

Learn Some CRS Lingo

Blue and Gold Tradition

The community, including faculty and staff, is divided into two teams reflecting the school's colors: Blue and Gold. Each family member is assigned the same color so that siblings or CRS alumni in the family are on the same team.

Buddies

Each CRS student is paired with either an older or younger "Buddy." Buddies gather throughout the year to attend school events together, do activities, read books, play on the playground, etc. Buddy friendships usually last well beyond the end of the school year and are a cherished CRS tradition!

The Carpool Circle

The hub of drop-off and pick-up, the Carpool Circle is the area outside the Community Building where Grades PreK-5 are dropped off each morning and all students are picked up each afternoon.

Early Birds

Early Birds is our before-school care, which is offered at no cost from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. every day.

ECB

The Early Childhood Building (ECB) houses grades PreK-3, Grades 3-5 Science, Extended Day Care (EDP), and the Play Barn (an indoor active play area).

EDP

Our Extended Day Program (EDP) is after-school care provided by Charles River School. Our program provides children with the freedom to make individual and group choices and stresses the development of interpersonal social skills and the importance of building community. EDP is offered from 3:10 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day for an additional cost to parents.

Foster Hall

Foster Hall is the large assembly space in the Community Building. School assemblies, plays, performances, and gatherings are held in Foster Hall. It is also a teaching space for our music and multi-arts programs.

Founders House

The white house located next to the Middle School Building on Center Street contains the Health Suite (our school nurse and school counselor), the Director of Finance and Operations, and the Facilities Department.

May Day

May Day is an all-school celebration held the first Friday in May. Grandparents and special friends are invited to attend May Day as classrooms are open for visiting. Students take great pride in sharing their work and projects! The morning of classroom visits concludes with an all-school assembly in the Activity Center during which each grade performs.

The Otter

The Otter is the CRS mascot, selected for its river habitat and caring, community-oriented disposition!

The Playbarn

Named in memory of alumnus Sam Dawson, the Dawson Playbarn is an indoor active play area in the Early Childhood Building, used for indoor recess, EDP, classes, and meetings.

Specialists

CRS uses the term "specialists" for teaching faculty who are not assigned to a classroom or grade. Art, music, physical education, library, and technology are all specialist subjects.

Sports Day

Sports Day is a CRS tradition dating back many decades. It is typically held on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend and starts with the entire school meeting on the field to participate in cooperative games. Students pair up with their Buddies and work together to complete each game. Emphasis is on having fun, supporting your friends, and completing the task. In the second part of the morning, students in Grades 3-8 compete in a variety of events on behalf of their Blue or Gold teams.

Winter Festival

Winter Festival is an all-school celebration held the morning of dismissal for Winter Break. Every class performs and all parents and friends are invited to attend this festive event.