

# Mustang Eblast

October 7th, 2022



## No School Monday!

October is here tomorrow! And Parent Teacher conferences are NEXT WEEK. - more information and schedule 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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## Parent Teacher Conferences - No School Monday Minimum Days Tues-Friday

Parent Teacher Conferences are next 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.

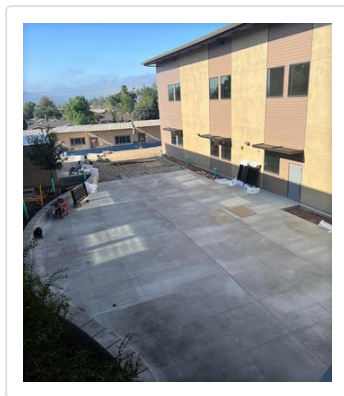
TK pm 11:00-1:30 p.m.

If you haven't scheduled a Conference, either in person or virtual (if you would prefer), please reach out to your child's teacher.

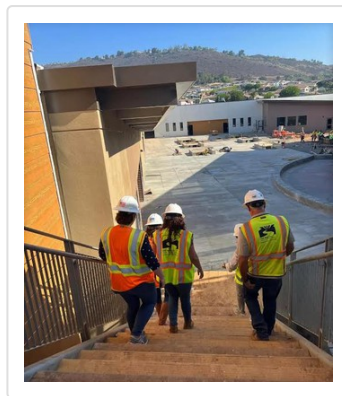
We look forward to this time with you.

## Rebuild Update!

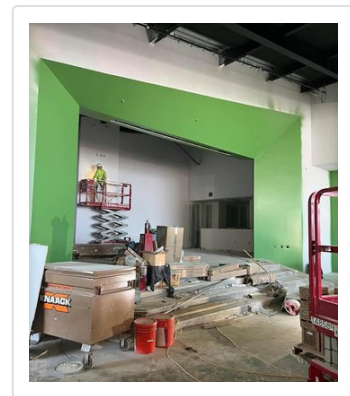
Richland's Rebuild is coming along on track and on time! If you have driven by Richland this week, you will see that the trees are in (double the amount we had before!). Walls are being painted, technology is being installed and we are on track to move in over Winter break. Students will return from Winter break to our new school. The demo of the existing campus and completion of our beautiful greenscape, hardscape and play structure will be complete by June 2023!



Quads between classes



The heart of Richland



MPR - The Multipurpose Room

## Drop Off/Pick Up Safety Update

PLEASE DO **NOT** have students run into the street on Richland Road for pick up. It is VERY unsafe. Students need to be picked up in the parking lot. It may take a few extra seconds but we must keep our kids safe. Thank you parents for modeling the way for your kids.

When dropping off or picking up by car in the front of the school, PLEASE PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD TO THE YELLOW SIGN. If everyone pulls all the way forward we can get a lot more cars in to stage for drop off or pick up.

This is Us Week at Richland 10/21 - 11/4

This is Navya, the editor of The Mustang Chronicle. We at the TMC are organizing a Spirit Week called "**This Is Us**" along with the Student Council.

The week of **31st October- 4th November** is a celebration of us! - Our culture, our heritage, our ancestry. Our goal is to create a better understanding of each other and acceptance of our diversity and uniqueness. We, Mustangs come from all over the world! We want to celebrate that! Please see the linked flyer below for details.

### [This Is Us-Flyer](#)

We will be putting up a big poster in the breezeway that the students, teachers and staff can sign with their messages.

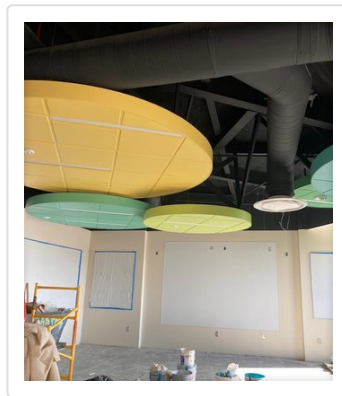
We will also put up a World Map in the breezeway that students, teachers, and staff can put stickers on to show where their parents, grandparents, or great /great-grandparents came from! The TMC team along with the student council will be distributing stickers to each classroom. You can use those to stick on the world map (perhaps while waiting in the lunch lines). (Thank you, Mrs. Flodine, for the stickers!)

We will also be putting up posters in the Breezeway of the 6 continents(except Antarctica), showing the culture, language, and geography of each. Please encourage your students to browse. The breezeway will be the Gallery! Please come and celebrate with us!

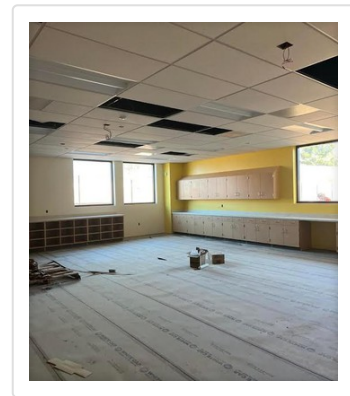
This celebration is about spreading *Kindness, Empathy, & Compassion* and *being a Mustang!*



Makers Space  
with outdoor  
learning area



Clouds in our  
Collab areas



Kindergarten  
classroom

## A message from KOC

**KOC will be CLOSED at all sites for all shifts of care on Friday, October 28th**, for all-staff Professional Development. Although this is a school day, parents are responsible for making other arrangements for childcare on that day.

