



## **2020-21 Richland Committees and Volunteer Opportunities**

**Volunteer Committees and Opportunities look a little bit different this year as we remain in a remote learning setting/potentially hybrid model that may not allow parents on campus. This list will expand as things progress. This is not a conclusive list; Richland Booster Club is always open to new ideas and suggestions, please feel free to reach out at [richlandboostermail@gmail.com](mailto:richlandboostermail@gmail.com) Thank you for supporting Richland.**

### **We CAN Build It! STEM and canned food drive (Lead: Marybeth Newton; Time frame: November; Event date: November 21<sup>st</sup>)**

The We CAN Build It! STEM and canned food drive event combines science and engineering with our annual food drive to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Each year we donate nearly 1500 pounds of food as part of this fun STEM competition (during a normal year). Normally we would look for class volunteers, judges from different professions, and transportation and packing volunteers. This year we are looking for just transportation and packing volunteers on Monday November 23rd from 8-10am as well as volunteers to help flyer the neighborhood (photocopies will be provided.) Any and all help is welcome!

### **Ongoing Fundraisers Committee: (Lead: Needed; Time Frame: All Year)**

Ongoing Fundraisers are fundraising programs offered by shopping platforms (websites, apps, physical stores, etc.) such as Amazon Smile, Ralph's Community Contribution Program, Box Tops for Education App, etc. Families can sign up for these programs and every time they shop, a small percentage (or flat fee) of what they spend is donated to Richland Avenue Boosters Club.

Volunteers will handle encouraging and reminding families to sign up for these programs (sending reminder emails, posting on the Richland community Facebook page, etc.). Volunteers, if they wish, can create visuals to help explain how to sign up to a certain program. Also, volunteers can research additional programs that the Richland community is not taking advantage of yet and introduce those to the community.

**Staff Appreciation Committee: (Lead: Needed; Time Frame: March-April; Tentative date of event: May 7)**

Every year, during the month of May, Richland Boosters Club organizes a Staff Appreciation Luncheon to express the families' gratitude for everything the wonderful teachers and staff do for all the students on a daily basis. Traditionally the luncheon has been held on campus. While it is still unclear where and how this luncheon can be organized this year, we absolutely want to plan for an alternative event to honor our teachers and staff. Volunteers will handle brainstorming, researching, planning, organizing and setting-up the event.

**French/Homework support Committee: (Lead: Needed; Time Frame: All Year)**

The purpose of this committee is to organize volunteer based after-school support for French and homework assistance. It's a platform to connect families who need help with those who can offer it. The type, length, and format of support will vary: organic groups of families might form in which families rotate supporting the children, or in other instances support can be one on one.

The lead will handle organizing the volunteers by grade and type of support they can provide. Additionally, they will coordinate with room parents so they can connect with families who need academic support.

**Valet/ Drop-Off Committee: (Lead: Needed; Time Frame: All Year)**

*Note: We are recruiting volunteers for this committee in preparations for a potential school re-opening.* Richland has a valet/drop of lane along Federal Avenue leading up to the gate through which students enter campus every morning. Volunteers help organize the flow of traffic in the morning at drop off, parents remain in their vehicles, and volunteers assist the students getting out of the vehicle and entering campus. If LAUSD adopts AM/PM cohorts, the committee might need morning and afternoon volunteers.

**Book Fair: (Katherine Williams; Time Frame: January- March; Tentative date of event: March 23-25)**

Book Fair is an annual fundraising event usually held in the school library. We sell books to all grade levels in French and English. This year we anticipate the Book Fair will be virtual. A small committee of volunteers helps promote the book fair and helps the vendor curate book lists as needed. Time commitment would be 2-5 hours in spring months. If we are able to host an in person Book Fair, we would need many more volunteers to work the Book Fair!

**Walk-a-Thon (Christine Deelo; Time Frame: February- April; Tentative Date of event: April 23)**

Walk-a-Thon, affectionately known as 'WAT' is an annual event held in the spring where students seek sponsors to support their participation in an annual walk. This event is a great community-builder, encourages students to be active, and usually raises tens of thousands of dollars for Richland! This year, we anticipate the need to make adaptations to accommodate Covid-restrictions, but we still hope to hold the event in some fashion. Volunteers are needed to help with planning,

marketing, and logistics, as well as soliciting businesses for sponsorships. If we are able to host an in-person event, volunteers will also be needed for day-of logistics.

**Spirit Gear Committee (Alan Canterbury; Time Frame: All Year)**

SGC is a group of Richland parents that work together to sell high-quality Richland Tiger-themed merch (tee shirts, hoodies, water bottles, shorts, etc.) to the Richland community. We have recently moved to an online pop-up shop model for selling gear and for that we need people to help design gear, choose styles and vendors, ordering and distribution. As of now this is an email committee - we just send emails around and chime in. We need help with all phases so if you are somewhat creative or have a design background or business/marketing or even just well organized, we need your help. Please join the committee and then find how you want to help move the process along.

**Tiger Gras Fundraiser (Alan Canterbury; Time Frame: January-February)**

*Note: this is a community event, not an official Boosters event.*

Tiger Gras is a yearly off-campus fundraiser celebrating the French tradition of Mardi Gras (aka Carnival), including the World-Famous Tiger Gras Parade! We need volunteers for the following: virtual event management, fundraising, accounting, marketing/promotions, talent coordinator, parent liaison, food/drink manager, and content manager. We are going to be pushing to generate revenues from sources outside of Richland's parents. If you want to help bring in revenue to the school by throwing a party that promotes community, art, and tradition, then please join us!

**Annual Giving Campaign: (Leads: Jen Dumonceau & Marta Costello; Time Frame: September-November)**

This is the fundraiser we have each year that raises money for Richland for all the things LAUSD doesn't provide money for. This ranges from Teachers' Aides to the Learning Garden to Art to Orchestra to field trips and much more. This committee is not specifically looking for volunteers at this time; however, we need everyone to participate in the fundraising campaign and help raise funds! Additionally, if anyone is specifically passionate about fundraising, they welcome ideas or support.