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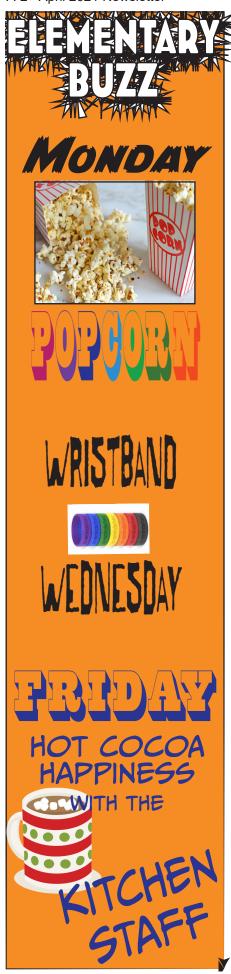
As you may have heard, the Governor has allowed schools to reduce physical distancing of students in class from 6ft. to 3ft. We are very excited about this change. Many students who have been working remotely all year will now be able to return to in-person instruction. We are meeting today and early next week to help ensure we have a clear process for students returning that works for families, transportation, teachers, and other school staff. Our goal is to have all students who wish to return to in-person learning to start mid-April. We possibly can accommodate some students (who have been on a waiting list) even sooner.

I would like to encourage any families/students who have been successful with online learning to remain in that model for the rest of the school year. IF this is working for your family, I think it would be prudent to keep it going through the end of the school year.

For some students, remote learning hasn't been a positive experience. We are excited to have those students return as soon as we can make it work. I would like to remind everyone that masks are still required. This will be especially important as the physical distancing amongst students is reduced. If your son or daughter can't (or won't) wear a mask, the teacher will likely need to call you to come and get them. They will be able to return the following day if they will wear their mask. This is not a school district rule; as a public school we do not have any choice in this.

If you have a child who would like to return to in-person learning, please call either the elementary office (K-6) or the junior/high school office (7-12) to give them your information. Please be patient as we work through this. We will continue to communicate as we know more details.

Thank you! Kevin Young



PRINCIPAL

Dear Families:

Republic Schools would like to thank you for completing the 4 day week survey. We had an overwhelming response. The final tally was 54% with "Very in Favor" and 18% "Not at All in Favor" of a 4 day school week and we received many great questions and comments in response to the survey.

At this time, the Republic School Board has chosen to table the discussion and the decision-making on moving forward with a 4 day school week until this summer. Thank you to the 4 day committee for all of their hard work and a special thank you to Deana Zakar for compiling the data.

Also, Republic School District is conducting developmental screenings for children ages 0-5 on 4/26/2021 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Specialists will be available to screen in the areas of Social/Emotional, Cognitive, Adaptive Behavior/Self-Help, Motor, and Communication skills. If you suspect your child (ages 0-5) may have a developmental delay, please contact Republic School District and sign up for a screening appointment. Republic School District also identifies school-age students who may have a disability. A parent, teacher, or any adult who knows the student can make a referral at any time.

If you have questions about how to make a referral, please contact Republic School District Special Education Services (509) 775- 31713.

Thank you again and happy April!

Most Sincerely, Carolann Gutierrez (Mrs. G)



SPORTS SEASON

submitted by Jason Stewart, Athletic Director

Republic Sports are back with a vengeance. As quickly as the Fall Season came, it is now gone with much to celebrate. Our football, volleyball, and cross country teams had extremely successful seasons. I would like to give thanks to all of our coaches, players, and volunteers who have worked to make this season possible. Additionally, I want to thank our community for the support you have given our teams despite the shortened season.





PHOTO CREDIT: Dena Fletcher. Top photo is Republic Football at Hunter's (Columbia) game. Left is Darren Tonasket at Curlew game.

This past week we celebrated our Senior's with a Senior Night. A special thanks to K Diamond K for providing a venue to celebrate our football seniors. We also celebrated our two Volleyball seniors during our last home game.

Spring sports began practicing for the first time in a year. Our baseball, softball, and track and field teams are anxious to compete. As we prepare for our season March 15th – May 8, we look forward to seeing our spring athletes back in action.

As we finally get to phase 3, our Boys/Girls Basketball and Wrestling are now cleared for our winter season which will commence May 10 – June 19.

Finally, I would like to recognize our staff who continue to prove they can meet any challenge: Jim Burnside (transportation), Wendy Braun (kitchen), and Bobby Bouslaugh (maintenance).

SPORTS SEASON





SPOTLIGHT ATHLETES

Korbin Forsman

Our spotlight athlete of the month is Korbin Forsman. Korbin is on the honor roll this year. Korbin enjoys drawing in his free time and is working on beating last years X-Country record. March 12 was Korbins last race for this season in

X-Country. Korbin's biggest accomplishment this year is being in the top 5.
Korbin plans to focus on eating properly for competition, running in the off season and

running more after practice. Korbin plans to run track and will work to be 4:50 in the mile and break 2:05 in the 800. Korbin will participate in track for the 800 and 1600 and is very excited to participate for a 3rd year in a row at state.

