

Mustang Eblast

September 23rd, 2022



Happy Fall Mustangs!

It is hard to believe that October will be here NEXT weekend! October brings cooler weather (hopefully), Halloween Carnival on October 22nd and one step closer to our move to our new school!

Our weekly Mustang E-blasts will keep you informed of all the exciting events and happenings at Richland. Look for a weekly email every Friday afternoon to fill you in on the following week's events.

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Holiday Choir

Luminary Arts is back at Richland with Holiday Choir 2022!

Rehearsals will be one day a week from 3:15-4:00 in the music room. **(Parents of kindergarten students must supervise their children off campus between 2:45-3:15 when choir rehearsals begin, unless they are part of KOC)** Primary students will be on Mondays and Upper Grade students will be on Tuesdays. (Siblings will be kept on the same day). Rehearsals will be from October 17th to December 13th. Performance will be December 15th in the evening at WPMS. Students who want to be in choir MUST sign up through the Google form link. The first 100 students who sign up will be allowed to participate. The link will begin accepting responses at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept 30th. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Blackwell at jill.blackwell@smusd.org.

Happy Singing and Happy Holidays Everyone!



Thank

you

Balfour Beatty

Thank you Balfour Beatty Construction!

Not only is Balfour Beatty Construction building us a big, beautiful new school, they also supplied Richland with TONS of school supplies for our classrooms and Mustangs. Thank you for all the tremendous support!

Richland Yearbooks

Thank you for helping us hit our goal of selling over 50 yearbooks in the first month of school! Our \$20 early bird sale price is still available from now until carnival. Prices will increase on October 24.

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/product/yearbooks>

Code: 17701

5th grade families:

Don't forget to give your 5th grader a shout out by purchasing your sailing on ad which are currently available for \$10. We also have a special baby picture page for all 5th graders to be a part of, share yours through our eshare link.

<https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=mustangs22-23>

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Happy California Native American Day

California is home to more federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the United States. Every year the governor of CA signs a proclamation designating the 4th Friday of September as CA Native American day. Gov. Ronald Reagan is generally credited with creating the annual nature of this event in 1968. The day provides opportunities to celebrate and learn about the traditions, culture and background of California Native Americans.

Here are a few websites with additional information on the state capital event.

<https://nativeamericanday.org/>

<https://californianativeamericanday.com/>

Drop Off/Drive Up/Biking to School Reminders

Front Parking Pick Up

Grades 1-5th, please don't enter the front parking lot until 3:00 so Kindergarten parents have a chance to pick up their little Mustangs

No Parking in Red Zones

While you are welcome to wait in red for kids to arrive or drop off, PLEASE DO NOT PARK AND LEAVE your cars. Buses may need you to move during their arrival so stay with your cars please.

Biking/Scooting/Skateboarding to School

Kids Grade 3-5 can ride to school, however road laws must be followed and students MUST have a HELMET.

Thanks for keeping our kids safe.

Library News from Ms. Canetti

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Richland October 10-14! We are excited that this year there will be opportunities for families to come and shop together. If you would like to volunteer at the book fair, please check out the [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#). Stay tuned for more information about the book fair and family shopping times, which will be in the eBlast next week.

Book Donations

Would you like to leave a long lasting legacy in the library? Please help us update and diversify our Mustang library book collection by purchasing a book off of our [Richland Library Amazon Wish List](#) in honor of your child's birthday or just because. A Library Legacy nameplate will be placed inside the book with your child's name and the year the book was donated. A giant thank you to all that have purchased books off of our wish list! We have received over 100 books and the kids get so excited when there are new books to check out.

Do you have some gently used books at home that you're finished with and looking to donate? Feel free to have your child drop them off in the library. If we can't use the books in the library, they will be offered to our Richland Readers to take and keep. They love getting free books!

Chromebook Insurance

Families have until October 15 to purchase [Chromebook insurance](#). Below is a list of Chromebook charges, so you can compare that to the cost of insurance, which is \$25.00. We get multiple broken screens and keyboards a month. Last year, we had some students that broke more than one screen throughout the year, so it is definitely worth looking into the [Chromebook insurance](#).

