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Republic School District Learning Community,

On behalf of our students, staff, and School Board, I want to sincerely thank the voters of the Republic School District for supporting the passage of our recent levy.

In a small, rural community like ours, this support means everything. Your vote is a powerful statement that you believe in our students and in the future of Republic.

Levy dollars allow us to fund critical programs and services that are not fully supported by state funding. These local funds will be used to support:

- Utilities and operational costs that keep our buildings open, warm, and safe
- Music programs that enrich student learning and community events
- Athletics that build teamwork, pride, and Friday night traditions
- Technology for classrooms and student learning
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that prepare students for real-world careers
- Extracurricular opportunities, including our valued outdoor education experiences
- Student resources, including food and basic supports, to ensure every child is ready to learn

Most importantly, these are local dollars that stay local. The funds raised here in Republic are invested directly back into Republic students. They are not sent anywhere else; they remain in our schools, supporting the children and families of this community.

Our school has always been the heart of Republic. Your continued support ensures that we can maintain strong programs, meet student needs, and preserve the traditions that bring our community together.

Thank you for believing in our students. Thank you for investing in their future. And thank you for supporting the Republic School District.



Yours in Service,
John Farley
Superintendent

THANK YOU!

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**ASB***Camilla Sampsel*

Tons of exciting events are coming up within the halls of our small school, bringing lots of student involvement and school spirit. The girls' basketball playoffs are in full swing, and with six boys and six girls headed to State in wrestling, tensions are high, but our energy is even higher!

Baseball, softball, and track and field practices will start on March 2nd. I can't wait to see what this spring season has in store for all of our teams!

Prom is also coming up on March 14th. It will be held at the Spokane Convention Center from 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Permission slips and itineraries will be available in the High School office. If you have any questions about sports or prom, please contact Dena Fletcher.

ASB would like to thank the community for its continued support of our school and its programs. Thank you so much!

RHS ENGLISH

Justus Caudell

Ferry County BPW Works with Seniors on Career Prep: Professionalism, Resumes, and Mock Interviews

In mid-January, the Ferry County Business and Professional Women's Association visited our 12th grade English Language Arts room to work with soon-to-be graduates on professionalism, resume writing, and interview skills.

Students were given the opportunity to work closely with BPW mentors, all of whom have had decades of experience working in different professional settings. Along with general professionalism discussions, mentors worked with students on how to represent themselves on resumes, through applications, and in interviews.

Students completed a job application, developed a resume, and prepared for and completed mock interviews with BPW mentors.

While we are constantly working on skills - critical thinking skills, writing skills, editing skills, and more - our annual opportunity with BPW is exciting, as the skills and tools the seniors practice are immediately applicable to their lives after graduation.

Students produce a resume and, most importantly, have a mock interview with a panel of professionals who - after the interview - give the students feedback on strengths and places for improvement.

BPW's Patty Slagle calls the interview process a free-pass for a first interview, meaning students get to learn in a low risk environment - before the stakes increase in real interviews after graduation.

2 Thank you to BPW and all the volunteers!

MUSIC NOTES

Sara Cromwell

Get ready...get set...GO!!

So many great things are happening in the next couple of months, and I hope you are ready to GO! Get involved with the music program here in Republic!

March 25 & 26: Our 6-12th grade students will be competing in the large group band and choir competition.

April 17: Wellpinit is hosting the **Panorama Music Festival** this year. There will be at least six schools participating with bands and choirs. We will also be beginning practice for our upcoming concerts, so be sure to mark your calendar for these important dates:

May 7: 5th-12th Grade Concert

This is our annual Dessert Auction! Come bid on some delicious desserts. If you have a signature dessert you would like to donate, please contact Dena Fletcher in the high school office.

May 14: K-4th Grade Mini-Musical

May 21: Rock Band Concert

This concert will be held outside, weather permitting, and will include a BBQ for all to enjoy.

