

Good Evening Richey Families,

This week is designated nationally to recognize teachers. So please join me in taking some time to recognize your child's teacher. They certainly have shown their dedication and resilience this year!

We want to thank the Richey PTO in advance for their plans to provide lunch for our staff on Tuesday, May 4th.

As part of our "Richey Nature Connection", we have started preparing our outdoor garden boxes for planting. We are SO excited for our students to help us enjoy the beauty of nature and witness the serenity that planting brings. We hope our students have the opportunity to harvest their own produce in a few weeks. Your child's teacher will have details regarding their planting day, but prepare for the following on the day of planting. We will be outside, so your child's teacher may be asking for volunteers. This would be a great way for our families to reconnect with our school.

- Your child **will** get dirty that day. If you are worried about staining clothes or their shoes, please choose a different outfit/foot gear for your child. Consider sending in a change of clothes regardless of your child's age just in case they get too dirty or wet in the process of planting.
- Gardening happens rain or shine, so your child should dress appropriately for the elements. (NOTE: If the weather is extreme or torrential, we will not move forward with planting, BUT if it drizzles or is misty, the "show will go on".)
- Consider purchasing a pair of gardening gloves for your child. (Label them with his/her name and homeroom)

We are going to need families to volunteer to help us. The garden will continue to grow and will need care over the summer, so we will be soliciting your support in order to maintain the garden. More importantly there will be vegetables that will need to find their way to your tables. We will need YOU to help us enjoy the produce! Look for a signup sheet in the upcoming weeks to help us with the garden. This is a wonderful way for you to connect as a family *and* help our school.

As a friendly reminder, keep those pictures of your home gardens coming. I have some names to share next week. :)

Have you checked out our landscaping in front of the building? If you haven't seen it, drive by soon. It looks wonderful thanks to APPO Landscaping. If you want to check out their work go to [Facebook.com/AppoLandscaping](https://www.facebook.com/AppoLandscaping) or contact them directly at AppoLandscaping@Gmail.com.

I want to thank you for supporting the NED show assembly. We sold so many yo yo's, we actually ran out and had to place an additional order. So, if your child was unable to purchase one, he/she will be able to purchase one this upcoming week.

Thank you to all those students that wore their Richey gear last Friday! It was clear to see that our students love their school.

I hope you enjoyed your family, friends and the sunshine this weekend.

Mrs. Armstrong