

# Mustang Eblast

January 27, 2023

## Happy End of Semester 1! Welcome Semester 2!

What a change from the beginning of this school year. Here we are ending First Semester in our new home and ready to take on second Semester. This means it's report card season. Report Cards will be available on Parent Vue on Friday, February 10th. And lots of fun things are happening with Mission Hills High School CTE student supporting our Mustangs weekly, first grade art lessons, APEX lessons and upcoming Fun Run, Spring Play Tryouts and A LOT more! What a great place to spend our days!

## Link to January Flag Salute and Students of the Month

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DhUq1ovoJ\\_OBdegeh-iZT9y\\_Fx-nqsEX/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DhUq1ovoJ_OBdegeh-iZT9y_Fx-nqsEX/view?usp=share_link)

## How are the Children?

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The most important thing a society can do is to protect and keep the children of our community safe. We need YOUR help to ensure our children arrive at school and home as safely as possible.

We received SEVERAL calls from concerned parents and citizens about this.

**\*\*PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS NOT TO STEP OFF THE SIDEWALK TO WALK AROUND PEOPLE WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL.** Students are stepping into traffic and this is NOT safe.

**\*\*STUDENTS ARE NOT TO CROSS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.** Crossing Guards are available at the end of Richland Road and on the corner of Borden Road and Rose Ranch.

Please know that we hold attendance until the line is complete and we won't mark your child absent or tardy until the line is diminished and students are in the gate. Our community liaisons at the Sheriff Dept. will be monitoring our arrival and dismissal procedures on the roads around Richland in the upcoming weeks.

Good news is... ALL students were picked up Thursday by 3:29 p.m. and TODAY at students were in the gate by 8:44 a.m. Thank you everyone for your synergy and safety!

## A message from our Librarian, Ms. Canetti

### Book Donations

Would you like to leave a long lasting legacy in the library? Please help us update and diversify our Mustang library book collection by purchasing a book off of our [Richland Library Amazon Wish List](#) in honor of your child's birthday or just because.

Do you have some gently used books at home that you're finished with and looking to donate? Feel free to have your child drop them off in the library. If we can't use the books in the library, they will be offered to our Richland Readers to take and keep. They love getting free books!

## SMUSD LCAP Survey

The San Marcos Unified School District is seeking feedback from our families regarding our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP is the District's plan that is designed to improve student achievement through the development of goals based upon student needs.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey linked below. This information will be utilized to update our LCAP, and also to improve our programs and services to improve student achievement.

This survey will remain open until **February 12, 2023**, and your information will remain confidential.

### LINKS:

[SMUSD LCAP Survey / Encuesta de LCAP del SMUSD](#)

## Announcing Richland's Spring Play for 2023!.... Disney's The Jungle Book Kids

Luminary Arts is back for another great show! Auditions will be held on Tuesday, January 31st for K, 1st, 2nd and Wednesday, February 1st for students in 3rd, 4th, & 5th in the Multipurpose Room. All interested students MUST sign-up on the google form below before being able to audition. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays after school. Performers in the ensemble will most often rehearse on either Monday or Tuesday and students with speaking roles will rehearse mostly on Wednesdays. The performances will be held on June 1st and 2nd. We are limiting the cast to 60 performers. If we have more students than that

interested, the director will make casting decisions based on performer scheduling availability and/or will draw names from a hat to fill the remaining spots.

More information is available on the [2023- Richland Play Jungle Book Registration Form](#)

[Richland Spring Play Announcement 2023](#)

## A Message from your Mustang Chronicle

We are inviting you to share your artwork, writing, and pictures with us to be featured in the Edition of The Mustang Chronicle. It's our amazing school magazine! Teachers and parents, if you would like to share your child's amazing talent with us, email us or you can share it with your child's teachers. The last date of submission is March 10th.

Our email is: [30narora24298@smusd.org](mailto:30narora24298@smusd.org); [lourdes.rivera-flodine@smusd.org](mailto:lourdes.rivera-flodine@smusd.org); [themustangchronicle21@gmail.com](mailto:themustangchronicle21@gmail.com).

The Mustang Chronicle is leading the charge on our upcoming Abilities Awareness Week in March with a American Sign Language Contest. Here is a link to their video and information:

<https://youtu.be/7PS3kkHaovo>



## A Message from the FOR Club

### **FOR Club Meetings:**

Due to Valentine's Day, our next meeting will be February 7th.

Typically, FOR Club meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 in the Professional Development room. Child care will be provided.

### **Valentine's Grams**

Spread some love this Valentine's Day with a brag tag and personalized message! You can send these to your Mustang, your Mustang's teacher, a staff member, or a Mustang friend! We will deliver purchases during school on Valentine's Day! Once you proceed to purchase your grams [here](#) you will be asked a series of questions; please follow the directions to ensure that your grams are delivered properly. We will be selling these Valentine's Grams in person in front of the Parent Room at drop off the morning of February 3rd and 10th, while supplies last.

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that If you wish to send your student a Valentines-Gram, but you need some financial assistance, please reach out to either Gaby Dellamary, in the office, or Kristen Engler, the counselor, as we have a limited number of scholarships to make sure all our Mustangs receive one.

## APEX

APEX will kick off January 31st and our fun run will be on February 9th! We are looking for 15 volunteers per grade level to help on the day of the fun run. Please sign up [here](#).

## 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 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 (or older sibling flights) are \$55. There is an option to add a high flight for \$15. Sign up here! Please submit payment to our Venmo @Richland-FORClub or submit cash or check to the front office. You will need to provide transportation for your Mustang.

## Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are on sale for \$25. 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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## 2023 Yearbook cover art contest

Building the future...One child at a time.

The Yearbook Cover Contest is officially open to all Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students.

As we look around at our campus, we see it a little different. We see the old and now the new.

As we get ready to go into our new school, I realize, there are so many memories we're leaving behind.

What will you miss most about the Original Richland?

What are your favorite memories from the Original Richland?

***WE ARE EXTENDING THE DUE DATE FOR OUR CONTEST!!! Artwork is due to the Yearbook Committee by Friday, February 10th. All artwork submissions must be returned to the office to be considered. No electronic submissions will be accepted.***

### Directions and Guidelines:

Yearbook theme is – **What will you miss most from the Original Richland**

Vertical orientation of artwork only

Use color as you want

Please use plain white paper. No lined paper. Size 8.5 x 11

No graphite, only pencil drawings – please use ink pens,

cravons. colored pencils. markers. paint. etc.

Do not include the school's name or school year (2022-2023) – this will be printed on the cover .

Name, Grade AND Teacher MUST be included on the artwork to be included in the contest. DO NOT put this information on the front of your artwork – print on the back or on a sticky note. Your name and artwork will be included in the yearbook just for participating!

### **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.

### **Dineout:**

Our next dineout will be at Maya's Cookies in San Marcos on February 12, 2023 from 12pm - 9pm. Mention Friends of Richland at checkout and 15% of your purchase will come back to Richland.

### **Hibernate**

Our Hibernate fundraiser is ON! Just in time for the holidays and the cool winter months!

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>

### **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

## **Friday, January 27, 2023**

Friday Flag Salute and Student of the Month - recorded  
Mustang Market and Rush Coffee

## **Tuesday, February 7th 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

FOR Club PTO Meeting, PD Room  
Childcare will be provided

## **Thursday, February 9th**

APEX Fun Run at Richland

## **Friday, February 10th**

Semester 1 Report Cards open on ParentVue

## **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

## **Thursday, March 16th 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Richland Open House

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

ELAC Meeting, New PD Room

 910 Borden Road, San Marcos,...

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