Please consider joining us at an upcoming Music Booster Club meeting to learn more about these events and other ways to support our music students. Meetings are held at 5:00 pm on the following dates:

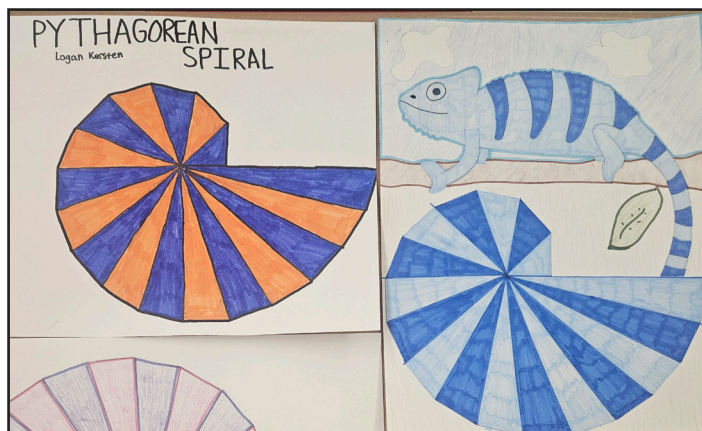
🎵 March 11 🎵 April 15 🎵 May 13

If you would like to be on my email list or have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school or email me at scromwell@republicsd.org.

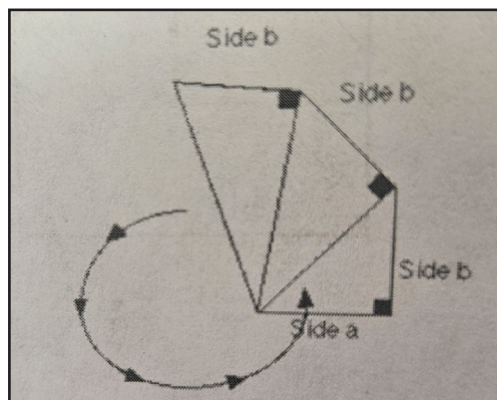
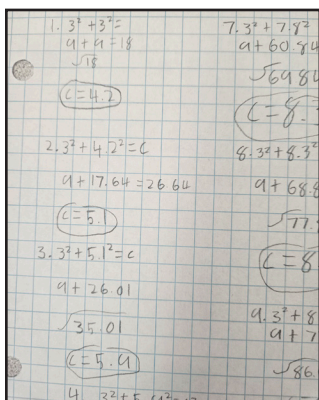
HIGH SCHOOL GEOMETRY: PYTHAGOREAN SPIRALS

Johanna Bremner

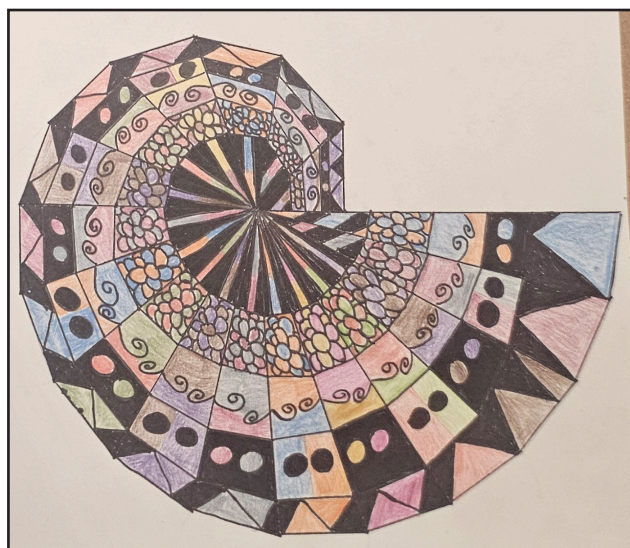
Students Combine Math with Art in Order to Make a Famous Theorem to Stick (and Spiral)



Most people can recite the well-known $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, but unless they go on to become engineers, construction workers, or architects, the theorem's purpose will often be forgotten. After making good use of their geometric construction skills, high school geometry students will not forget. Students used the relationship between the legs of a right triangle and its hypotenuse to create what are known as Pythagorean Spirals, or spirals of Theodorus. The geometric design required students to construct a series of triangles where each hypotenuse connects to the following triangle's longest leg.



