausage & Biscuit <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">3</span> Fruit Chicken Nuggets Veggie & Fruit	Pancakes <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">4</span> Fruit  Sub Sandwich Veggie & Fruit	Banana Bread <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">5</span> Fruit  Pizza Veggie & Fruit
Cinnamon Bun <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">8</span> Fruit  Meatball Sub Veggie & Fruit	Breakfast Burrito <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">9</span> Fruit  Nachos Veggie & Fruit	Mini Tiger Tails <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">10</span> Fruit  Teriyaki Dippers Veggie & Fruit	Muffin & Yogurt <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">11</span> Fruit  Chicken & Rice Veggie & Fruit	Pop Tart <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">12</span> Fruit  Hamburger Veggie & Fruit
<b>NO</b> <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">15</span>  <b>School</b>	Breakfast Sandwich <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">16</span> Fruit  Cooks Surprise Veggie & Fruit	Mini Cinni/Bagel <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">17</span> Fruit  Country Fried Steak Veggie & Fruit	Blueberry Biscuit <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">18</span> Fruit  Mac & Cheese Veggie & Fruit	Maple Bar <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">19</span> Fruit  BBQ Rib Sandwich Veggie & Fruit
Dutch Waffle <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">22</span> Fruit  BBQ Chicken Veggie & Fruit	Egg,Potato,Biscuit <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">23</span> Fruit  Burrito Veggie & Fruit	French Toast <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">24</span> Fruit  Cooks Surprise Veggie & Fruit	Bagel w/ Cream Chs <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">25</span> Fruit  Chicken Burger Veggie & Fruit	Donut <span style="float: right; background-color: #f08080; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">26</span> Fruit  Pizza Veggie & 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.

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Each year throughout National Children's Dental Health Month in February, the American Dental Association promotes a different campaign targeting a new dental health goal.

National Children's Dental Health Month brings together dental health professionals, caregivers, parents, and teachers to give children the best start on oral health. From brushing and flossing to healthy snacks and routine dental visits, the month also includes Give Kids A Smile Day on February 5, 2021.

### Tips for Brushing

**Don't skip** – Making it habit requires sticking to the schedule. Even when there is a special occasion or if our child is tired, we need to reinforce the importance of brushing.

**Make it fun** – Songs that last 2 minutes will help. Reading to your child while they brush may help, too. Even a puppet brushing his teeth can be motivating.

**Learn by example** – Children emulate their parents. Brush with your children and they will want to be just like you.

**Trial and error** – Try different kinds of toothpaste until you find the one your child likes. Try using the smallest amount he will allow and working your way up to the recommended amount. Even a tiny amount is better than no toothpaste.

**Don't give up** – The pain of cavities and lifelong dental issues is more costly and damaging than the dealing with these few moments of nagging battles twice a day.

The ADA promotes National Children's Dental Health Month.



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students daily as well as learn how to grill, canning, dehydrate foods, along with various art projects. The gaming team will be playing various strategic card games, board games, and video games. This will also be offered to middle school students grades 6-8 and elementary students grades 3-5 for a 6 week span as well.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**C**heck 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.



Just a reminder to families with students that self carry medications at school (and don't have any in the office). If the student has a health plan at school requiring medication, they are required to have current, labeled medication available. If they are having trouble remembering to bring an inhaler or medication, then we could stock it in the office to alleviate this concern. Medication must be appropriately labeled with name and instructions. I am finding that students may not have required medication with them, or in some cases what they have is expired. It is state law that the plan AND medication are to be available BEFORE the student attends.

Also, NO medication should be at school without a plan or order (including over the counter medications). All of these rules come to us by Washington State law and are supported by district policy and procedures. I understand how cumbersome some of the requirements can seem. I appreciate everybody's effort to help us keep our kids safe while complying with state requirements!

I will soon be going back over student's immunizations. If you received a letter with requested information or missing vaccines, please try and get the immunizations done (will show in state system) and/or return any exemptions or additional requested paperwork.



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•No School-Monday, February 15

Valentine's Day parties will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021. Reminder, any food items sent to school need to be store bought with labels attached, teachers will contact you with more details about class parties.

We have many events and programs in March, please stay tuned. Thank you for continuing to support our students, staff and school!

We are:

**Tiger Pride, Republic Strong and most importantly, Success for All!**

Most Sincerely,

Ms. G.

