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Nationally known US Army veteran Christy Gardner was the keynote speaker at the Veterans' Day Honor Assembly hosted by the Richland School District. Gardner, accompanied by her service dog Moxie, spoke candidly of the life-changing injuries sustained during her tour of duty in Korea.

An All-American Athlete who excelled in field hockey, lacrosse, and track and field, Gardner enlisted in the US Army shortly after graduation from college. She chose to serve in the Military Police because she wanted to "be in the action." While on patrol, she was attacked by a group of Korean civilians who resented the American presence in their country. The brutal assault left her with severe head injuries, seizures, and damage to both legs. Most of her memory and speech were gone, leaving her with about a third-grade knowledge of math, spelling, and grammar. She was told she would never walk again, never live alone again—essentially that life as she had known it was over.

After several years of rehabilitation, Gardner began to build her life again and today is co-captain of the US Women's Para-Ice Hockey Team and assistant captain of the US Army Swimming, Track, and Sitting Volleyball Teams. She has been featured on ESPN's Sports Center and travels the country, along with Moxie, to share her story of courage and inspiration.

Several local veterans attended the Veterans’ Day Honor Assembly, which began with the Poplar Bluff High School ROTC presentation of the Colors. Richland student Kate Wyman sang the National Anthem, followed by the fifth and sixth grade singing “God Bless America.” Each branch of the military was recognized as the veterans received a standing ovation from the crowd. Following the assembly veterans had the opportunity to be photographed with family members who are Richland students, as well as have those students join them for a complimentary breakfast in the cafeteria.

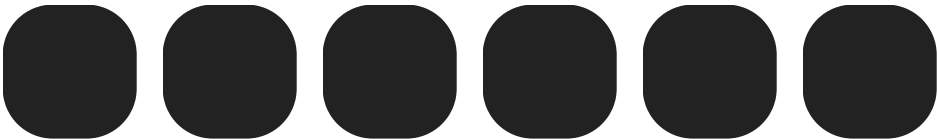
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Richland Back to School Bash and Open House

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Richland Back to School Bash and Open House

Essex, Missouri - The Richland 2017 Back to School Bash and Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 8th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School playground pavilion.

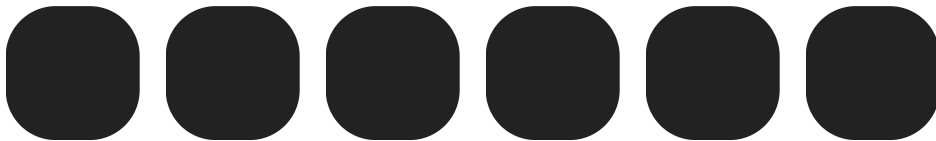
The school will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and a soda FREE of charge.

The Kona Ice Truck will also be on site from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to sell snow-cones. A portion of those proceeds will benefit The Class of 2018.

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Richland Elementary Back to School Supplies List Available

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Richland Elementary Back to School Supplies List Available

Essex, Missouri - The first day of school for Richland R-1 School District will be Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Below is a list of the Elementary grades first through sixth Back to School Supplies for the 2017 - 2018 academic year.

Preschool

Backpack

Art box

2 Boxes of 24 Crayons

1 Pair of Blunt Scissors

4 Glue Sticks

1 Package of Yellow #2 Pencils

2 Large Erasers

2 Boxes of Kleenex

1 Package of Baby Wipes

1 Package of Washable Markers

1 Small Blanket for Nap

1 Eight Color Tray of Washable Colors

Kindergarten

1 Art Box

Backpack

2 Boxes of 16 Crayola Crayons

1 Pair of Fiskars Pointed Scissors

8 Glue Sticks

1 Package of Yellow #2 Pencils
2 Large Erasers
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Box of Washable Markers
1 Package of Baby Wipes
1 Package of Fine Point Dry Erase Markers

First Grade

1 Art Box
2 Boxes of 16 Crayola Crayons
1 Pair of Fiskars Pointed Scissors
2 Glue Sticks
1 Package of #2 Pencils
2 Large Erasers
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Box of Washable Markers
1 Package of Baby Wipes

Second Grade

2 Packages of #2 Pencils
2 Large Erasers
1 Pair of Pointed Scissors
2 Glue Sticks
1 Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
1 Small Art Box

2 Boxes of Kleenex

1 Box of Washable Markers

2 Pack of Cap Erasers

Third Grade

3 Boxes of #2 Pencils

2 Glue Sticks

1 Package of Colored Pencils

1 Package of Wide Ruled Paper

1 Art Box

3 Packs of Cap Erasers

4 Three Prong with Two Pocket Folders

Scissors

2 Boxes of Kleenex

NO Mechanical Pencils

Fourth and Fifth Grade

4 Glue Sticks

1 Box of 24 Crayola Crayons

2 Packages of Wide Ruled Paper

1 Art Box

1 Pocket Folder

2 Packages of Cap Erasers

Scissors

2 Boxes of Kleenex

1 Box of #2 Pencils

1 Package of Mechanical Pencils

1 Package of Dry Erase Markers

Sixth Grade

3 Boxes of #2 Pencils

2 Glue Sticks

1 Package of Colored Pencils

1 Art Box

1 Package of Cap Erasers

Scissors

2 Boxes of Kleenex

2 One Inch Three Ring Binders

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Richland Students Place at State Beta Convention

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Richland Students Place at State Beta Convention

Essex, Missouri - Richland R-1 Sr. Beta Club attended the annual Missouri State Beta Convention.

Winners from the event include Luke Rhodes First Place Division 2 Social Studies, Megan Cullum, Garett Phillips, Halle Swallows, Rhodes, and Skyler Oakley earned First Place Rube Goldberg Beta Build group project, Emily Blunt earned First Place Digital Art and Kate Wyman placed Second Place Language Arts Division 1 and 3rd Place Poetry Division 1.

All students now qualify to attend the National Sr. Beta Convention in Orlando, Florida in June 2017.

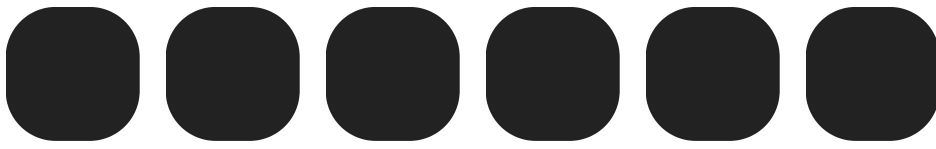
Shown in the photo from left to right are: Luke Rhodes, Megan Cullum, Skyler Oakley, Emily Blunt, Garett Phillips, Kate Wyman, and Halle Swallows.

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Richland Sr. Beta Students Earn Recognition

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Richland Sr. Beta Students Earn Recognition

Essex, Missouri - Richland R-1 School Sr. Beta Club attended the annual Missouri State Beta Convention in Springfield, Missouri on March 4th and 5th.

Students earning awards were Luke Rhodes, Megan Cullum, Skyler Oakley, Emily Blunt, Garett Phillips, Kate Wyman, and Halle Swallows.

Rhodes placed 1st in Division 2 Social Studies while Cullum, Phillips, Swallows, Rhodes, and Oakley all placed 1st in the Rube Goldberg Beta Build group project.

Emily Blunt received 1st place in Digital Art and Kate Wyman brought home both 2nd place in Language Arts Division 1 and 3rd place in Poetry Division 1.

All of these student now qualify to attend the National Beta Convention in Orlando, Florida this summer.

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