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PRINCIPAL

March 1, 2021

Happy Spring Republic School Families:

We have a busy month ahead as we say goodbye to winter, and welcome spring to our wonderful school community. Although we still have restrictions on many of our usual activities, we wanted to let you know of some exciting events taking place this month.

The fun begins with the celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on Tuesday, March 2. Elementary students will have many activities planned by teachers on National Read Across America Day and can dress up as their favorite book character. Prizes will be awarded by Jr ASB officers for best costume.

Middle and High School students are enjoying having monthly Pickle Ball or Volley Ball tournaments between students and staff. We will have tournaments monthly to encourage positive behavior at school. Next game on Friday, March 5.

High School students are currently having a Car Flag competition to promote school spirit both in our student body as well as our community. Designs must be done and presented by February 26. Judging will be

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BREAKFAST

LUNCH

MARCH 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
Truffula Tree Sausage 1 Pancake Go Dog Go Goose Juice Truffula Veggies	Dr Seuss B-Day 2 Green Eggs & Ham Hoop Soup Snoop Goose Juice Truffula Veggies	Thing A Doodle 3 French Toast Poodles Eating Noodles Goose Juice Truffula Veggies	Mr Neds Made in Bed 4 Bread Sam I am Hot Cheese Brg. Goose Juice Truffula Veggies	From Here to there 5 Waffles Everywhere Hop on Pop Pizza Goose Juice Truffula Veggies
Bagel & Cream Cheese 8 Fruit Chicken Nuggets Veggies & Fruit	Mini Pancakes 9 Fruit Taco Burger Veggies & Fruit	Brk. Burrito 10 Fruit Chicken Drumstick Veggies & Fruit	Mini Tails 11 Fruit BBQ Pulled Pork Sand. Veggies & Fruit	Pop Tarts 12 Fruit Pizza Veggies & Fruit
Brk. Sandwich 15 Fruit Teriyaki Dippers Veggies & Fruit	Cinabun 16 Fruit Tacos Veggies & Fruit	Egg, Potato, Biscuit 17 Fruit Chicken Burger Veggies & Fruit	French Toast 18 Fruit Mac & Cheese Veggies & Fruit	Maple Bar 19 Fruit Burrito Veggies & Fruit
Pumpkin Bread 22 Fruit BBQ Rib Sandwich Veggies & Fruit	Mini Cini, bagel 23 Fruit Biscuits & Gravy Veggies & Fruit	Oatmeal Bars 24 Fruit Chicken & Waffles Veggies & Fruit	Muffin & Yogurt 25 Fruit Corndogs Veggies & Fruit	Donut 26 Fruit Pizza Veggies & Fruit
French Toast 29 Fruit Quesadilla Veggies & Fruit	Bagel & Cream Cheese 30 Fruit Nachos Veggies & Fruit	Mini Tails 31 Fruit BBQ Pulled Pork Sand. Veggies & Fruit		

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

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF REFERRAL FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE SERVICES

Referrals for participation in Republic School District's Highly Capable Services are currently being accepted. Highly capable students are "students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments" (WAC 392-170-035). Anyone may refer a student including parents, teachers, other staff, students, and members of the community.

Highly Capable Services are designed to address the needs of highly capable students in grades K-12. Referral forms are available in the elementary and high school offices. Additional information can also be obtained through your school's Highly Capable Services Liaison, Jamie Bouge (jbouge@republicsd.org or 509 775 3327 x131).

Referrals must be returned by 3/15/2021 to Jamie Bouge or the elementary or high school offices at:
 Republic School District
 30306 E Hwy 20
 Republic, WA 99166

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 12th, 2021

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

VOLUNTARY COVID-19 TESTING

In collaboration with the Washington State Department of Health, our school district is participating in a state-funded effort to provide VOLUNTARY COVID-19 testing to students (and their families) and staff.