Damage

Replacement Charge

Fee

Broken Keyboard/Missing Keys

Keyboard

\$43.00

Broken Screen

LCD

\$43.00

Missing/Lost Power Adapter

Power Adapter

\$25.00

Broken Camera

Camera

\$20.00

Chromebook Not Returned

Chromebook

\$300.00

Chromebook Damaged Beyond Repair

Chromebook

\$300.00

Lost/Stolen/Vandalized Chromebook

Chromebook

\$300.00

SMUSD District Communication

Tech Update:

The Affordable Connectivity Program helps to connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on

qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

You can learn more about the benefit, or to enroll please visit

<https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/> or by calling 877-384-2575.

For the English flyer [click here](#)

For the Spanish flyer [click here](#)

Law Enforcement Partners:

It is important that we ALL stay safe on the roads whether walking, e-biking, or driving:

Please visit The City of San Marcos & the City of Carlsbad websites for more:

City of San Marcos: <http://www.san-marcos.net/e-bikes>

City of Carlsbad: <https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/police/community-information/electric-bikes>

Important Reminders:

- E-bike riders 17 years old and under MUST wear a helmet at all times.
- If you have an e-bike in your family, please make sure everyone who rides it understands the rules of the road.
- For biking in general, review the rules and ride with your children to ensure they understand safety.
- Work with your teen drivers and model safe driving habits.
- Out for a walk? Use sidewalks, crosswalks and remove distractions. Be aware of what is going on around you.
- Slow down, be kind and be patient.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, biking or walking: Phones, music, kids, pets – there are so many things that vie for our attention every day. Tragedy can occur in a split second.

From Technology:

Have you insured your student's Chromebook?

Last Chance – deadline to purchase insurance is October 15th!

San Marcos Unified School District is pleased to announce insurance coverage for your district owned devices through School Device Coverage.

This program is optional but highly recommended by the district.

Please note that the insurance will cover all accidental damages (including broken screens and water damage) loss and theft of the devices. There are unlimited claims, zero deductible and full transferability to your loaner device if applicable.

The flyer and link to purchase can be found [by clicking here](#) or going to schooldevicecoverage.com and signing up.

COVID Update: COVID-19 Volunteer Procedure Update

On September 13, 2022, the CDPH rescinded the public health order mandating

vaccine verification for workers in schools. The previous public health order

required unvaccinated or partially vaccinated school workers to undergo weekly

COVID-19 testing. Per the [updated public health order](#), weekly testing of unvaccinated or partially vaccinated school

workers, including volunteers, is no longer required as of September 17, 2022. We appreciate you and everything you do for the

SMUSD community! Thank you for your patience and flexibility over the last two years.

City Update:

The City of San Marcos is updating its Active Transportation Plan, and collaborating with the San Marcos Unified School District. Students, parents, teachers, and the community at-large will have a chance to offer feedback in multiple ways, like walk audits, classroom surveys and more.

For details and why this important, please visit SanMarcosATP.com or click the flyers below:

[Flyer ENGLISH](#)

[Flyer SPANISH](#)

COVID Community Update:

In partnership with the County of San Diego, Universidad Popular and community partners, this Saturday, September 24th, San Marcos Elementary School will be hosting a free COVID vaccination clinic from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended by visiting myturn.ca.gov.

Please visit our website for details [by clicking here](#).

A message from your FOR Club!

FOR Club Meetings:

FOR Club meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 in the Richland cafeteria. Child care will be provided. Our next FOR Club meeting is Tuesday, October 11th.

Halloween Carnival:

Haunted House will be October 21st and Halloween Carnival will be October 22nd this year from 2:00-6:00 pm. The carnival is a Richland tradition and is a fabulous fundraiser and community building event ran solely by volunteers.

Check [here](#) for volunteer opportunities for the planning committee. Planning meetings will be on October 4th and 18th from 8:45 - 10:00 am in the Richland cafeteria. If you would like more information you can email friendsofrichland@gmail.com or forclubpresident@gmail.com.

Each year we have a group of amazing parents and community members who volunteer their time to help set up and tear down Carnival. This year we are offering incentives to all those who help set up and those who stay after to help tear down. The more hands there are, the quicker we can all wrap up and continue to enjoy the evening! Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to help.

Be on the lookout for signups from your Mustang's teacher for day-of-carnival volunteer opportunities.

