

Friends of CRLS

2016-17 School Year Kick-Off Community Meeting!

Tuesday, September 27th

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

Please join us for our 2016-17 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 your family, learn about Friends of CRLS... and celebrate with a big piece of 10th Anniversary cake and a tribute to the CRLS and Cambridge communities that make it all possible!

Whether you're new to CRLS, continuing, or returning, **Friends of CRLS (FoCRLS)** provides a way to connect with families and many others who support CRLS. By working together **to support the success of all CRLS students**, we help to make CRLS a stand-out among high schools.

FoCRLS is a 501c3 non-profit association whose programs, *developed and driven largely by parents*, enliven curriculum, help students succeed in high school and college, make school travel an affordable life-changing reality, provide college scholarships, and encourage and reward students in every grade 9-12 for achievements large and small.

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FoCRLS!**

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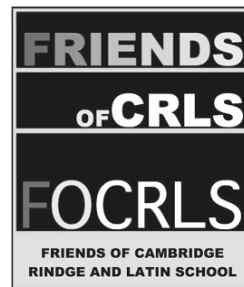
Our volunteers make it all happen.

We are particularly looking for new **Board members** to coordinate activities, a new **webmaster**, **event chairpersons**, and people with **publicity skills**, though whatever your interests and availability, we can put your efforts and time to good use!

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

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September 2016



Dear CRLS Families,

As Executive Director and Co-Founder of Friends of CRLS, and a parent of two recent CRLS grads, I'd like to welcome you to or back to our stellar high school, and introduce you to Friends of CRLS with a summary of our programs:

Faculty Innovation Grants provide funds to enrich curriculum and provide services and creative opportunities for students. To date, 161 teachers, deans, counselors, librarians and extracurricular advisors have received grants of up to \$1,000 each for inventive projects and enhancements in every department of CRLS and RTSA.

Student Travel Fellowships have made educational trips an affordable reality for 54 students to travel to France, Spain, Italy, Turkey, El Salvador, Panama, the Dominican Republic, the Galapagos Islands, The Island School in the Bahamas, London, and New York City. Travelers have had tangible learning experiences in community service, international relations, politics, marine biology, ecology, theater, music, history, geography, languages, and cultures.

Scholarships are presented to members of each graduating class. Starting with two scholarships to the Class of '11 and building up to 27 scholarships to the Class of '16, FoCRLS has presented over \$80,000 to more than 75 graduates so far! This will be year two of a new fund with the goal of an additional \$10,000 annually through a partnership with the Cambridge business community.

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, 448 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, 40 teachers and staff members have been honored.

Find out how we make opportunities possible! (Hint: we've raised over \$700,000!) Please join me and other FoCRLS members for the school year kick-off meeting on **Tuesday, September 27th, 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 transformative 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

*Hope to see you
Tues. 9/27 at 7 p.m.!*

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