We believe that safe, in-person schooling is a priority – it’s better for students, it’s better for teachers, and it’s better for our economy because it helps parents get back to work. We feel this free, optional service can help students or staff return to school faster if they have symptoms or have been exposed to a positive case.

Here is how the voluntary testing protocol will work:

Infection prevention protocols: Our schools are already implementing several layers of protection to mitigate COVID-19 transmission and prevent infections. These include wearing face masks, social distancing, improved ventilation and air filtration, and improved cleaning and disinfection.

Voluntary testing: Teachers, staff and students who show symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 are currently required to get a covid test or self-isolate/quarantine. Those that wish to take a Covid test can get a free test that day in the district office. Of course students would need parent permission and people are more than welcome to get a test at our local hospital (or anywhere else) they choose. We will also provide free testing to teachers and staff who do not have symptoms at regular intervals (either every two weeks or once a month) if they would like them. If the test is positive, they will be asked to isolate for at least 10 days and until symptoms have resolved. If the test is negative, they will be asked to isolate until symptoms have improved.

Oral swab tests: We’re partnering with a company called **Curative**, which uses **painless oral swab test kits**. With these kits, you collect your own saliva sample under the observation of a trained test administrator, and experience feels like brushing your teeth. These tests are as reliable as the PCR nose swabs that you may have heard about, but they’re easier to administer and they don’t hurt. Curative will train people designated by the school to hand out and collect the test kits, samples are sent to their lab daily, and they will provide results within 48-72 hours from when you take the test.

Our goal is to put the best possible strategies in place so that our teachers, staff, students and families feel safe, protected, and comfortable focusing on teaching and learning – and so our students can get the great education they deserve. If you have questions, please feel to contact me at 509-775-3173 or kyoung@republicsd.org.

Thanks,
Kevin Young, Superintendent

STRIPES

Free No Cost

WHO: Middle School Students Grades 6-8

WHAT: Automotive Team
Cooking Class
Art Class

WHERE: High school

WHEN: Monday thru Thursday 3:00-4:30pm

STARTING MONDAY MARCH 1ST 2021

Stripes is an after school program offering 6 weeks of fun educational programs for students in grades 6-8. Monday thru Thursday after school 3:00-4:30pm. Each student will get to choose what session they want to join for the duration—Automotive, Cooking or Art. Programs will include a dynamic daily multifaceted snack.
Registration required and available in the office.

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TIGERS SPORTS

Month in Sports

Welcome to our TIGER SPORTS PAGE. This has been a project I hoped to start earlier; however, am super excited to update and celebrate.

This year has certainly had many challenges – sports has been no different. I do see the light at the end of the tunnel. Athletic Directors along with district leadership throughout our region are working hard to facilitate sports safely while maximizing opportunity for our student athletes. While this is a continual evolving challenge – sports seasons are set as follows:

Season 1 (Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheer, and Football) Feb 1 – Mar 13

Season 2 (Baseball, Softball, Track & Field) Mar 15 – May 8

Season 3 (Boys/Girls Basketball, Wrestling) May 10 – Jun 19

We are currently in Phase 1 allowing competition in Cross Country with other sports allowed minimal practice/conditioning. Competition will “generally” begin in Phase 2; however, this is also contingent on the risk classification of individual sports. Our current phasing is released bi-weekly based on current state regional statistics. Our coaches and staff remain committed to ensuring both the safety of our student/athletes as well as preparation of our individual teams.

Another point of interest is the revision of our current Co-Curricular/Athletic Code. This is a work in progress where our goal is to work with our leadership, staff, and community to better facilitate the values of our school and community. Additionally, this will ensure a total effort to provide resources for all of our students and athletes.

