

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are excited to introduce you to our new Head of School, Melissa Earls. Mrs. Earls comes to Academy Hill with 20 years of experience in the field of education. She and her husband Joe are also the very proud parents of Emma Earls, Academy Hill School Class of 2016.

Mrs. Earls earned a dual B.A. in Government and Spanish from the University of Notre Dame and went on to earn a M. Ed. with Distinction in Curriculum and Instructional Leadership from Boston College. She holds multiple educator licenses from the state of Massachusetts and has served as building principal, director of curriculum, and assistant superintendent in multiple districts throughout the state. Her experience expands public and private educational institutions, and includes time spent on the research, development and implementation of large scale grants in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education. She is dedicated to her work in education and has committed most of her career to enhancing, building and growing learning environments for the next generation. Mrs. Earls' door is always open to speak with AHS alumni or their families. She can be reached by phone, 413-788-0300 or email mearls@academyhill.org.



COMMENCEMENT JUNE 2016

June 10, 2016 was a beautiful morning for 8th grade commencement! AHS was honored to have AHS alumni in the audience and Kristen Fraser (AHS class of 2008) as alumni speaker. Congratulations to the Academy Hill School class of 2016, you all will be missed this fall but we are happy to have you as our newest alums!

Scenes from graduation. Class of 2016 graduates: Andrew Aguilar, Maral Asik, Varsha Athreya, Emma Earls, Grace Mazur, Gianna Moretti, Juliusz Paluchowski, Dhara Rosario, Kashvi Shah and Videep Vemulapalli.



ALUMNI UPDATE

Joseph Dias, AHS class of 2015, taught Kid's Coding, Robotics, Raspberry Pi and Minecraft classes at our summer SPARK programs. He also volunteered to do a little computer and laptop clean-up for us in preparation of the new school year! Joseph will be entering his sophomore year at Pathfinder Regional High School this fall.



Kristen Fraser, AHS class of 2008, was not only our alumni speaker this June, she also graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health. In the coming months she plans on applying to nursing school with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner specializing in endocrinology and diabetes.

Amee Kantesaria, AHS class of 1992, married Mark Ewing this past June. Amee serves on the school's Board of Trustees. Congratulations Amee and Mark!



SAVE THE DATE!

Playground Ribbon Cutting

Late September/ Early October
Details to follow...

Alumni Social at AHS

November 22nd, 6-8pm

A great night to catch up
with friends.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Melissa Pevay,
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Keep in Touch

*Have an accomplishment, graduation,
promotion, wedding or birth announcement?
Send it along for our winter newsletter:*

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PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Thank you to all the alumni, alumni families and faculty who donated to the Playground Fund! The \$30,000 goal was reached and the playground is onsite. Our much loved 30 year old playground is being removed and preparations for the new build are underway.



CRANDALL SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

Roger Crandall, President and CEO of MassMutual, recently established the school's first named endowment fund. Mr. Crandall pledged \$120,000 to endowment with the purpose of providing financial aid for a student with a record of academic excellence, who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to attend AHS. Additionally, Mr. Crandall committed scholarship support to a current AHS student for the next two academic years, making his total gift \$150,000.

If you are interested in giving to the Crandall Scholars Endowment or scholarships at AHS contact the Development Office.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Thank you to all the alumni and alumni families who supported Academy Hill last year with a gift to the Annual Fund. Our \$55,000 goal was reached and exceeded! We are so grateful for your continued support. The AHS Annual Report will be available this fall.

Making a gift to the Annual Fund is the best way to give back to Academy Hill! The Annual Fund supports technology improvements, field trips, continuing education for staff, teaching tools, necessities for building upkeep, maintenance and much more. Make your gift online today, <http://www.academyhill.org/support.html> or gifts may be sent via mail (**make checks payable to Academy Hill School**).

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