

# FOR Club Meeting Notes

September 12, 2023 - 4:35pm

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## Welcome, Intro, Sponsorships & Teacher Grants

After a round of introductions of all in attendance and all Board Members present, FOR Club President, Breena Hope, announced this year's current sponsors:

- Green Flash Pest Control
- Nelson Family Orthodontics
- Beauty Lounge
- Mr. Taco - Original Vista location
- Big Frog of San Marcos

So far this year, we have had two Teacher Grants submitted and the FOR Club Board has unanimously approved both requests:

- History Brought To Life Assembly approval for 4th Grade
- Recorders to be purchased for Music Class for 4th Grade and carried on through 5th Grade

## **Pony Pals**

Pony Pals is a year-long appreciation for teachers where a secret gifter/volunteer will gift some surprise items for their selected teacher through the year, usually a small gift every month - like Secret Santa. Teachers complete a favorite things form if they want to participate and volunteers will sign up online via the PonyPals link. Please consider signing up to be a beloved [Pony Pal](#) by [clicking this link!](#)

## VAPA (Visual & Performing Arts)

We will be accepting 120 kids into the Choir this year. Sign-Ups are on a first-come, first-serve basis and will open on Sept. 29 at 4pm via a link online. Practices will be Oct-Dec with two separate performances on Thursday, December 14.

## Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale online. [You can purchase them by clicking on this link!](#) Our school code is 17701 or you can look us up by name.

## Raise Craze Update

This is our 3rd year running the Raise Craze kindness fundraiser. Last year we raised about \$42,000, this year our goal is \$40,000 - we hope to hit it and are so close! Fundraiser closes at 11:59pm on Friday, 9/15. Then we will have a big event on 9/29 Flag Salute Day with the Mayor in attendance. We will do a video announcing all the parties that were won by the classes that reached the fundraising goals. Julie Barbara & Julie Morgan will sleep at the school on Thursday 28th and will wake up on Friday as an incentive if we hit our goal!

## Dine-Outs!

Once a month, a local restaurant or activity will host an event where proceeds go back to our school. Thanks to the families that attended in August, we raised \$341.00 at Draft Republic. Don't miss the next ones:

- Thursday, 9/21 at My Yard Live from 5-9pm (10% of proceeds)
- Friday, 10/13 at SkyZone - ALL DAY! It's also a Glow-Zone night (20% of proceeds)
- Tuesday, 11/14 at Panera from 4-8pm (20% of proceeds)
- Thursday, 1/25 at Old Spaghetti Factory

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## Principal Update

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Richland only gets \$72,000 to run the school annually, while FOR Club raises \$215,000 a year for additional resources, programs and supplies provided to educate all the students. Thank you to the parents who support FOR Club and donate to make this happen!

- Thanks to FOR Club funds, we have a STEAM Program & Teacher that is 100% supported by FOR Club donations. Our vision is to turn this into a full-time program if we can financially support it.
- Currently we have a \$20,000 grant for the 1st Grade art program but we hope to get additional funds to support this program for ALL grades. We are working on trying to expand this program now.
- Student Council has been working to fund soccer goal posts and with some help and their efforts, they have finally come. We are just looking to purchase more soccer balls but are thankful for the other equipment that has already been funded by FOR Club.
- Richland Dedication Ceremony will be on Wednesday, 9/13 from 4-6pm
- Principal Coffee Chat will be on Friday, 9/15 and Rush Coffee Cart will be in attendance.

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## Teacher Representative Update

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Teachers would like to thank FOR Club for the Welcome Back Breakfast and they're excited to promote Raise Craze. They're happy that the STEAM Program is continuing and that the Teacher Grants have been approved.

### STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art & Math) Update

Allison teaches TK- 5th Grade every other week, where teamwork and collaboration are encouraged. Students are presented with hands-on opportunities that aligns with current classroom lessons. We're looking forward to the science garden for plant learning and integrating robotics and tech for older grades

### Volunteers Needed & Room Parents!

We are still looking for a couple more room parents, please sign up if your class does not yet have one! If you're able to volunteer, reach out to [friendsofrichland@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrichland@gmail.com) - we will need some help on Flag Salute Day (9/29) with Mustang Market, dressing up as Richie and help running the Student Store.

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### Halloween Carnival

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This event is one our largest and most well-attended events but it's completely volunteer-run so please sign up to help! Volunteers are needed to man their classroom booths, set-up, take-down, etc. Please save these dates:

- Wednesdays, 9/20, 10/4 and 10/18 at 8:45am (after drop-off) for the Halloween Carnival Planning Meeting - meet at PD Room
- Friday, 10/20 from 6-8pm for the Scary Haunted House. 5th Grade Room Parents & Students are in charge of this event
- Saturday, 10/21 from 2-6pm for the Halloween Carnival

We are still looking for local businesses to be vendors at the event. If you or anyone you know would like to promote their business, please have them sign up here!

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### Mustang Market & Student Store

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Come buy Mustang Merch every last Friday of Flag Salute - the next one is 9/29. Rush Coffee Cart will be there and Student Store will open too. At Student Store, students can bring their money to buy trinkets for family, friends or teachers and kids can also volunteer alongside an adult to learn how to apply for a job, manage money and take inventory - real life skills!

### OPEN FORUM IDEAS!!

We love hearing your ideas. Today we had two great proposals from attendees:

- Proposal to bring back the Running Club (K-5)
- Parent-Led/Sponsored events to fundraise by teaching a class or get-together