

Richard Elementary PTO Update

Connecting Families



Mark your Calendars:

- March – Reading Month
- 3/15-21 – 2nd Grade Challenge
- 3/16 – Report Cards
- 3/17 – [Welcome Committee Meeting](#) (7pm)
- 3/22 – GPPSS Board Meeting
- 3/24-25 – Conferences
- 3/21 – 28 – 3rd & 4th Grade Challenge
- 3/25-26 – Half Days
- 3/29 – 4/2 – Spring Break
- 4/14 – PTO Meeting (7pm)

Richard Rockstars!

Thank you to everyone supporting Richard. Special thanks to:

- **Everyone** fundraising!
- **Hannah Hiller & Maureen Kruse** for their amazing efforts with the playground!
- **Kristina Junga** for making sure families got their directory!
- **Nathalie Wahl** for all of her fantastic treasury skills and hard work to get every family on Amazon smiles.
- **Dr. Kernan and the entire Richard Staff** for the amazing dedication & support!

PTO Website: [Click here](#)

Reminder: Fundraising Links

Easy Ways to Support Richard

- **Richard Wear** – Show your school spirit!
 - [High Winds Graphix](#)
 - [Campus Shop](#)
- **Kroger Rewards** – Link your Kroger card for Richard to receive community rewards.
- **Amazon Prime** – Put your spending to good use & select Richard as your charity. Make sure to shop through [smile.amazon.com](#).
- **Box Tops** – Download the app and scan.
- **Richard Directory** – A benefit of PTO membership is receiving a copy of the school directory & online access.

Join us on Social Media



If you design it, they will fundraise!

March 2021



We are getting closer! Richard needs to raise \$85,000 by May for phase 1, but we hope to raise \$120,000 to cover all phases. **We need your help, please donate.** Please ask your family, friends, neighbors, anyone willing to give.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made to:

- Paypal donations can be sent to peregabrielrichardpto@gmail.com (please select the Friends & Family option to avoid the PTO from paying service fees)
Shortcut: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/richardpto>
- Venmo donations can be sent to @PereGabrielRichardPTO.
Shortcut: https://venmo.com/code?user_id=261213765448499212



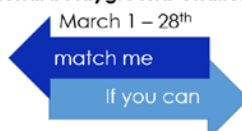
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Numbers to Know

- **26 years** – current Richard Playground
- **\$120,000** – Fundraising goal for a new playground
- **\$259** – raised by some of the 3rd graders with a hot chocolate stand!
- **\$344.40** – Amount raised with last Box Tops donation.
- **83** out of **190** Families using Amazon Smiles to raise money while the shop (5 families since the last newsletter). See *instructions* on page 3.
- **\$72,091.53** – Total Raised as of 3/14/21
- **60%** of goal achieved
- **261 Students & the community** benefit!

Please participate in the fundraisers, make donations, share ideas, & volunteer. Together we can make this happen for our kids. **Our Playground is Your Playground!**

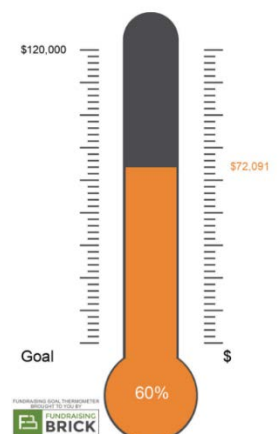
Richard Playground Challenge



See page 2 for Challenge details.

Thanks to our sponsors!

Ryan Lally, **LoVasco Consulting Group**, **Nathan Steiner**, **Park Grill** and **Fresh Farms Market**.



MATCH ME IF YOU CAN

We are in the final stages of fundraising for a new playground. We have 5 generous donors who are willing to match grade level donations dollar for dollar up to \$1,000! We are asking each grade to work together to raise \$1,000 each in the month of March! This could raise \$10,000 or more for our playground, which would help us to maximize our space and provide our students and community with the best structure our money can buy! Can you help us?!

Donation Schedule

March 1st-7th Y5/Kindergarten
March 8th-14th 1st Grade
March 15th-21st 2nd Grade
March 22nd-28th 3rd and 4th grade
(During the same week due to Spring Break)

How To Donate

- Send a check made out to Pere Gabriel Richard PTO 176 McKinley Ave, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
- Venmo
PereGabrielRichard
PTO@gmail.com
- Paypal
PereGabrielRichard
PTO@gmail.com

(*Please reference the grade you are donating for with any payment)

Ways to Raise Money

- Chores
- Bottle Returns
- Ask a grandparent or family member to help.
- Make a personal donation

\$120K

\$60K

Each grade that meets their \$1,000 goal will be awarded with a classroom party of their choice (agreed upon with their teacher!) and a NEW PLAYGROUND!



How to sign up for AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a way for Richard families to support their Richard Elementary PTO. Every time you shop, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Richard Raccoons PTO. Especially for frequent Amazon users (and who isn't?), it's an effortless way to give back to our school!

Signing up is easy!

Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Click on AmazonSmile
4. Search for our school to select as your charity:
Pere Gabriel Richard Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
5. Start shopping!
6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app

1. Make sure you're signed up for AmazonSmile (use your web browser to visit smile.amazon.com)
2. Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app for [iOS](#) or [Android](#)
3. Open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu (☰)
4. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the app.



*Let's raise
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