

Mustang Eblast

November 10th, 2022



NO School Tomorrow - Happy Veteran's Day

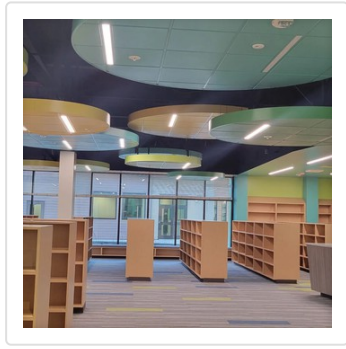
For our Active Military and Veteran families- thank you for your service from a grateful school!

Richland Rebuild Update - Teachers in the house!

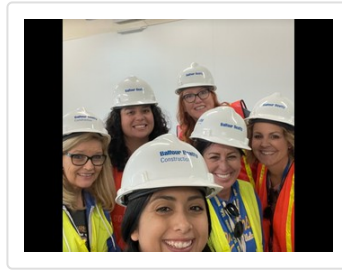
Teachers were so excited with a visit to the ALMOST complete new school! Here is a video and some pics of their adventure.

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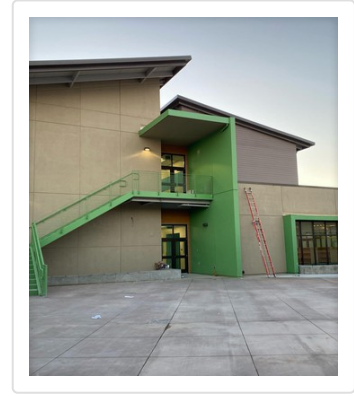
In cased you missed it, [Here is the link to SMUSD Facilities board presentation on Richland rebuild update.](#)



Gorgeous Library

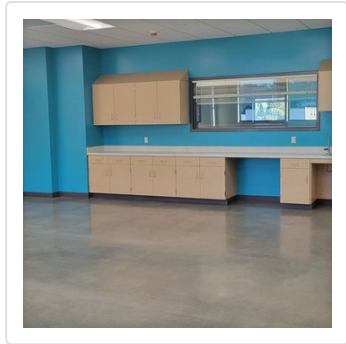


2nd Grade

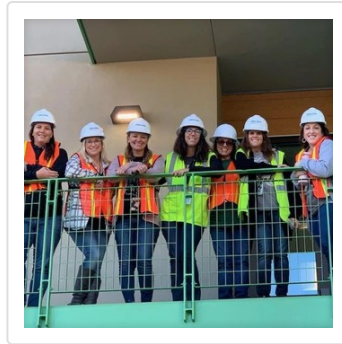


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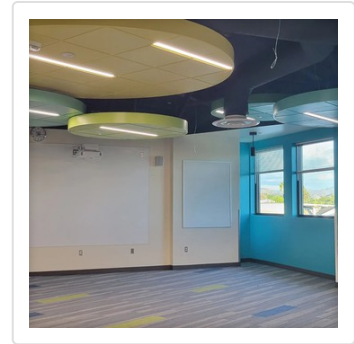
Grades 2 first floor/3 and 4 on upper



A classroom



3rd/4th grade



Collab Space

Student Council Food Drive

Student Council is teaming up with Interfaith Community Services to help our community members in need! During the week of November 14th, we will be collecting hygiene and food items to donate. Please send these items to school with your student if you are able to help. A flyer will be coming home on Wednesday to share those needs as well. [Here's the flyer on needs.](#) Thank you!

Richland Giving Tree

Every year our Richland families are so generous to help our own families in need. This year we have ten families (a total of 25 Mustangs and community children) who could use our support. This year, due to the lack of space to stage and store, we are collecting gift cards only that we will distribute among the families in need on Wednesday, December 7th.

We are collecting gift cards for

- Grocery Stores
- Gas Stations
- Costco, Target, WalMart, Amazon

Please drop them off at the office and our Rihcland Angels will get them to families in need in time for the holidays. Thank you for supporting this heartfelt tradition that fills our souls and helps make the holidays a little brighter and less challenging.

SMUSD Communication

COVID-19 Testing After Thanksgiving and Winter Break

Due to the increased travel and social interactions that often occurs during school breaks, it is recommended that students and staff get tested for COVID-19 prior to returning to school following major breaks and holidays (e.g., Thanksgiving, winter, spring). The week prior to Thanksgiving break, your child will receive a COVID-19 at-home test kit. Each test kit contains two tests.

Here is a schedule of when you should test your child:

- On Monday, November 28th, prior to coming to school or the evening before, and
- On Monday, January 9th, prior to coming to school or the evening before.

If your child tests positive, please email the school health office at [insert health office email address]. Be sure to include your child's full name, date of birth, and the date they tested positive. If your child experienced symptoms prior to testing positive, please include the date of symptom onset and a list of the symptoms they experienced.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community healthy and safe.

Opt-In to receive SMUSD Text Messages

SMUSD utilizes the SchoolMessenger system which can deliver text messages to your mobile phone with important districtwide information, safety alerts, and more.

You can opt-in now just by sending a text message of **"Y"** or **"Yes"** to SMUSD's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with **"Stop"**.

If you do not wish to receive text messages, you do not need to do anything.

