

Friends of CRLS

2015-16 School Year Kick-Off Community Meeting!

Monday, September 28th
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Pearl K. Wise Library, CRLS Main Building, 2nd Floor

Whether you're new to CRLS, continuing, or returning, **Friends of CRLS (FoCRLS)** provides a way to connect with other families, alumni, faculty, and more members of the extraordinary CRLS community. Working together **to support the success of all CRLS students** and seeing our group efforts have an impact is what makes our community meaningful.




Four of the 24 members of CRLS's Class of 2015 who received FoCRLS Scholarship and Graduate Awards celebrate at the FoCRLS Reception on Scholarship and Award Night, June 22, 2015

**FoCRLS has awarded and administered
over \$48,000 so far
in scholarships and graduate awards!**

FoCRLS is a 501c3 non-profit association whose programs, *developed and driven largely by parents*, enliven curriculum, help grads succeed in college, make school travel an affordable reality, provide scholarships, and encourage and reward students in every grade for achievements large and small.

Please join us for our
2015-16 kick-off Community Meeting
to ring in the new school year,
meet and mingle, talk about how to
make the most of the CRLS experience
for you and your child(ren), learn about
FoCRLS, and enjoy refreshments.

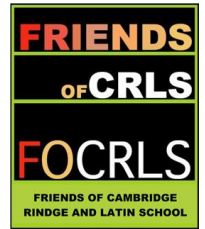
If you can't make it to the meeting but want to be involved,
please email info@focrls.org, visit focrls.org, or call 857-235-9290.

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September 2015

Dear CRLS Families,

As Executive Director and co-founder of Friends of CRLS, as well as a parent of two CRLS alumnae, I'd like to welcome you to or back to CRLS and introduce you to Friends of CRLS with a summary of our programs:



Scholarships are presented to members of each graduating class. Starting with two scholarships to the Class of '10 and building up to 24 scholarships and graduate awards to the Class of '15, FoCRLS has presented over \$48,000 to more than 50 graduates so far! We are currently developing a fund with the goal of an additional \$10,000 annually through a partnership with the Cambridge business community.

Student Travel Fellowships have made educational trips possible for 42 students to France, Spain, El Salvador, Panama, Turkey, the Dominican Republic, The Island School in the Bahamas, the Galapagos Islands, London, and New York City. Travelers have experienced community service, international relations, politics, marine biology, ecology, theater, music, history, geography, languages, and cultures.

Faculty Innovation Grants provide funds to enrich curriculum and provide services and creative opportunities to students. To date, 150 teachers, counselors, librarians and club advisors have received grants of up to \$1,000 each for creative projects and enhancements in every department of CRLS and RTSA.

The "It Takes a Village" College Success Program (ITAV) has supported approximately 180 CRLS graduates with preparation, scholarships, a college counselor, and career mentors. This year's program will focus on the expansion of our Alumni and Community Mentoring Program.

Unsung Heroes are selected by teachers, deans, and counselors based upon their academic progress, citizenship, stewardship, and leadership. One student from each Learning Community from each grade is honored each term. Since 2008, 400 Heroes have been recognized!

Faculty Distinction Awards give graduating seniors the opportunity to nominate and celebrate four of the teachers and staff who have made the most significant contribution to their learning and growth while at CRLS. Since 2007, 36 teachers and staff members have been honored.

Find out how we make opportunities possible! (Hint: we've raised over \$500,000!) Please join me for the school year kick-off meeting on **Monday, September 28th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Pearl K. Wise Library on the second floor of CRLS's main building**, where you'll learn more about FoCRLS and how you can help us to offer life-changing opportunities to CRLS students, grads, and faculty.

With best wishes for the new school year,

Elaine Schear, Ed.D.
Co-founder and Executive Director, Friends of CRLS
Parent of CRLS Grads, '10 and '14



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