Sarah McGaffey

Sarah is a high honor roll student athlete in 9th grade. Sarah ran X-Country last year as an 8th grader. Sarah enjoys playing video games, painting and drawing.

Sarah's biggest accomplishment is consistently coming in first. Sarah is an athlete that is dedicated to push herself at

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practice and listen to the coaches advice. Sarah plans to run track this year and we are excited to see if she can beat her school mile record from last year at 6 min 15 seconds. Sarah will participate in the long jump, the mile and relay in track this year.





BLACK BELTS IN MUSIC

This year the music room is using piano for our learning instrument in 3rd and 4th grade instead of the recorder. These 4 students have learned the first nine songs in the packet and so have earned their black belt. Congratulations to Hope Cromwell, 3rd grade, Antonio Arredondo, 4th grade, Monarch Louie, 4th grade, and Gabriella Gliddon in 4th grade. Keep up the good work!











SIXTH GRAPE PROJECTS

Mrs. Bremner's 6th grade Art Class taught an art project inspired by Picasso to all of the elementary school students. "the Bouquet of Peace" will be installed in the cafeteria. Also, the 6th grade class received a donation of unprocessed loofahs from Las Vegas, Nevada where they were grown. Students harvested seeds, peeled the loofahs and will monitor the high school science class as they germinate the seeds in our school greenhouse.







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Senior Checklist

- If you haven't filled out the FAFSA or WASFA, do it this month!
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)
 online at www.fafsa.gov. Check that you
 listed all the colleges you are consider ing. If your SAR asks for additional infor mation, or if you need to make a correc tion, do so ASAP.
- Register for the SAT or ACT test if needed. Talk to your counselor if you need a test fee waiver.
- Complete scholarship applications.

Searching For Scholarships

Check out the Republic School Website under—Student Resources—Counselor Corner- for all types of Scholarships, both local and national as well as career and college information.

Special points of interest:

- School Day SAT— 4/13/21
- Military Visits: 4/22 & 4/30
- May 12th—Senior Presentation

10 Fastest-Growing STEM Jobs

| Rank | Job | Growth Rate | # of Workers Needed |
|------|---|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Applications Software Developers | 25.6% | 241,500 |
| 2 | Information Security Analysts | 31.6% | 35.500 |
| 3 | Statisticians | 30.7% | 13,600 |
| 4 | Operations Research Analysts | 25.6% | 28,100 |
| 5 | Computer User Support Specialists | 10.6% | 70,900 |
| 6 | Computer Systems Analysts | 8.8% | 56,000 |
| 7 | Industrial Engineers | 8.3% | 23,800 |
| 8 | Computer and Information Research Scientists | 16.5% | 5,200 |
| 9 | Systems Software Developers | 10.1% | 42,600 |
| 10 | Architects (Except Landscape & Naval) (Tle) | 8.1% | 11,200 |

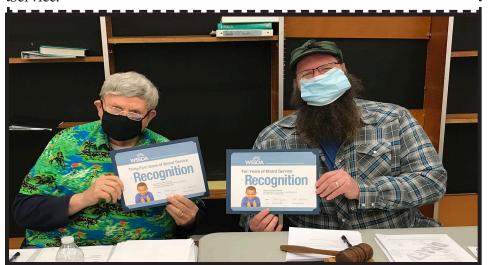


Milk is offered at every meal. Cereal is offered as an option at breakfast.

Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:00 AM

Grab & Go Breakfast is available from 8:00-8:30 AM

At the February 24th, 2021 board meeting, Superintendent Kevin Young presented Chairperson Travis Fletcher with an award from Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) for Ten Years of Board Service. Ralph Ellingson received an award for his Thirty-Five Years of Board Service.



BUS SAFETY

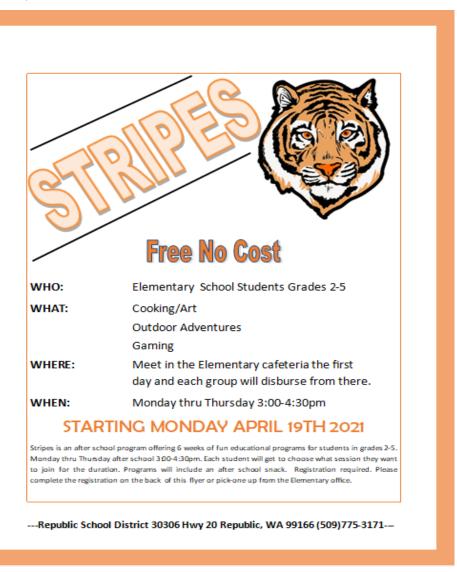
Reminder no overnight parking.

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.







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REMINDER!

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