

On behalf of all of the Richland Boosters, we are thrilled that you are the newest members of the Richland family! We'll be beginning the year from home with Distance Learning, so it will be a less traditional start to the school year – but one that we hope is still engaging and fun! As a community we work together to provide the extras that make Richland great - doing this takes everyone's help. We ask that parents volunteer their time, which is also a great way to get to know the other families and the teachers and staff. Even with Distance Learning, there will still be opportunities to be part of virtual events, strengthen the bonds of our community, and in some cases also raise money for our school. While Richland is a public school, the children benefit from extras that you may have heard about or even seen on the school tour.

To achieve our goal of paying for music, teachers' aides, and technology, which are not provided by the school district, we have an annual Giving Campaign where every family is asked to donate \$1,500 to support their child(ren). We encourage 100% participation by every Richland family. The annual Giving Campaign is our biggest fundraiser of the year; 100% of the money directly benefits the school and our Richland Tigers. Through all of the past donations we have built a wonderful school and an enriching experience for the students. This upcoming year we need your support to keep that foundation strong, and provide the funds that will be used in the future when the campus reopens and has new and unique expenses.

If you consider how much preschool or music lessons might cost, the request for \$1,500 for an entire year of support for the needs of the school is likely a lot less. And if you use the recurring donation feature on the website, that amounts to \$150 per month, to help ensure that Richland is able to continue to provide for amazing experiences – even if in some cases they are remote via Zoom.

An annual event that everyone looks forward to is the Walk-A-Thon which generally takes place each spring. Since you would have already contributed your \$1,500 to the Giving Campaign, we encourage you to ask your family and friends across the country and around the world to sponsor your students online. We will be considering creative ways to still have a Walk-A-Thon, so stay tuned for updates throughout the year.

We hold Boosters meetings on a monthly basis and we encourage you to participate. Our meetings alternate between morning and evening so more families have the opportunity to attend. From these meetings you will get a lot of insight into the daily activities and information on how you can make a difference in your child's experience. We'll be starting the year with Zoom meetings, so be sure to join our first virtual meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 12 noon, via Zoom: 923 0569 7772, passcode: Richland

Please also join our private Facebook group exclusively for Richland families for updates on events, school information, and discussion: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RichlandAvenueElementaryCommunity/>

We're looking forward to a great year!



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