Concluding, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for our AD Secretary, coaches, and those behind the scenes working diligently for our athletes. It is great to see them active and practicing! **GO TIGERS!**

Please check the website for updated sports schedules:

www.republic309.org

Team in the Spotlight

Top Row: L-R
Kayla Tonasket,
Vannesa Ayers, Emma
Vanslyke, Lindsey Short,
Kaci Harman, Reese
Rickabaugh, Aleena
Maycumber, Brooklyn
Campbell

Middle Row: L-R
Evelyn Philips, Cailey
Lott, Azalea Mendoza,
Addison Nelson,
Luebecca Turner, Isabel
Stinson

Bottom: L-R
Hailey Becklin, Jocelyn
Watson, Olivia Olton



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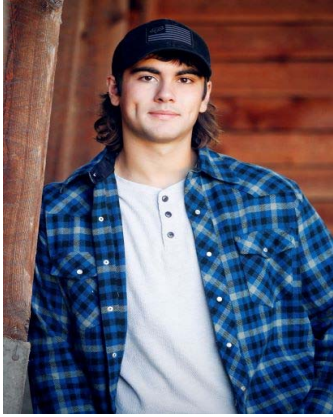
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Meet our Lady Tiger Volleyball Team. They are led by four returning starters to our lineup. Our celebrated Seniors are Reese Rickabaugh and Addison Nelson. In total there are 13 players returning from last season. Last year they finished with a record of 8-10 overall and were 6-8 competitively in league play. Varsity will see the addition Olivia Olton, Hailey Becklin, and newcomer Lindsey Short, this year the Lady Tigers have set even higher aspirations.

Notable stats from last season were: Kills - Harman (126)/Jenson 43; Blocks - Harman (16)/Ayers (11); Digs – Harman (111)/Rickabaugh (102); Aces – Michelle Ordaway (61)/Reese Rickabaugh (50).

Head Coach Carolyn Harman, a 2000 RHS graduate and has led by Republic’s Lady Tiger’s Volleyball team since 2017. She began coaching to empower young women and give back to our community. Carolyn is inspired by our Lady Tigers stating, “RHS is filled with honest, kind, smart, and highly motivated young women who fill our sports teams. I’m proud to be a part of that.” Steve McGinley is a returning Assistant Coach who brings both integrity and discipline to our Lady Tigers Volleyball team. Republic is grateful for our dedicated Coaches and proud of Lady Tiger Volleyball Team!

Male Athlete of the Month



Damon Hoyt is a senior this year with a grade point average of 3.57. Damon plays multiple sports but states that football is his passion. Damon has excelled over the years and plays the position of Strong Guard and Defensive End. One of the highlights of his high school football career was being awarded the Defensive Lineman Award of 2019. Damon is currently a teacher's assistant for Mr. Heinen one period a day where he helps instruct younger students with their metalworking and welding skills. Damon enjoys welding and also enjoys working on anything with a motor. He is active in the Automotive Club and arrives to school at 7 am every morning to work on the club's latest project which is a dune buggy. Damon is an exceptional young man with a bright future ahead of him! Congrats Damon on being our Male/Student Athlete of the Month.

Female Athlete of the Month



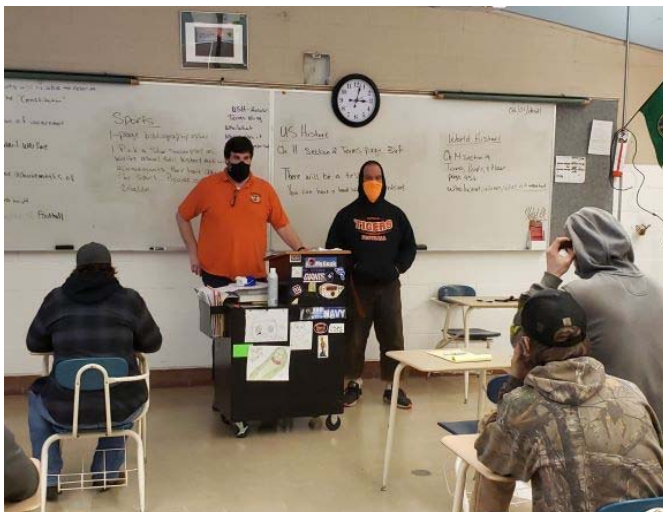
Reese Rickabaugh is a senior this year and graduating as Republic High School's Valedictorian with a cumulative grade point average of 3.958. She was born in was born and raised in Southern California. Reese relocated in 2016 to Republic, Washington. Upon relocating and in spite of those challenges, Reese immersed herself in the Debate Club. Reese's has been involved in Volleyball since her freshman year. She led the Junior Varsity Team as Captain her freshman year and has played Varsity her sophomore through senior years. She was also Varsity Cheer her sophomore, Junior and Senior years for Basketball. In addition to sports, Reese's has focused on growing her leadership skills throughout her high school years. She's represented her class of 2021 as Class President her freshman, sophomore and senior year and was voted Homecoming Princess Sophomore year. Challenging herself further, her junior year she utilized Running Start and is graduating high school with her AA Degree in hand. Reese truly an exceptional young lady! Congrats Reese on being our Female/Student Athlete of the Month.



