

Mustang Eblast

November 18th, 2022



November Flag Salute and Students of the Month

Here is the link to today's Flag Salute:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vj_unPV6zNA_diEH2utj0dNSqoU4LwUO/view?usp=share_link

NO School next week - Happy Thanksgiving Week

We wish our Richland families and community a wonderful Thanksgiving and week off. We are GRATEFUL for all of you!

Richland Rebuild Update - Road Resurfacing

Here is a list of Road Work that may impact the school and community. Most should be taking place during our school breaks.

- Street section R&R will occur 11/21-11/23
- Street Slurry will occur 12/19
- The contractor will also need to install striping and legends, but that usually occurs at night and should not be a problem.

Thank you all for your flexibility as the finishing touches are placed on our beautiful school.

Mustang Chronicle Link

We are so proud of our Mustangs work on their 5th edition of the Mustang Chronicle newspaper! Thank you to all who contributed and to Navya, our creator and editor.

[Here is the link to this quarter's edition.](#)

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 Richland 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.

San Marcos Tree Lighting

Richland's Thursday Ukulele Club will have a performance opportunity at the San Marcos Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 3rd at 2:55 pm.

Information has been sent home to the students who are performing. If you have any questions, please email sasha.stone@smusd.org

KOC Closed December 16th

To prepare for the impending move, KOC care will be canceled for Friday, December 16th. Thank you in advance for arranging alternate child care.

Peachjar Links

Did you know there is an icon on our rRichland Elementary webpage with community flyers and events including sports sign ups and Winter Camps? Here is a quick link to it's offerings:

https://www.smusd.org/departments/peachjar_eflyers/school_site_peachjar_links

SMUSD Communication

Winter Camps begin December 19th!

The SMUSD Kids on Campus program will be hosting full-day camps during the Winter Break. All SMUSD families are welcome to enroll for Winter Camp, even if they do not utilize the Kids on Campus care during the school year.

Winter Camp registration opens online at 8:00 am on Monday, November 28, 2022. For details and to register, [please click here.](#)

COVID-19 At-home Test Reminder

All students should have received a COVID-19 at-home test kit prior to Thanksgiving break. Please test your child on Monday, November 28th, prior to taking them to school. If your child tests positive, please keep them home and notify the school health office immediately.

COVID-19 Testing at SMUSD District Office - Thanksgiving Week Schedule

Inspire Diagnostics will be open for COVID-19 testing for two days only during Thanksgiving break. If you need a PCR test during Thanksgiving break, please visit SMUSD's District Office (255 Pico Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069) on Monday or Tuesday afternoon:

Monday, November 21st, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22nd, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COVID Testing Closed November 23rd - November 25th

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 our new FOR Club room at our new school. Child care will be provided.

Hibernate

Our Hibernate fundraiser started this 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>

Chess Club:

We are moving into our end of semester Tournament! Our next semester will begin Friday, January 13th. We ask that everyone signs up again on our sign up genius if your student wishes to continue during our 2nd semester. The sign up will be available on December 16th. We have noticed that some students are using the hour as social or play time and are not expressing interest in playing chess. Please use the next few weeks before we post the sign up to evaluate whether or not this is a good fit for your mustang so that others who are interested and haven't been able to participate get the opportunity to do so. 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.

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:

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 in the following weeks.

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.

Dineouts:

Our next dineout will be December 6th at Panera in San Marcos from 4:00 - 8:00 am. Mention Richland at checkout or enter code FUND4U for online orders and 20% goes back to Richland Elementary! We hope to see you all there!

Mustang Market:

Our Mustang Market will be at the pocket park Friday the 16th of December from 8:00 - 8:45am. We will be 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!

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

Monday November 14th - 28th

Richland Student Council Food Donation Drive

Monday, November 21st - Friday, November 25th

Thanksgiving week, No School

Wednesday, December 7th

Richland Giving Tree Donations Due to Office

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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