

Mustang Eblast

September 30th, 2022



Happy October Mustangs!

It is hard to believe that October is here tomorrow! That means our Halloween Carnival is almost here on October 22nd! Parents - parent teacher conferences are around the corner - more information can be found below.

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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Please find below the link to today's Flag Salute and Student of the Month



[Record Flag Salute \(2022-0...](#)

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Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of October 10th - 14th and a minimum week. This time is an important positive time with you and your child's teacher dedicated to academic and behavioral progress. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, October 10th NO SCHOOL TODAY. Monday is dedicated to Parent Teacher Conferences all day.

Tuesday, October 11th - Friday, October 14th, Hours:

TK am 8:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Kinder 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Gr 1-5 8:45 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.

TK pm 11:00-1:30 p.m.

Teachers will be reaching out to you to schedule a 20 minute Conference, either in person or virtual (if you would prefer).

We look forward to this time with you.

Holiday Choir

Friday is the day!! The Choir sign-up will go live at 4:00 p.m. Students who want to be in choir MUST sign up through the [Richland Holiday Choir Google Link](#). To allow for social distancing, only 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.

Luminary Arts is back at Richland with Holiday Choir 2022! Rehearsals will be one day a week (either Monday or Tuesday) 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) For the most part, primary students will be on Mondays and Upper Grade students will be on Tuesdays, but we will make adjustments as needed. (Siblings will be kept on the same day). Rehearsals will be from October 17th to December 13th.

Performance will be a combined performance with Ukulele Club on December 15th in the evening at WPMS. (Ukulele students CAN also do choir because we practice at different times and we are performing on the same night, but not together) If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Blackwell at jill.blackwell@smusd.org.

Happy Singing and Happy Holidays Everyone!

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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Parking Reminders

Clarification on parking in red zone

There is No Parking in Red Zones. PLEASE DO NOT PARK AND LEAVE your cars. Buses may need you to move during their arrival so stay with your cars please.

Thanks for keeping our kids and neighborhood safe.

Library News from Ms. Canetti

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Richland October 10-14! There are still volunteer opportunities available, so please check out the [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#). You can shop online or set up an eWallet on our [Book Fair website](#), but please be aware that in the past shipping has taken a while for the online orders. Students will have the chance to shop during their scheduled library time, but we would love to see families during our adults only shopping time or family shopping times listed below.

Book Fair Adults Only Shopping Time

Monday, October 10 - 7:30am - 6:00pm - Adults only shopping - If you have a conference scheduled on Monday, stop by the book fair and surprise your child with a new book or start some holiday shopping.

Book Fair Family Shopping Times

Tuesday, October 11 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Wednesday, October 12 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday, October 13 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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](#).

Chromebook Replacement Charges

Keyboard - \$43.00

Screen - \$43.00

Power Adapter - \$25.00

Camera - \$20.00

Chromebook Replacement - \$300.00

SMUSD District Communication

From Nurses/Health Aides:

Colds, flus and viruses are upon us

With the beginning of cold and flu season upon us, comes the circulation of other viruses that are present in our community, like [hand, foot and mouth](#). To keep you and your student healthy, please remember these fundamental health practices:

- Washing hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces at home.
- Avoiding close contact or sharing utensils or cups
- If your student is sick, keep them home.

[COVID testing](#) is still available at our District Office or you can request a test kit from the school office.

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.

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!

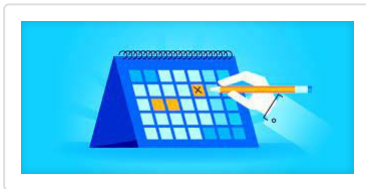
Green Flash Pest and Termite**Brown Family Chem Dry****Lovely Leaps**

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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