



REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 2019-20



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Principal's Note

Happy New Year!

I'm excited for a new decade and all of the learning, growth, and success for the New Year!

A few fun sayings I have heard:

- ❖ Good & Plenty, 2020
- ❖ Bit of Honey for 2020
- and my favorite:
- ❖ Hindsight is 2020!

Let me know any other fun phrases that you or your child learns or makes up for the New Year.

This month our students will be taking the winter MAPS assessment. This is for students in grades K-6th, with Kindergarten taking the assessment for the first time. This assessment includes reading and math. The MAP standards based assessment gives us a good measure of what students have learned during the first semester of school. Teachers will let you know the exact dates and times.

Monday, January 20th, 2020 we will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day; there will be no school for students.

We are so happy that our students will be back in school after a long winter break. We look forward to a great start to 2020 and the semester ahead!

Thank you for your continued support of our great school. We appreciate you all!

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

Most Sincerely,
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Shout out to our staff member of the month for November.....Judy Hamrick!

Judy has been a life saver for us in the district office as we try to get all of our reporting done. Thank you Judy for all that you do!

-Superintendent Young-



Upcoming Events

We've made some changes to our newsletters! Please check out our website at www.republic309.org for updated news and information. On our website 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 Board Meetings

January 22nd
February 26th

Board meetings are held in the School District Board Room.

Work Session starts at 6:00PM.
Meeting starts at 6:30PM.

Maintenance Update

Please remember to take your vehicle home at the end of the day. Winter is here. Keeping the parking lot clear overnight will allow our maintenance staff to plow and clear the lot for students and staff.
Maintenance

Music Corner

The music program is busy this time of year. I wanted to highlight a couple of the fun things that are happening this month and next, and to let you know the events that are coming up.

- Republic School District is hosting the Panorama Music Festival this year! We are looking for volunteers to help us with this event. If you are interested, please contact the Elementary Office to let me know.
- Our 3rd and 4th graders are learning recorders. Our 3rd graders for the first time and our 4th graders are extending their knowledge.
- All band and choir students are practicing hard on their classical solo and ensemble pieces. January 14th is our solo night in the Elementary Multipurpose Room. Each group of students will be performing their pieces for anyone that would like to come and listen. There will be a cake reception following each mini performance.
 - 5th Grade – 6:00PM to 6:30PM
 - Junior High – 6:30PM to 7:00PM
 - Senior High – 7:00PM to 7:30PM

You can come for the whole time or only stay for a certain group. We hope you will come and listen as our students share the pieces they have learned.

- The Pep Band will continue to play for our home basketball games. This will continue through February.

Musically yours,
Mrs. Cromwell

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK				
6 Mini Pancakes Fruit Taco Snack Fruit Veggies	7 Breakfast Wrap Fruit Chicken Fajitas Fruit Veggies	8 Cheese Omelet & Biscuit Fruit Chicken Burger Fruit Veggies	9 Muffins & Yogurt Fruit Chili Fruit Veggies	10 Tiger Tails Fruit Cook's Choice Fruit Veggies
13 Bagel & Cream Cheese Fruit Hot Dog Fruit Veggies	14 French Toast Fruit Taco Tuesday Fruit Veggies	15 Granola & Yogurt Fruit Cook's Choice Fruit Veggies	16 Pancakes Fruit Mini Cheeseburgers Fruit Veggies	17 Maple Bar Fruit Burrito Fruit Veggies
20 NO SCHOOL MLK JR. DAY	21 Apple Stick Fruit Nachos Fruit Veggies	22 Egg & Pancake Fruit Sub Sandwich Fruit Veggies	23 Breakfast Wrap Fruit Cook's Choice Fruit Veggies	24 Tiger Tails Fruit PB&J Fruit Veggies
27 Granola & Yogurt Fruit Chicken Nuggets Fruit Veggies	28 Dutch Waffle Fruit BBQ Chicken Fruit Veggies	29 Egg & Pancake Fruit Pizza Fruit Veggies	30 Cheese Omelet & Biscuit Fruit Chicken Patty Fruit Veggies	31 French Toast Fruit Cook's Choice Fruit Veggies

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

This institution is an equal opportunity employer & provider.

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

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

All Breakfast & Lunch are FREE for
all students

Adults: Breakfast - \$2.50, Lunch -
\$4.00

Menu may change due to
unavailability

CTE/Shop Class Update

Greetings!

Last summer I had the opportunity to go to Cleveland, Ohio to attend a training seminar at Lincoln Electric Company. It was quite an eye-opening experience, to say the least! Welding technology has changed so much and frankly, I was overwhelmed!

One of the things that our instructor shared with us was that we need to not be training welders, but welding technicians and stop teaching what we did 20 years ago and teach to 20 years in the future. With that, I came home excited about the possibilities and the opportunities that we could provide to our students, school, and community.

But wait! All of this equipment and resources aren't cheap. How in the world are we going to move forward and build an amazing program? Here is where the exciting news comes in. In November, we received a grant to purchase a state of the art fume extraction system!

This system will help make our shop safe, healthy, and warm. This is because this system filters the air in the shop and does not simply vent our warm shop air to the outside! This system was delivered the week before winter break. You'll notice in the picture below part of the system, which is our mobile unit and our downdraft table that will help contain sparks and dust from grinding! Along with this grant, we will also be getting three new welders that will transform our welding technology.

These welders are multi-process welders, which means that we can stick weld, wire feed weld and TIG weld with these machines. These are state of the art machines that will give our students the skills and knowledge to be able to gain employment or go on to more advanced training after they graduate!

But it doesn't stop there. Right before winter break I got the news that we received another grant that will allow us to purchase a CNC Plasma Cutting Machine! We will be able to create all sorts of cool products with this machine. We will be able to train our students how to program and work with Computer Numeric Control technology! This is a two-year grant, so next year we will be able to purchase three more welders to add to the three that we will be getting with this first grant.

We have not only been busy working on upgrading and expanding our program, but your students have also been very busy welding and creating cool art and other projects! On the 18th of January, at our home basketball game, the Metal Art students will be holding a silent auction to raise funds for our program. Check out all of the horseshoe art projects and coat racks that will be available for purchase. Please come out and support your basketball teams and your welding students! We are extremely excited about all of the new resources that we have gotten so far and we are diligently working to acquire more equipment and resources so that we can provide the best possible program for our amazing students, school and community! Thank you for your support!

Mr. Heinen