Principal (509) 207-7376 office

(509) 740-7489 mobile

[cgutierrez@republicsd.org](mailto:cgutierrez@republicsd.org)

## **Right to Request Teacher and Para Qualifications**

All parents and guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or instructional paraeducators.

If you request information, the district will provide you with the following.

Whether the teacher has met Washington teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher provides instruction;

Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status for which Washington qualifications or certification has been waived;

The college major of the teacher and any graduate degree or certificate; and


Whether your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals, and if so, whether those paraprofessionals meet state/federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

If you would like to request this information please contact Carolann Gutierrez at 509-775-3327 or [cgutierrez@republicsd.org](mailto:cgutierrez@republicsd.org).




**ELEMENTARY BUZZ**

**MONDAY**



**POPCORN**


**WRISTBAND**



**WEDNESDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**HOT COCOA HAPPINESS WITH THE KITCHEN STAFF**



# SENATE BILL 5395

I would like to share some important information regarding SB 5395 (the sex education bill) that was passed last year. Let me start by saying that before any sexual education occurs, there will always be plenty of notice given to parents and everyone has the ability to “opt out” completely. We do however, have local control over how we implement the requirements of this bill and will do so in a collaboration with parents, school staff, and our locally elected school board members.

The timeline laid out in SB 5395 is as follows:

- In the spring of 2021 the district will invite staff and parents to come up with a curriculum that will meet the state requirements, but that also makes sense in our community.
- Once we have designed our local curriculum, there will be opportunities for the public to view and respond to it before it is taken to the school board for approval (board approval is required before the start of the 2021-22 school year).
- In the 2021-22 school year we are required to teach lessons twice between grades 6-8, and twice in grades 9-12.
- In the 2022-23 school year we are required to provide social emotional learning to students in K-3 (There is NO sexual health content required for students in K-3). We are also required in 2022-23 to teach sexual education once in grades 4 or 5. (This is typically a human development

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## Child Find Notice

The Republic School District is required by Washington Administrative code 392-172-100 to inform patrons of special education services and programs available within the district, including the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1986.

The State of Washington defines special needs as having concerns with: developmental delays, vision, hearing, health, communication skills, academic performance, social-emotional status, general intelligence, motor abilities, autism, traumatic brain injury, transition services and other disabilities. People with children from birth to age 21, who have any of these conditions are encouraged to contact the Republic School District’s school counselor at 509-775-3327 for more information. Families enrolled in WAVA are encouraged to contact Jamie Bouge at [jbouge@republicsd.org](mailto:jbouge@republicsd.org).

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.” The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to register homeless children even if they lack normally required documents, such as immunization records or proof of residence. WAVA families experiencing homelessness are encouraged to contact the Republic School District’s counselor Bonnie Grumbach at 509-775-3171 or [bgrumbach@republicsd.org](mailto:bgrumbach@republicsd.org).



Wyatt Olsen and Dena Fletcher showing off their 'ugly sweaters'.

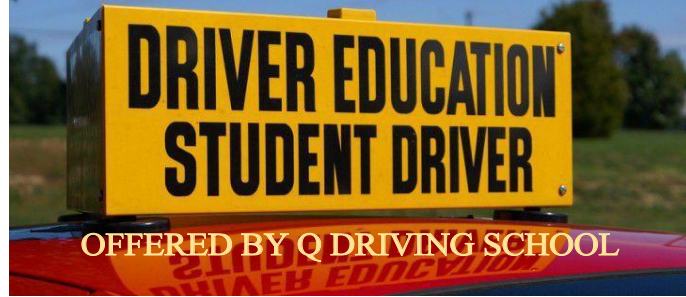
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District Office  
509-775-3173



## CLASSES STARTING SOON!

**CALL 775-3171 TO REGISTER**



INSTRUCTOR: YUSUF QUIDWAI

COST: \$500

Classes via Zoom – Drives in person

PLEASE CALL THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE TO REGISTER

Tentative Start Date: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Class/payment information and Zoom access ID # will be e-mailed to parents and students.

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(puberty) lesson in 5th grade).

As we work together to meet the statutory requirements I encourage anyone with questions to reach out to me and I will try to answer any questions you have. I firmly believe that with parent input, the school district can meet decide how to best meet the needs of our students and community while also following the law.

Kevin Young, Superintendent

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509-775-3173

## POSTAL CUSTOMER ECRWSS

# REMINDER!

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Permit #8

## VALENTINE'S DAY - FEBRUARY 14, 2021 (SUNDAY)

## NO SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 15, 2021 (MONDAY)