

*Please Support the Curley K-8 Library
and Technology Initiative Kick Off!*



Dear Families and Friends of the Curley K-8,

As we enter the holiday season, we are asking for your support to ensure that Curley students are well-prepared for the 21st century. A staffed, modern, and well-stocked library is a key part of this vision.

Five years ago, the school's two libraries were closed due to shrinking budgets. In 2015, a passionate group of parents and teachers began dedicating themselves to revitalizing and reopening one library to serve the entire Curley K-8 community. We are deeply committed to making a modern library the heart and soul of our wonderfully diverse community and school, a place where students and teachers will be excited to explore and learn together. Studies show that staffed school libraries are critical to student academic success, and are linked to significantly higher literacy scores regardless of socioeconomic status.

Our vision for the Curley Library includes both traditional and digital media: an updated collection of books to support our students' literacy development and personal reading interests, and the technology and online resources to allow students to research, collaborate, and present information in line with digital expectations of this generation of learners.

As 2016 comes to an end, we kindly ask that you consider a **tax-deductible donation** in support of the Curley K-8's Library and Technology Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$70,000 for the following:

- \$25,000 for technology, including secure Chromebook carts, library computers, a scanner, and other library technology
- \$25,000 for renovations, including room updates and furnishings
- \$20,000 for books and cataloging

Please help us reach our Phase I goal of \$25,000 for technology by year-end! Last December, with your generous help, we were able to fund four new laptop carts, bringing the student-to-computer ratio from 3:1 to 2:1 for 3rd-8th graders, and we're hoping to improve the ratio further with this fundraiser. Gifts of any amount help, so please forward this message to family, friends, colleagues, and any other potential supporters. Don't forget to ask if your company matches charitable donations – we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For more information, read our press release: www.curleyk8.com/parent-involvement/school-parent-council/library/release

Give online via Paypal (www.paypal.me/curleyk8), send in cash/check (payable to: *Friends of the Curley*) to your child's teacher, or mail to Curley K-8 School SPC, 40 Pershing Road, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 Attn: Curley SPC Library.

We deeply appreciate your support and commitment to revitalizing the Curley School Library!

Gratefully,

Curley Library Committee, School Parent Council, and Principal Grassa