

# FRIDAY FLASH

Richland Elementary School

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## 2025-26 Academic Calendar Approved

The Pine-Richland School Board approved the 2025-2026 academic calendar this week. School will start on Wednesday, August 20.

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## Mad Science After-School Program

To accompany our PTO-sponsored Mad Science Fire & Ice assembly on **Friday, January 10**, we are hosting a Mad Science after-school program. This four-week program provides an interactive laboratory experience.

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## RAMS Way School Store

The RAMS Way School Store is launching in the new year. This store allows students to redeem their earned tickets for fun prizes. Volunteer sign-ups will follow in the new year. Donate to the store through our [Amazon wishlist](#).



## Richland Move-a-Thon

Richland Elementary's first-ever Move-a-thon is kicking off on **Tuesday, January 21**, with the culminating glow party on **Friday, February 7**. We are raising money for

playground sun shades and equipment, teacher StartUp funds, school murals and ongoing PTO initiatives.

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## In Case You Missed It

### Future Chef Competition

Get ready to wear your chef hat and apron and get cooking in the kitchen! This year's competition theme is "Complete the plate with your favorite main dish." The deadline to submit your recipe is **Friday, January 10**, and is open to students in grades 1 - 5.

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### Join Kids of Steel

Kids of Steel is a great way to stay active and motivated in preparation for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids' Marathon in May.

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### Penguins Night

Pine-Richland Elementary Schools Night at the Penguins game is **Sunday, January 12**, at 5:00 pm. Every ticket purchased benefits the Richland PTO.

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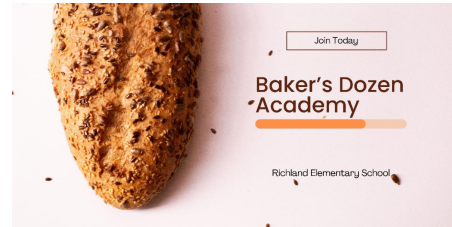
### Spanish Club

Join the Spanish Club for this winter's six-week session on Mondays from 3:50 pm - 4:30 pm beginning **January 27**. Participants must complete both the [sign-up form](#) as well as [registration form](#). Registration closes on **Sunday, January 19**.



## Baker's Dozen Academy

Spark your child's creativity and unleash their imagination as they design their own wintery treats. This program is also in need of volunteers. Visit the website to register and to sign up to volunteer. Registration closes **Sunday, January 26**.



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## Order Your Yearbook

Visit the [LifeTouch](#) website and use school code 10820725 to access.



## Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

We are looking for four volunteers to help in the lunchroom each day from 10:55 am – 1:20 pm. Please consider signing up even if you can only attend for one or two lunch periods.



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## All Year Fundraising

Help stock the staff lounges, classrooms and playground. Wishlists on [Target](#) and [Amazon](#) will be open and updated throughout the school year. [Mabel's Labels](#) is also offering custom PR Rams labels. Search for Richland Elementary School PTO. 20% of sales will go to the PTO for all labels ordered.



## Reminders

### Attendance

Every student starts each year with 10 parent-excused absences. These can be used for educational trips or sick days that don't require medical intervention. After those 10 days are used, a medical visit is required with an accompanying medical excuse. [Learn more.](#)

### Children's Health Insurance Program

CHIP covers uninsured children and teens up to age 19. With nearly 128,000 uninsured families in Pennsylvania, this is great news for families! [Click here](#) for more information regarding the CHIP program.

## Save Chick-fil-A Receipts

Chick-fil-A receipts can earn our school rewards! Send receipts to your child's teacher, or email screenshots of mobile receipts to our treasurer at [resptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:resptotreasurer@gmail.com). Mobile receipts are saved on your app for months—as long as they have not been submitted before, they will count!

## Flash Reminders

Friday Flash submissions are due Wednesdays at 8:00 am to [prnewsletters@pinerichland.org](mailto:prnewsletters@pinerichland.org). Check the [Friday Flash Archives](#) for past information.



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