Meet the Athletic Director Secretary/ ASB Bookkeeper



Dena Fletcher has been the ASB/Athletic Directory Secretary for Republic School District since 2016. She absolutely loves her job and the interaction she has daily with the students. Dena believes there are many positive reasons for students to participate in a sports. When asked, Dena stated participating in sports aids as a natural stress reliever, boosts students' self-esteem, helps develop leadership skills, and helps students develop healthy lifestyle habits. When Dena is not being the number one fan in the stands, she enjoys the outdoors. She enjoys farming, camping, gardening, and riding horses. Dena and her family raise Suffolk sheep and grow alfalfa. Dena has made her home here in Republic for the past 16 years and states she cannot imagine living anywhere else.



March 1-5, 2021

*Thank you for your impressive performance
and reliability. These many hands make
the workload easier to manage.
Thank you for your hard work.*

**CLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION
WEEK**

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done by ASB students the first week in March and the winning class will be announced on March 4. The winning design will be our new Republic School car flag and will be sold as a fundraiser for ASB (Associated Student Body). Flag designs will be judged on originality, art work, and class effort/participation. Look for the order forms next month.

It's Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale time! Senior class students are taking orders until March 4, 2021. A dozen doughnuts runs \$12 and helps to fund the senior trip. Thank you for supporting our students. If you would like to order a dozen or two, please call the high school office and we will get you set up!

Republic Youth Action Coalition will be providing a wellness program for students in grades 7-9. Look for a letter to be sent home in the next few weeks.

A couple of April updates for you as it will be here so fast:

Our spring break is April 5-9, 2021. It is amazing how quickly the year is going.

You may direct
**ASK THE
SUPERINTENDENT**
questions to Media
instructor Christian
Spencer at cspencer@republicsd.org

Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, both early release days, 11:30 am. For the middle and high school, conferences will be student led. For elementary, please look for a schedule from your child's teacher the last week of March.

Thank you for a great first semester of school. We are so glad that you choose to have your child attend Republic Schools. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, and once again, Happy Spring!

Most Sincerely,

MS. G.

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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.



ELEMENTARY BUZZ

POPCORN



WRISTBAND



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

HOT COCOA HAPPINESS



WITH THE

KITCHEN STAFF

Hot Cocoa with the Kitchen Crew!

submitted by Wendy Braun, Food Services Manager

A little update on how much fun we are having with your children! Every Wednesday or Thursday we pick a student out of each class to come down to the cafeteria and they get to bring a classmate with them. Hot Cocoa with marshmallows, whip cream with sprinkles and a cookie on the side are served! The kitchen staff ask the kids what their favorite breakfast, lunch, vegetable, fruit and snacks are. We have casual conversation and a whole lot of giggles!! Favs so far: pizza, mac & cheese, chicken nuggets and hamburgers are the leading favorite lunches!! French toast, maple bars, donuts and cinnamon rolls are the favorite breakfasts! The kitchen crew has a lot of fun getting to know your children and hope to continue this until the end of the school year.



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REMINDER!

March 1-5, 2021 - Classified Employee Appreciation Week