Please see the flyers with further details:

[English flyer](#)

[Spanish flyer](#)

City of San Marcos - Active Transportation Plan

If you've ever asked yourself "What would make me walk or bike more?", now is your chance to make your voice heard! As part of their Active Transportation Plan (ATP), the City of San

Marcos is hosting a Public Workshop on Tuesday, November 15th from 6 - 8 pm at the Community Center Dining Room at 3 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069.

The City's Active Transportation Plan has the potential to greatly impact walking and biking in our community, and it is important for them to hear your feedback. For more information and details, please visit: www.SanMarcosATP.com

Attached is a flier on the next Community Advisory Committee presentation that is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00pm. The title is "Supporting Families in Addressing Mental Health Challenges for Students with IEPs". The Presenters will provide tips for helping families and students find the mental health support needed for success with academics, social challenges with peers, and communication at home. It is a great opportunity to learn how to help students with coping strategies and fostering resilience. Spanish interpretation will be provided for this event.

A Message from the FOR Club

FOR Club Meetings:

There will not be a FOR Club meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 10th. FOR Club meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 in the NEW Prent Community Room. Child care will be provided.

Hibernate

Our Hibernate fundraiser starts next week, just in time for the holidays and the cool winter months! Order by December to get your order in time for holiday gifting. This is a great passive income fundraiser for us and will run year long. 15% of your purchase goes back to Richland! So keep it in mind anytime you need to stock up on sheets! We will have sheets for you to feel for yourself at our next Mustang Market, November 18th!

To set up your child's fundraising account -download the Raise365 app and create an account or login to your existing account. Go to the fundraisers tab, hit "Join Fundraiser" and type Richland into the fundraiser search bar. Fill out your child's info and use "Richland" as the fundraiser password.

*Note: If you see the fundraiser from last year, make sure "exist fundraiser" before you can join the current year's fundraiser.

Here's a quick video showing you how to join the fundraiser on the app and share with family and friends:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=RylccMpMwMo&feature=share>

Mustang Market:

Our Mustang Market will be at the pocket park Friday the 18th of November from 8:00 - 8:45am selling spirit wear and gear, including new 2022-2023 shirts and zip up hoodies! We have placed an additional order for zip up hoodies and we are crossing our fingers that they are ready by the 18th. We also have hats, spirit sticks, pencils, water bottles, pencil bags and tote bags available. We accept cash, credit and Venmo. You can also check our online store at

richlandmustangs.itemorder.com for additional options. Rush Coffee will also be there for Mustang Market, so come ready to get your morning fix and perhaps pick up a hot cocoa and a snack for your Mustang!

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are on sale for \$22. Follow our link to order yours today

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

Code: 17701

5th grade families ONLY:

- 5th grade sailing on ads are currently available for \$10 until Spring break!

Once we are in our new school we will have photo opportunities with a fun backdrop for all our 5th graders to enjoy. More info on that to follow.

- We still have room for our special baby picture page for all 5th graders to be a part of.

Lastly, if you have any First day of School pictures of your 5th grader please share those too.

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

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Volunteer Opportunities:

We are currently searching for two Committee Chairpersons! We need someone to help organize our Adult Only Bingo De Mayo event and someone to help run the Raffle during Bingo. This year Bingo will be on May 5th which guarantees an extra amount of fun to this already fantastic event! If you are interested please email forclubpresident@gmail.com or check out our online form here, which includes other opportunities as well.

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.

STEAM Program:

This year, FOR Club is sponsoring in school science and art assemblies. ArtBeat will be here with 5th grade next Friday, November 18th with a fun and creative assembly!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering an iFly STEAM experience again this year in February on Wednesdays at 3:00. More information will be available as we move toward winter break.

Chess Club:

We are moving into our end of semester Tournament and will update you on our second semester program as we move toward the break. Chess Club meets 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:

We have a few Pony's waiting on a Pal as we move into November! 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](#)

Dineouts:

Our next dineout will be November 10th from 10:00 am - 10pm at Skyzone in San Marcos. There will be a discounted admission for 90 minute sessions (\$5 off!). Mention Richland at checkin and 20% goes back to Richland Elementary! GLOW starts at 7:30pm. Jumpers MUST be in a shirt that glows, preferably all white. We hope to see you all there!

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>

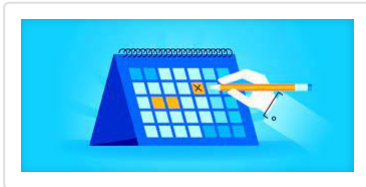
to find out how to digitally submit or simply cut out the box top and give them to your Mustang's teacher. There are two collection times throughout the school year and we will be announcing incentives for highest earning classrooms!

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.

Thank you to our sponsors:

<https://www.nelsonfamilyorthodontics.com>

greenflashpest.com



Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

 Facebook

Friday, November 11th

Veteran's Day, No School

Monday November 14th - 28th

Richland Studnet Council Food Donation Drive

Wednesday, December 7th

Richland Givign Tree Donations Due to Office

Monday, November 21st - Friday, November 25th

Thanksgiving week, No School

Friday, December 16th

Minimum Day , begin Winter break

Monday, December 19th - Friday, January 6th

Winter Break

Monday, January 9th

School resumes in our NEW SCHOOL! Parents welcome to come in before school!

Tuesday, January 10th 6:00-7:00 p.m.

FOR Club Meeting in the NEW Community room

 910 Borden Road, San Marcos,...

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