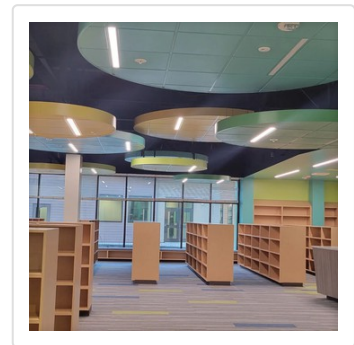
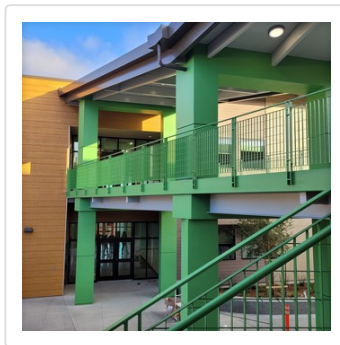
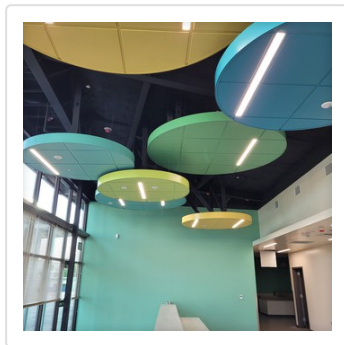
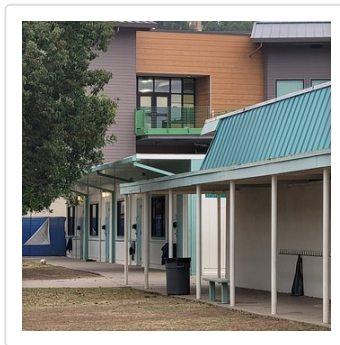
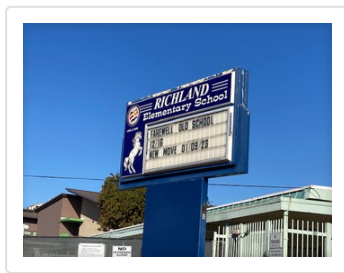


Mustang Eblast

December 9, 2022

Happy Last week of School for 2022! Next Stop, new school!

We wish you the happiest of holidays. Our school will be ready for you when you return to school on Monday, January 9th, 2023. Stay tuned for the next edition of our Eblast right before we return with logistics and information.



Richland Rebuild Update - Road Slurry Seal and Striping over Winter Break

the final 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, Community, for your flexibility as the finishing touches are placed on our beautiful school.

Two Sprit Days to celebrate the Season

Thursday, December 15th will be Holiday Sweater Day. Wear something festive, wear something silly or wear something cozy!

Friday, December 16th is Pajama Day! Wear your comfiest PJs to school (if you bring slippers, please be sure to wear regular shoes and bring the slippers with you!)

Minimum Day Friday and the beginning of our Winter Break!

Friday, December 16th is a minimum day. The schedule is as follows:

Preschool: 8:25 - 11:25 am

All students have the option to attend the AM session 8:25-11:25. PM kiddos would need parent transport as buses will not be running in the late PM on minimum days. PK Teachers have been asked to inform parents and gather a list of those who are attending in the morning.

TK

(AM): 8:25-11:00 am

(PM) 10:55-1:30 pm

K

8:45-12:30 pm

Gr 1-5

8:45 - 12:55 pm

Our sweet old school is being shut down ready for demo by 4 p.m. on Friday. Staff will need to be off campus as soon as possible and the office will close early. Please be sure to pick up your Mustangs on time. We will see you all on opening day at our new campus on Monday, January 9th!

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.

Handprint Wall Update - Inquiring minds want to know...

Many community members have inquired about getting their handprint off the front of the school before demolition. The plan is to allow people to schedule a time to come on site, after signing off liability, and remove the handprints during a small period of time before the old school is demolished. It should be a window of 1 or 2 days, for a few hours, depending on the demand. They are currently doing some testing to insure this process can be done as safely as possible, and once that has been complete, the site/contractor will choose some dates and times. Stay tuned for more information.

Richland Giving Tree Update

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our Richland families for your generosity to help our own families in need. WE were able to supply ten families (a total of 25 Mustangs and community children) with gift cards for food, gas, and gifts.

A special Shout Out to Jackson Baker and his family for his annual Lemonade stand. His donated 100% of his proceeds to help our families in need. What a great heart!

Additionally, thank you to our local Sheriff department for providing bikes for our Mustangs in need as well. <https://fb.watch/hgxUKrNMvi/>

I love our Richland Community!

SMUSD Communication

COVID-19 Testing After Winter Break

Due to the increased travel and social interactions that often occur 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). Next week before we leave for Winter break, your child will receive a COVID-19 at-home test kit. Each test kit contains two tests. Please test your child 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.

A Message from the FOR Club

FOR Club Meetings:

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.

STEAM Program:

We are excited to announce that our after school STEM Enrichment program at iFly is back on this year! The classes will be Wednesday February 1st, 8th and 15th at 3:30. There will be a total of 24 slots open for students with an additional 12 slots available for parents to join in flight each Wednesday! Cost for student flights (2 per student) is \$45 and FOR Club will sponsor half, so upon sign up you will need to submit payment of \$22.50 per student. Adult chaperone flights are \$55. There will be an option to add a high flight for \$15. The sign up will be included in the December 16th eblast.

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.

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.

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

Thursday, December 15th

Holiday Sweater Day

Friday, December 16th

8:45 a.m. Friday Flag Salute and Student of the Month,

Recorded

Pajama Day

Minimum Day , begin Winter break

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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

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