



# Richard Elementary PTO Update

## Connecting Families



### Save the Dates

- **June 8th** - 4th-grade to Lansing
- **10th** - Y5 and K to Detroit Zoo
- **10th** - 2nd Grade to Henry Ford
- **13th** - Board Meeting
- **14th** – 1/2 preschool promotion (10:45)
- **14th** – 3rd/4th Social Studies event
- **14th** - Flag Day
- **14th** – 1<sup>st</sup> grade End of Year party
- **15th** - 3rd and 4th-grade end of year party
- **16th** - 4th-grade promotion 10 AM
- **16th** – Ice Cream Treats (Noon – 2pm at Guaranteed Rate | 86 Kercheval)
- **17th** - Kindergarten promotion front steps 11AM
- **17th** - Last Day of School!

### Reminder: Fundraising Links Easy Ways to Support Richard

- [Richard Wear](#) – Show your school spirit!
- [Kroger Rewards](#) - Link your Kroger card for Richard to receive community rewards.
- [Amazon Prime](#) - Put your Amazon spending to good use and select Richard as your charity. Make sure to shop through smile.amazon.com.
- [Minted](#) - Use our discount code: **FUNDRAISEPGRE** and get 20% off your order!
- [Box Tops](#) - Download the app and scan.
- [Richard Directory](#) - A benefit of being a member of the PTO is receiving a copy of the school directory and access to the online app.

### Join us on Social Media



### That's a Wrap

June 2022

Richard families,

Let me begin by saying what a wonderful school, and community, we have here at Richard! Next year, when my “baby” is in 4th grade, I will be rounding out a decade here at Richard. It is a bittersweet time thinking of all 4 of my kids moving on.

I started my PTO journey about 8 years ago, when I reluctantly took on the role of “recruiting”. Little did I know how hard that job would turn out to be! We have always struggled to get volunteers to take on a position in the PTO. It is refreshing to see more parents interested this year.

When I began with the PTO, I helped on many committees and then was somehow bamboozled into the VP position ;) Holly Bayster, the President at the time, assured me that there was “nothing to it.” Much to my surprise, the position was renamed “President-elect”, thus my current President status.

We have had some amazing times...Fowling, Derby party, Progressive dinners, Sail into Spring, Fall fest, movie nights, dance party...too many to name.

We have also had a few challenging years. I have never been prouder to be a part of a community than when we suffered the loss of the Connelly boys. During such a tragic time, Richard came together to comfort and lean on each other, and help our kids cope with such a devastating event.

Covid consumed much of my term. What a crazy time for all of us! Our school did an amazing job navigating an unprecedented situation. Although it was disappointing not being able to do all the things we normally do for the kids, we did some remarkable things! What other school could raise money for a new playground, during a pandemic!?

I have been honored to serve this community. The job, I’m not going to lie, is very difficult, and consuming, at times, but in the end, it is very rewarding. I am happy to pass the torch to Hannah Hiller.

A very heartfelt, and sincere, thank you to all of the Board members and PTO volunteers. You are all amazing! It goes, without saying, that the staff at Richard are extraordinary and wonderful to work with.

I will enjoy my last year, as a Richard parent, serving as “past - president” and on the Family functions committee.

Have a fantastic summer!

*Jen Wilson*

# Sailing Into Spring Success

## Richard's Spring Fundraiser

Thanks to all that supported the Sail Into Spring Fundraiser and the Richard PTO. Just over \$16,000 was raised! It was a wonderful event bringing teachers, as well as new & old families together.

The committee did an outstanding job. Thank you Maureen Kruse, Committee Chair; Jennifer & Tom Kopp – Event Hosts; Cathy Harber for organizing the shuttle service and for collaborating with Nathan Steiner on the goodie bags. And thank you to the rest of the committee: Laura Eames, Jody Messacar Gotfredson, Hannah Hiller, Shelayne Miller, Carly Miyamoto, Sarah Pereira, Merrill Messacar Starr, and Sherene Winkler. Also, a special thanks to all the sponsors and donors. Without whom this event would not have been possible. Please show your support by supporting sponsor businesses.



## Saving Lives...

Richard donated 34 pints of blood. Thank you to all that gave blood and volunteered to support!

## Calling all Volunteers!

Want to get involved? Richard needs lunch & recess volunteers. Please consider [signing up](#) to help the last few weeks of the year.

## Field Day Fun!

Field Day was fantastic; the kids had the best time! Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff for the wonderful help. Special thanks to Kristy Kisskalt, Liz DeWitt, Rob Eames, Laura Vrabel Eames, Stephanie Barraco Harris, GP South, and **a Richard Rockstar thanks to Diana Vanderpool for organizing this special day!!**



### SMALL BUT MIGHTY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE RICHARD PTO ALL YEAR

Scan the codes with your phone camera



Order stationary, decor, holiday cards, and gifts at [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com). Use code FUNDRAISEPGRE at checkout to receive 20% off. Minted will donate 15% of your total order to our school!

Shop at Kroger? Enroll in Community Rewards and connect your Kroger Plus Card to RICHARD PTO. A portion of your spending (usually 0.5%) will be donated back to the school.



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## Easiest Way to Get School Supplies

One less thing to worry about - school supplies! Order now and they will be delivered right to the classroom, plus Richard earns money for each kit sold! Get your back-to-school shopping done early, just click [here to purchase](#).

## Looking for Mentorship?

Are you a new to Richard or been here, but still need guidance? Richard has added a mentorship program for Richard Families get or give support to another member of our community.

You can sign up on [Facebook](#), match yourself with a partner, and connect. It's up to you how much time you want to spend together. If you are not on FB, you can fill out the [Google form](#).

## PTO Board & Committee Members

Thank you to everyone supporting the PTO! Richard relies on the generosity of committed community members to make Richard the best it can be. Special thanks to our outgoing and incoming leaders, especially Jen Wilson & Inga Sabourin. We are grateful for your leadership and hard work! Anyone interested in helping next year, please reach out.

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