The constructions called for the repeated application of the Pythagorean Theorem, and students even had the opportunity to prove the precision of their constructions by measuring their "actual" side lengths with a ruler and comparing them to the "theoretical" length given by $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.



At the end of January, STACC hosted a canned food drive. Over 44 meal kits were put together, along with many extra items, to donate to *Feeding Ferry County* and the *Food Pantry*. Congrats to the sophomore class and 8th grade class for bringing in the most items in the Junior/Senior High School. Thank you to everyone who participated, together, we can do great things!



STACC students Camilla Sampsel and Grace Cromwell joined Advisor Theresa Misner and RYAC Coordinator Brittany Kersten in Washington, DC, where they attended the National CADCA Conference. While there, they were able to meet with State Rep. Baumgartner to discuss rural Ferry County and why prevention programs like ours are so important to our youth and community.



NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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 employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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REPUBLIC-CURLEW WRESTLING

Jamie Bouge

Republic-Curlew Wrestlers spent Valentine’s Day weekend at Districts, battling for their spots at the Mat Classic State Wrestling Tournament. RCW girls competed at Liberty High School in the 1A/2B/1B classification. In their district, the top two girls from each weight class move on to State. Every wrestler on the team finished in the top two, punching state tickets for all six (Morgan Hendrickson, Alexandria Hendrickson, Ella Palmer, Abby Starr, Hailey Bouge, and Annalisa Bouge). As if this were not enough, the girls scored enough team points to beat out 16 other 1A, 2B, and 1B schools across the region, securing the District 6 Trophy for the second year in a row!

RCW boys competed in a two-day tournament at Freeman High School in the 2B/1B classification. In their district, the top nine finishers in each bracket move on to state. Their brackets were large and competitive, requiring two days of competition to narrow down competitors to the top nine. Six RCW boys punched their tickets to state: Tobin Stangeland with third place, Rynn Stangeland with ninth place, Sam Jager with seventh place, Connor Bouge with seventh place, Mason Simons with seventh place, and Daniel Rogers with eighth place.

Twelve total RCW wrestlers will be fighting another day this season in the Tacoma Dome. It was a great weekend to be a **Republic-Curlew Wrestler!**



Scan the QR code for quick access to our website, download our app, & find us on Facebook to stay updated on RSD #309 news.



RSD Events	WHAT	WHERE	DATE	TIME
	Music Boosters	Music Room	Mar 11	5:00 pm
	Title Family Night	Elementary	Mar 12	5:30 pm
	PROM-(see pg 7 for info)		Mar 14	
	RYAC Meeting	Tiger Cafe	Mar 23	5:00 pm
	School Board Meeting	Tiger Cafe	Mar 25	6:30 pm

PROCEDURE 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: www.k12.wa.us/student-success/special-education/dispute-resolution/file-citizen-complaint.



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Lisa McKenzie

This month, we would like to give a great big Republic Tiger THANK YOU to Dr. Pearson with Eye See Clinic in Bellevue, Washington and to Northwest Harvest!

THANK YOU DR. PEARSON



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Northeast Washington

Dr. Pearson spent two days at Republic School District providing routine eye exams for our students. During his visit, he saw 55 students in grades K-12, and 35 of those students will now be able to access the eyeglasses they need.

We are incredibly grateful for Dr. Pearson's time, care, and dedication to supporting the health and success of our students. His generosity made a meaningful difference in the lives of many families, and we truly appreciate his commitment to our school community.

