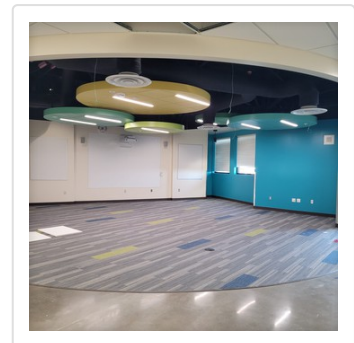
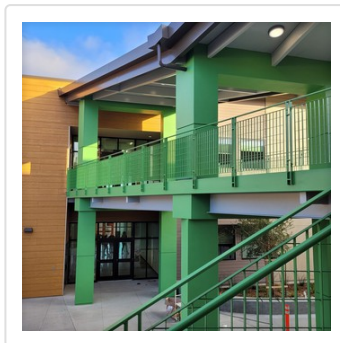
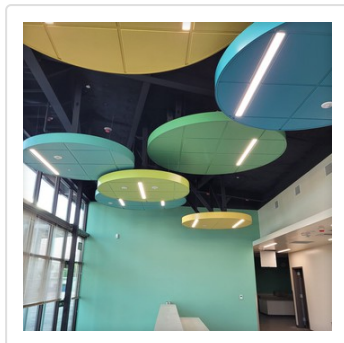
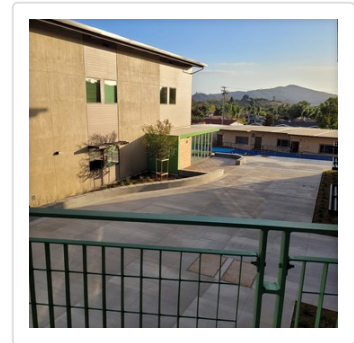
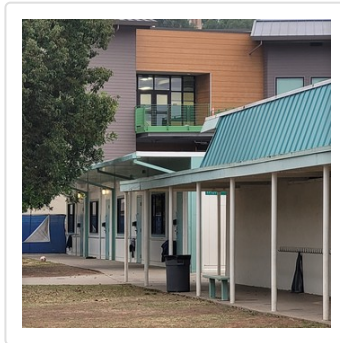


Mustang Eblast

December 2nd, 2022

Happy December! We are in the home stretch!

Our school is ALMOST ready. AND the first order of furniture is arriving today! Here are some updated pictures of our school. We are on track for our January move in.



COVID Testing Updates

COVID-19 testing hours have been adjusted due to decreased demand for PCR testing. Beginning today, Inspire Diagnostics will be open for testing at the District Office as follows:

Monday - Friday / 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Our website has been updated to reflect this new schedule - https://www.smusd.org/c_o_v_i_d-19/c_o_v_i_d-19_testing

We will continue to distribute at-home test kits to students and staff members who request one. Students who are sent home during the school day with COVID-like symptoms should go home with a test kit in their backpacks. If you need additional test kits, please reach out to the Richland office.

Richland Rebuild Update - Road Resurfacing

Here is a list of Road Work that may impact the school and community. Most began during our school break but still needs to be completed.

- Richland Road repairs (signs say Sat 12/3)
- Street Slurry will occur after 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.

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 storage, 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 TOMORROW

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.

SMUSD Communication

PARENTS: We Want To Hear From you!

Be a part of the conversation! The Speak Up survey is the first survey designed to help parents share their ideas directly with schools and national policymakers about how teachers and students should use technology.

By participating in Speak Up, parents are expressing their views to a wider audience of local, state, and national policy makers as well as the business community—and contributing to the national conversation about science, technology, and preparing students for the 21st century workforce. Please take a moment to complete the survey via the link here:

<https://Speakup.Tomorrow.org/D/JPJS>

For more information, see the flyers below:

[English flyer](#)

[Spanish flyer](#)

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 Community Room at our new school. Child care will be provided.

Hibernate

Our Hibernate fundraiser is ON! Just in time for the holidays and the cool winter months! Order by December 16th 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! Richland is already getting \$75 from this fundraiser so far! So let's keep it going!

Keep Hibernate 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, December 16th. We will also have swatches of all 14 of the sheet colors for you to choose from, so you can see them for yourself!

To set up your child's fundraising account:

1. Download the Raise365 app and create an account or login to your existing account.

2. Go to the "Fundraisers" tab, hit "Join Fundraiser" and type Richland into the fundraiser search bar.

3. Fill out your child's info and use "Richland" as the fundraiser password.

*Note: If you see the fundraiser from last year, make sure to "exit fundraiser" before you can join the current year's fundraiser. If you need help with this, email forclubtreasurer@gmail.com for trouble shooting.

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:

Our current semester will continue through December 16th. 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.

Attention 1st grade parents!!!

Our next Wine Out is almost here! Join us on Wednesday, December 7th 6-8pm at North County Wine Company on San Marcos Blvd. They are donating 50% of wine tastings and 10% of bottle sales, which is SO generous considering they already have Costco-style prices on wine bottles!

Come out and hang out with other 1st grade parents. Wouldn't it be great to get to know the other parents that your kids hang out with? Set up play dates, brag about our wonderful Richland teachers, or just have drink and relax from the stress of the holiday season. Not a 1st grade parent? You can come too, we won't tell. Or just stock up on wine for the holidays! A good bottle of wine makes for a great gift!

Each month, your 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, while giving back to the school. Stay tuned for a 2nd grade parents wine out in January!

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>

Code: mustangs22-23

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 3:30. More information will be available as we move toward winter break.

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 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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