Professional Development is critical to ensuring that our KOC staff have the skills to provide safe, enriching, supportive care for our students. Training must be offered during employees' work hours (we cannot hold it on a weekend, in the evening, etc.) in order for it to be mandatory. We understand the impact that our closure on this day may have, but please know that it is with the aim of building a stronger, more effective staff and program for all of our KOC families.

## 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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## 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

#### City Update:

If you've ever asked yourself "What would make me walk or bike more?", now is your chance to make your voice heard! The City of San Marcos invites you to come out to San Marcos Harvest Fest, along Via Vera Cruz, this Sunday, October 9th from 11 am – 2 pm to speak with the San Marcos Active Transportation Plan (ATP) team. This ATP will supplement the General Plan Update, by recommending specific pedestrian and bicycle-related projects, programs, and policies for the City. With your help, we can make walking and biking an easy choice in San Marcos! Check out the website for more information at [www.SanMarcosATP.com](http://www.SanMarcosATP.com). For details and why this important, please visit [SanMarcosATP.com](http://SanMarcosATP.com) or [click the flyer 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 meeting is next Tuesday, October 11th.

### **Sponsorships:**

We offer a variety of sponsorships and are pleased to have them available online this year. Sponsorships are a great way to get your name out to our Mustang Community while supporting the various programs FOR funds. This year, we are funding over \$110,000 for our enrichment programs, including STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) in the form of both in-school assemblies and a STEAM coordinator to provide in-school instruction, VAPA (Visual Arts and Performing Arts), and our Holiday Chorus and Spring Play ran by Luminary Arts. These funds also subsidize our support programs including Reading Intervention, Counseling Support, Classroom Support in the form of mini-grants, Instructional supplies, and our Appreciation program. We hope you will partner with us throughout the year so that our Mustangs can continue to enjoy the enhancements they deserve to their educational experience! Click [here](#) for year round sponsorships and [here](#) for Halloween Carnival specific sponsorships.

### **Opt Out:**

We want to send a huge thank you to all those who contributed via our opt out form we sent out during back to school. Because of your generosity we were able to bring in just over \$2,000. This is such a great contribution and we will continue to be able to grow and support our Mustangs with the educational experience they deserve.

### **Halloween Carnival:**

#### **Raffle:**

The raffle is up and running! We have several amazing specific prizes, including 2 Disney tickets, 4 Disney on Ice tickets, Bowflex dumbbells and much, much more. We also have a general raffle with some great prizes! Flyers went out in your mustangs Wednesday envelope and you can scan the QR code to check out the online sales site or you can click [here](#). Online sales close Friday the 21st at 5:00 pm but we will have ticket sales available during the carnival from 2 - 5 pm. You do not need to be present to win.

The FOR Club will be accepting donations for Raffle Baskets through October 17th. Below are the suggested gift cards for each grade level. We created the gift card themes for each grade in hopes to receive a variety of gift cards, but we will gratefully accept anything you can give. Giftcards can be given to the front office or your student's teacher. Thank you so much for your donation!

TK/Kinder: Starbucks

First: Retail Giftcards/Entertainment

Second: Gas

Third: Lotto/ Scratchers

Fourth: Grocery

Fifth: Restaurants

Haunted House:

This year 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.

#### Game Booth Tickets:

This year we are offering pre-sale tickets so you can skip the lines during carnival! Tickets will be available for pickup before school in the pocket park from 8:00 - 8:45 am on October 20th and 21st. They will also be available at our will-call booth the day of carnival. There is also an option to purchase tickets to donate to mustangs who otherwise would not be able to participate and these donations are only available during presale. Click [here](#) to pre order your tickets.

#### Costume Sale:

We will be collecting donations of gently used, good condition costumes from October 4-15th, bring donations to the front office. Costumes will be sold for \$5.00 on October 20th at TIME and during the Haunted House on October 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm

#### VAPA Performances:

Students will be performing by grade level on the blacktop by the main gate on the schedule listed below. Please have your student arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled performance.

TK/K Grade - 2:15

1st Grade - 2:25

2nd Grade - 2:35

3rd Grade - 2:45

4th Grade - 2:50

5th Grade - 2:55

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](mailto:friendsofrichland@gmail.com) or [forclubpresident@gmail.com](mailto: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 Mustangs teachers 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.

Thank you to our Halloween Sponsors:

mad science.org



<https://sanmarcos-familydental.com>

[jennasowersby@kw.com](mailto:jennasowersby@kw.com)

### **STEAM Program:**

This year, FOR Club is sponsoring in school science and art assemblies. Mad Science will be here on October 7th with the Spin, Pop, Boom show for 5th 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](mailto: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 the link below for several different opportunities in which you can become more involved:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq0YjMnFXeaxXkmKUwmL5WJ1TFac1\\_BNswD\\_SfcJCNzzje1JA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq0YjMnFXeaxXkmKUwmL5WJ1TFac1_BNswD_SfcJCNzzje1JA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

### **Dineouts:**

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

### **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](http://richlandforclub.com) and join our facebook page, Friends of Richland Elementary School for more information and to stay up to date.

Thank you to our sponsors:

<https://www.nelsonfamilyorthodontics.com>

<https://www.greenflashpest.com>

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# Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

 Facebook

## **Monday, October 10th**

Parent Teacher Conference Day (NO school)

## **Monday, October 10th - Friday, October 14th**

Scholastic Book Fair at Richland Library!

## **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!

## **Friday, October 28th**

KOC Closed today for Professional Development

## **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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