The FOR Club is also looking for non-food vendors for our Halloween Carnival on October 22nd. If you have a business or side hustle you are looking to advertise this is a great opportunity. Vendors will get to create a 10 by 10 booth to share their business/items at. The Halloween carnival runs from 2:00-6:00 but you will have access to your booth area beginning at 12:30. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to sign up.

STEAM Program:

This year, FOR Club is sponsoring in-school science and art assemblies. Mad Science will be here on September 30th with the Spin, Pop, Boom show for 4th grade. In the Spin, Pop, Boom show, students will Learn about crazy chemical reactions, overcome the greatness of gravity, and see combustion in action in this thrilling, action-packed show. They will discover the amazing properties of acids and bases, experiment with the forces that act on roller coasters, and light up the stage with a booming exothermic reaction.

Chess Club:

Chess Club is meeting Fridays from 3:15 - 4:15. Due to the popularity of this program, we ask that if your student is currently signed up for Chess Club please let us know by emailing forclubtreasurer@gmail.com if they will be unable to make a session. If a student misses 2 classes without notification, their slot will be opened up for a student on the waitlist. View the sign up [here](#).

Mustang Monitors:

This is a great opportunity for Dads to be involved in their Mustang's day. Sign up and you can come on campus to help with drop off, recess, and to monitor the halls, and just say "hi" to the Mustangs. Click [here](#) to sign up.

Pony Pals:

Pony Pals treat a Richland teacher of their choice to a year of secret treats and gifts to make them feel special and appreciated. There is no spending requirement. On average Pony Pals treat their teacher about once a month. Once you confidentially sign up for a teacher our Pony Pal coordinator will contact you with a list of some of the teacher's "favorites". Gifts can be left at the office for your teacher. Sign up [here](#)

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

The FOR Club operates solely on our community members' generosity of time, funding and spirit. Explore [here](#) for several different opportunities in which you can become more involved:

Dineouts:

Our next dineout will be Wednesday October 12th at My Yard Live in San Marcos. 15% of total sales for the night go back to Richland.

Announcing Wine Out's!

We are trying something new this year! How cool would it be to have a wine night with other parents in your child's grade? Each month, FOR Club will host a Wine Out; an event for you to go and meet other parents of kids in the same grade as yours and a percentage of sales will go back to the school! Our first Wine Out will be for our Kindergarten parents on October 6th at

My Yard Live from 6-8 pm; 15% of your purchase will come back to Richland. Come connect with other Richland kindergarten families, while raising money for the school!

Yearlong Fundraisers:

Amazon Smile:

Amazon smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Change yours to "Friends of Richland" and give back to the school when you shop! [Set up now](#)

Ralphs Rewards:

Link your phone number to Richland Elementary at Customer Service and a portion of all your proceeds comes back to our Mustangs!

Green Flash Pest and Termite

Brown Family Chem Dry

Lovely Leaps

Mention Richland during registration at any of the above and a portion of proceeds will come back to Richland! Also, Green Flash offers discounts for Richland Families.

Box Tops:

Earn cash for the school by saving box tops from participating companies. Click here <https://faqs.boxtops4education.com/s/article/How-do-I-earn-Box-Tops-with-my-digital-receipt> to find out how to digitally submit or simply cut out the box top and give them to your Mustang's teacher. There are two collection times throughout the school year and we will be announcing incentives for highest earning classrooms!

Visit our website at richlandforclub.com and join our facebook page, Friends of Richland Elementary School for more information and to stay up to date.



Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

 Facebook

Tuesday, October 4th 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Halloween Carnival Meeting , cafeteria

Monday, October 10th

Parent Teacher Conference Day (NO school)

Tuesday, October 11th

3:30 Virtual School Site council Meeting

6:00 FOR Club Meeting, cafeteria

Tuesday, October 11th – 14th

Minimum Days for Parent Teacher Conference Week

Tuesday, October 18th 8:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Halloween Carnival Meeting

Friday, October 21st

Richland's Haunted House

Saturday, October 22nd

Richland's Halloween Carnival

Thursday, October 27th

Fall School Picture Day! Smile!

Thursday, November 3rd

Make Up Picture Day

Friday, November 11th

Veteran's Day, No School

Monday, November 21st - Friday, November 25th

Thanksgiving week, No School

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