

Dear Parents of the Richards School Community,

Our Fifth Grade Student Council has a long and respected history here at Richards. This past year we shifted our formatting a bit to support a large group meeting/shared learning once a month, every other month. Then on alternating months, small sub groups met with a key focus of community building, problem solving, school spirit, fundraising, going green or newspaper writing. Larger group sessions allowed for a chance to better understand leadership and student roles in leading others while small groups provided a chance to take action. .

Staff have already begun to select teams to support, but we are in need of some added adult guidance for a few of our council communities. It would be wonderful to have two adults per team. Our meeting times and dates will be on Tuesdays during the fifth grade lunch hour, 10:55 to 11:40, once a month. Selected dates are November 6th, December 4th, January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, April 9th, and May 14th.

We have openings for parent support on the **Go Green Garden Team** with a focus on spring planting and general recycling efforts. We are looking to have one **Fundraising Team** where the idea would be to select and organize fundraisers to help our greater community. Another team in need of added support would be the **Problem Solving Team** with a goal to find a project to help improve Richards, for example looking at better ways to recycle milk cartons in the lunchroom or more efficient ways to transition students out of the Great Hall after School Meetings.

If you are interested in working with our Fifth Grade Students and you have a specific skill or background in any of these areas, please contact Susan Jones, Richards IRC, at [susan.jones@wfbschools.com](mailto:susan.jones@wfbschools.com) or at (414) 963-3951 x 5324. You do not need to be a fifth grade parent - and in fact, grandparents of students at grade would be appreciated, too.

We hope to have team leaders identified by October 26th, so please contact Susan by that date to communicate your willingness to be of help!