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# Mustang Eblast

December 16, 2022

## Happy Holidays, Winter Break and 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.

Due to the rebuild, phones will be packed and down for most of the break. If you need to relay a message over Break, please email rather than leaving a phone message.

## Giving Library and Lost and Found

The Giving library and Lost and Found will remain outside the front of Richland for just a few more days. Please feel free to drop by, grab some Winter reading, and see if you have anything missing. With the cold weather, those jackets might be needed. And we have collected enough water bottles to fill up a swimming pool! :)

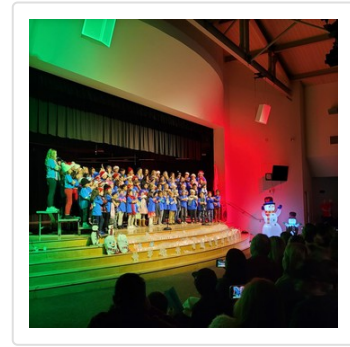
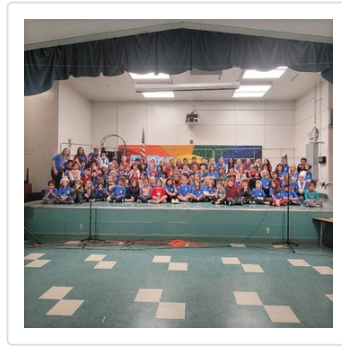
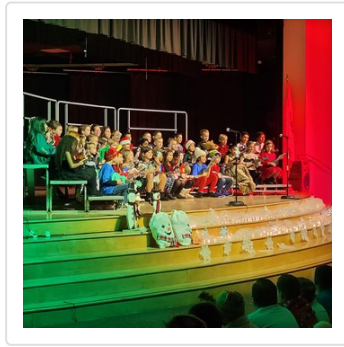
## Handprint Wall Update - Inquiring minds want to know...

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.

## Winter Chorus

What a wonderful celebration of children's voices raised in song. It was a Winter WonderLand! Thank you to Luminary Arts for their orchestration, particularly to Amy Throckmorton and Jill Blackwell. Thank you to Sasha Stone and her Ukulele Crew. Thank you to "Kid Wrangler"

Heather Lowery and to our own FOR Club for funding this precious event! Thank you to everyone for supporting the arts at Richland.



## 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 [rl.health@smusd.org](mailto:rl.health@smusd.org). 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.

## Principal Coffee Chat and School Tour

Parents, get a sneak peek in our new school on Friday, January 13th from 9:00-10:00 with a Principal Coffee Chat, School Tour, and a plans for Phase II.



## 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 Community 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! Cost for student flights (2 flights 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. Sign up [here!](#)

### **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 check out the flyer [here](#) where you can find the QR code or:

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](mailto: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 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. [Here](#) is a link to the sign up. Students who have been waitlisted this semester will have priority sign up for next semester. 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](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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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 at Old Spaghetti Factory on January 24th in San Marcos. Enjoy the night out while giving back 15% of your purchase to Richland!

### **Mustang Market:**

Our Mustang Market will be at the pocket park Friday the 27th of January 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](http://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:**

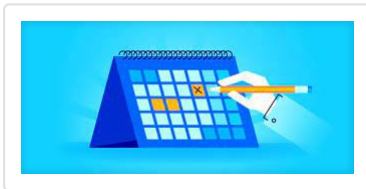
Earn cash for the school by saving box tops from participating companies. Click here <https://faqs.boxtops4education.com/s/article/How-do-I-earn-Box-Tops-with-my-digital-receipt> to find out how to digitally submit or simply cut out the box top and give them to your Mustang's teacher. There are two collection times throughout the school year and we will be announcing incentives for highest earning classrooms!

Visit our website at [richlandforclub.com](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>

[greenflashpest.com](http://greenflashpest.com)



# Important Upcoming Dates to Remember

 Facebook

## **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

## **Friday, January 13th**

Principal Coffe Chat and School Tour, 9:00- 10:00 a.m.

## **Monday, January 19th**

No School. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## **Friday, February 17th - Monday, February 20th**

No School. President's Day Weekend

## **Tuesday, March 14th, 3:30 p.m.**

School Site Council Meeting, location TBD

## **Tuesday, March 21st 3:15-4:15**

ELAC Meeting, New PD Room

 910 Borden Road, San Marcos,...

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