Welcome 2nd Semester!
The Richland Fine Arts Department is off to a fantastic start to the 2nd semester of the 2015-16 school year. Semester 2 is packed with exciting opportunities and events for our Fine Arts students. With trips, performances, clinics, and fundraisers we encourage everybody to keep an eye on the department calendar and website - richlandarts.weebly.com - to keep abreast of all things happening in the department.

Music Department Student Teachers
The Richland Music Department would like to welcome two student teachers from IUP this semester. Mr. Cannistraci and Mrs. Tully will host these two students until May.

Alex Price comes from Reading, PA and attended Governor Mifflin School District. He moved to Indiana, PA in 2012 to begin music school at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His instrumental concentration during that time was the guitar and violin. In addition to being involved in the IUP Symphony Orchestra and the Advanced Jazz Ensemble, he is a member of the Johnstown Symphony and also spends time over the summer working with Genesius Theatre in the city of Reading. He currently teaches private guitar lessons through the Indiana Community Music School and his favorite things are good coffee, skiing, and jazz music.

Casey Williams is from Northern Cambria and attended Penns Manor School District. While she was in high school, Casey was a member of the Johnstown Symphony Youth Orchestra. She plays violin and flute. While at IUP, Casey was a member of the IUP Symphony Orchestra, String Ensemble, Marching Band, and University Chorus. She was a member of the IUP Marching Band for 4 years and was a Drum Major for 2. Casey still continues to teach violin and viola lessons through the String Project program at IUP. In her spare time, Casey likes to drink coffee at Commonplace and go skiing at Seven Springs.

After completing the initial four years of training at IUP
needed to become a music educator, Mr. Price and Miss Williams are both excited to be student teaching at Richland this year. Currently, Mr. Price is working with Mr. Cannistraci at the high school and Miss Williams is with Mrs. Tully at the elementary school. They will switch in March and will finish out their student teaching experience in May. They would like to thank the teachers, administrators, students, and parents of Richland School District for hosting and they look forward to working with the students!

5th Grade Performance

"We got Raz-a-ma-tazz. I mean Taz-a--ma-Jazz. Whatever you call it it swings!"

Over the past several months, our 5th graders have been hard at work preparing a toe-tapping performance called, "We Haz Jazz." In General Music class, they studied the history of Jazz where they learned about work songs, blues and swing dancing. 130 students brought the stage to life as slaves, hobos, swing dancers, sophisticated ladies, students and famous Jazz musicians of the past. An audience of parents and 3rd and 4th grade students enjoyed several catchy tunes, some of which included: "We Haz Jazz," "Let's Jam!," "Up the M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I" and "Hobo Swing." We are so proud of the enthusiastic efforts from our talented students! "WE HAZ JAZZ!"

Keystone Strings Fest

Alaina Gawel, Mariah Huss, Rylee Morgan, Abbie Wachs, Abby Bitsko, Nicole Khouzami, Hayden Ling, Katherine Croyle, Lauren Pursel, Emily Peters, Lakyn Costlow, and Ashlyn Campagna were selected to participate in the Jr. High Keystone Strings Fest. A special congrats to Lauren Pursel who auditioned as the fourth chair cello and Alaina Gawel who was the first overall chair first violin earning the concertmaster position.

Region Band

Congratulations to Jensen Delawder, Shawn Roth, and Maura Trabold for successfully auditioning to PMEA Region III Band. They will travel to Juniata Valley High School on March 10 where they will participate in the Region Band Festival and audition again for a chance to go to State Band.

Region Chorus

Congratulations to Karsen Bailey, Anthony Moran, and Shay Roth for successfully auditioning for PMEA Region III Chorus. These students will travel to Altoona on March 16 to participate in the Region Chorus Festival where they will have an opportunity to audition for State Chorus.

Region Orchestra

Congratulations to Megan Thomas, Sarah Bitsko, Josh Hilands, Kaylee Shook, and Shawn Roth. These students qualified for Western Region Orchestra which will be held at State College School District this year. These students will have to opportunity to audition again for State Orchestra.

All-State Jazz

Congratulations to Shawn Roth on a successful audition to PMEA All-State Jazz. Shawn will travel to Hershey in April to participate in the All-State Festival.
Art Club Apple Dumpling Sale
The Richland Art Club is sponsoring an Apple Dumpling sale. The sale features handmade dumplings baked in a luscious pie crust smothered in a brown sugar sauce. The sale ends February 23. Apple Dumplings will be delivered Friday, March 11.

Mates of State
Mates of State is an indie-pop duo that has been recording albums and touring internationally since 1997. The band, comprised of Kori Gardner Hammel (Keyboards, Vocals) and Jason Hammel (Drums, Vocals), has eight full length albums and has appeared on shows like The Late Show with David Letterman and their music has been featured in shows like Yo Gabba Gabba, One Tree Hill, Gossip Girl, and several others. Their music has a positive energy and has been enjoyed by Richland's students as they have begun to learn their songs in preparation for their visit.

The band will arrive in Richland on March 3 when they will give a clinic to our students performing with them from 5-8pm. These students will have an opportunity to experience a master class like environment and ask questions to the band. On Friday March 4th, the band will perform a full length concert and our own Richland students will be performing with the band on a handful of songs. This is a totally unique experience as the band has never before performed with student musicians. All of the musical arrangements are being made specifically for Richland's groups!

Kiersten A. Robertson Memorial Scholarship
The Richland Theatre Boosters are proud to offer the Kiersten A. Roberston Memorial Scholarship. Two $500.00 scholarships will be awarded to Richland Seniors who have participated in the Richland Theatre program for at least two years, including their senior year. For information on the scholarship please see Mr. Cannistraci, Mr, Easler, Mrs. Ringler, or Mr. Tedjeske.

Disney 2016 Update
Information such as Itinerary, Meal Coupon Program, and other information can be found at richlandarts.weebly.com and will be distributed to students.

Payment 6 February 19
Payment 7 March 18

*In Order to use money in your student account a voucher must be submitted

Students wanting to use booster account money for spending money should submit an account voucher by March 18. Students are permitted to withdraw up to $275 from their account to use as spending money.

Sign-up for the Disney Remind! Text @c4d24h to 81010

ATTENTION: Just a reminder as per the Disney trip contract, any cancelations after December will be responsible for the the remaining amount of the trip.
Performing Arts Center 2015-16 Season
Mates of State March 4 7:00pm
The Wizard of Oz April 29 and 30 7:00pm and May 1 2:00pm
A Bittersweet Symphony: Unplugged! May 20 8:00pm and 22 2:00pm
James and the Giant Peach June 24 and 25 7:00pm

Music Department 2015-16 Concert Series
Elementary/Jr. High Spring Band and Orchestra Concert May 2 7:00pm
Sr. High School Spring Band and Orchestra Concert May 9 7:00pm
Spring Chorus Concert May 11 7:00pm