We are also deeply thankful to Northwest Harvest for their continued support of our families, helping ensure our students have the nourishment they need to learn, grow, and succeed.



National School Breakfast Week March 2-5th

Start the Day the Smart Way - Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!
Breakfast gives students the fuel they need to learn, grow, and succeed.



the quest for school breakfast

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
MARCH 2-6, 2026

★ Why Breakfast Matters:

- Boosts Focus and Concentration
- Supports Healthy Growth
- Helps Students Perform Better in School
- Gives Energy for a Great Day Ahead

 **When:** National School Breakfast Week

 **Where:** School Cafeteria

 **Time:** Before School or Breakfast After the Bell!

 **Grab a nutritious, delicious breakfast and kick off your morning the right way!**



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In January, Republic School District celebrated School Board Recognition Month!
Travis Fletcher, Amy Rooker, Jack Hamilton, Steven McGinley, and Thomas Thorne
We appreciate you!

PROM Night

Multiple Small Schools Prom, for grades 9-12, will be on March 14th. Prom is from 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm. at the Spokane Convention Center. Students must be registered with RHS to attend. See Dena in the High School office for a permission slip and an itinerary.

Please call 509-775-3171 ext. 107 with any questions.

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Spokane Convention Center Ballroom
334 West Spokane Falls Blvd.

HS Spring Sports Schedules

DATE	OPPONENT/LOCATION	TIME
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KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Mar 21	State @ Wenatchee	4 pm
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TRACK & FIELD

Mar 20	Fischer Jambo @ Colville	3:30 pm
Mar 25	Tonasket Invite	4 pm
Mar 28	Ezra G. Invite @ Colville	9:30 am

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

Mar 17	@ Tonasket	1 pm
Mar 21	@ Oroville	NOON
Mar 24	@ Selkirk	1 pm
Mar 31	Cusick @ Home	1 pm (SB) 2 pm (BB)

HEALTHY NEWS

Jeannette Bauer
School Nurse

The mobile optometrist visit was well received! Fifty-five students received eye exams, and 35 needed glasses. Glasses will take about eight weeks to come in and will be distributed once they are available. We are working on getting the letters with results out to parents and guardians. Those who received exams should see a letter with the results and, if glasses were needed, a copy of the prescription. A big thank you to our elementary CIS coordinator, Lisa McKenzie, as this would not have been possible without her help. We have plans to coordinate further next year, and our Junior/Senior HS CIS coordinator, Brandi Abdallah, has already shared some ideas for helping coordinate the process.

A few families were able to utilize the mobile dental unit last fall. We are currently working toward the mobile dental unit through New Health returning on May 28! More information will follow soon. Be sure to watch the RSD webpage and/or the app, elementary orange folders, ClassDojo, and district newsletters for further information.

FAMILY NIGHT!

MARCH 12, 2026

REPUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

DINNER 5:30-6:00
TAKE HOME FUN LEARNING GAMES
ENTER TO WIN PRIZES
TITLE I INFORMATION

ACADEMIC GAMES & ACTIVITIES
6:00-7:00

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Josh Zakar

Republic School District recently took qualifying students on a Rewards Trip to Laser Maxx in Spokane—and it was a huge success. Students spent three hours enjoying laser tag and an open arcade, along with pizza and pop. From start to finish, kids had a great time and the overall atmosphere was upbeat, positive, and fun.

This trip was not just about entertainment—it was a celebration of students meeting clear expectations and making consistent, positive choices. To qualify, students needed to maintain above 80% in ClassDojo, have no D's or F's, and have no suspensions. The students who attended should be proud of the effort and self-discipline it took to meet that standard.

Staff were especially impressed by how well students represented Republic while off campus. Students were respectful, supportive of one another, and excited to celebrate their accomplishment together. The trip created great memories and reinforced what we want for all students: a strong school culture where positive behavior, good attendance habits, and academic effort are recognized.

Congratulations to everyone who earned the Rewards Trip—well done, and keep it up!