



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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## **From the Dean of School**



Happy Friday!

Tonight is the first showing of "Anne of Green Gables." The students and faculty got a preview of the performance at this morning's assembly. Bravo to all involved!

Be sure to fill out and submit the parent/guardian survey which was emailed to each of you this week. Your feedback is critically important to Founders!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### U.S. History

*U.S. History is the cornerstone subject at The Founders Academy. Here's what the class is doing this week with Mr. Van Ewyk:*

This week will be an exciting one for US History students! State Senator Chuck Morse, the current President of the NH Senate, will join students on Monday, April 11th for a roundtable discussion on the relationship between the federal and state governments. Also, since the "Hall of Presidents" is now up and looks great, students will need to complete the display by researching the names, dates, and facts about all of our county's distinguished leaders. (Special thanks to Dean Mooney and Mrs. Humphrey for making this extraordinary exhibit possible). Students will also regroup after the end of quarter assessments on the Constitution and return to our analysis of the early political parties. The rescheduled Socratic discussion comparing the Federalist Party and the Democratic-Republicans will take place early in the week of April 18th. Also, many students will take part in the Anne of Green Gables production this weekend!

### Senator Chuck Morse Visits Founders

On April 11, 2016, State Senate President Chuck Morse of Salem visited Founders. He was greeted by Ambassadors, admired the "Hall of Presidents" and Exhibit Room, and participated in a student-led panel in Mr. Van Ewyk's classroom. Senator Morse was at the school last November during the visit from Gov. Jeb Bush.

Sen. Morse is next in line to the Governor of New Hampshire so students questioned him about state and local government, educational issues, taxes and state revenue, and his thoughts on the upcoming presidential election. The students enjoyed getting this time with a very busy man who operates a greenhouse/nursery in Salem while serving as the head of the N.H. State Senate.

Thank you, Senator Morse!



### Volunteers of the Quarter: Denise Violette, Valerie McAdams



It is with tremendous gratitude that Founders recognizes Mrs. Violette and Mrs. McAdams as "Volunteers of the Quarter."

Mrs. Violette is a regular substitute teacher and popcorn saleswoman at the school. Her

generous can-do energy and attitude have benefited Founders countless times this year. Thank you, Mrs. Violette!

Mrs. McAdams is regular presence in the school store. She consistently volunteers to ensure that students are able to have a fully-stocked and open school store twice per week. She also substitute teaches and helps where needed. Thank you, Mrs. McAdams!

Congratulations to you both!

## Barnes & Noble “My Favorite Teacher” Reception

Barnes and Noble bookstore held its “My Favorite Teacher Essay” winners reception this past Tuesday. Ms. Henry was the subject of a winning essay read by Garrett O.!

Congratulations on the well-deserved recognition! Founders loves its teachers and students!



## Upcoming Drama Production Ticket Info

The Founders Drama Club is returning to the stage with their production of “Anne of Green Gables” on **April 15th and 16th!** Both shows will begin at **7PM**. Tickets purchased in advance will cost **\$5** each. When purchased at the door, they will cost **\$7** each. Please return ticket order forms and money in a sealed

envelope to the front desk. Please use the ticket order form attached to the email. Checks should be made out to Founders. Make sure to let all of your friends and family members know!

## The New England Paper & Supply Company

Founders would like to tell you about New England Paper & Supply! They take orders for us and give us a kickback of 10% of whatever they earn, from cleaning solution to utensils and all manner of supplies. They are able to provide for our immediate needs with the added convenience of the free shipping! If you'd like to donate supplies to Founders, click on the link below and check out their website.

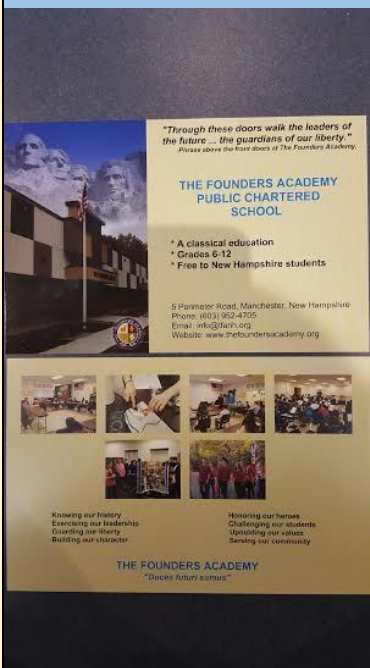
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## New Palm Cards

Founders now has informative and glossy palm cards for distribution! If you know of someone who may be interested in Founders either as a future student or contributor, please request one (or a stack) from [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org).

Perhaps your civic group, parents' group, church group, State Representative/Senator/Selectman, etc. needs a palm card to learn more about THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY!

THANK YOU for promoting Founders!



## Public Newsletter - Coming Soon!

Soon, Founders will have a new e-newsletter for members of the public! Do you know of someone (or group) that may be interested in receiving news from Founders via email? If so, please forward the email addresses to [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org).

Thank you!

## Smarter Balance Testing

The Smarter Balanced Test is upon us for grades 6, 7 and 8. The Smarter Balanced Subcommittee has spent considerable time working very hard to plan the scheduling and arrangements.

The testing window for the state required Smarter Balanced Test is as follows:

- March 29, 2016 – May 6, 2016: Smarter Balanced Math/ELA Summative Assessment Testing Window (Grades 5 and 6)
- April 12, 2016 – June 10, 2016: Smarter Balanced Math/ELA Summative Assessment Testing Window (Grades 7 and 8 )

**The schedule has been finalized. Testing has started and will be continuing for the next few weeks.**

Those students that are not taking the exam will proceed with their regular schedule of classes.

**Please have your test-taking student bring his/her own headphones/earbuds on exam dates.**

If you have questions, please contact Dean Mooney directly. Please notify the Dean directly if your child is not taking the exam.

For general information on the Smarter Balanced Test, go to:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/> AND  
<http://education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/sbac/students-parents.htm>

## Field Day

The Founders Academy Leadership Committee is planning a Field Day on **June 7th**, with a rain date of June 8th. Join us for a day full of competitions, games, contests, and so much more!

More details to come.

## Outreach Meeting

There will be an outreach meeting on **Thursday, April 21st at 7 pm at Founders** for any parents interested in attending. Thank you in advance!

## Fundraisers

### Presidential Coin Challenge

Bring your spare change! The jugs to collect coins of all types in each Round Table will be collected by the middle of next week. The winners will be announced by the Friday before vacation week. Students have about 1 week left to collect their coins!

### Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for the Dance Committee

On **Wednesday, April 20th** The Dance Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social during both lunches for \$3.00.

This will benefit the Semi-Formal Dance, which will be taking place **on Friday, May 13th 6:30pm - 9:00 pm**.

The Dance Committee is working hard to make this a magical night for all of the 6 - 9th graders. The monies made from the Ice Cream Social will be put towards the professional photo booth and a professional DJ.

Thank you,

Laurie/Julie (The Dance Moms)

### Popcorn Fridays

A group of parent volunteers will be selling bags of popcorn for **¢.50** every Friday. They'll be using the popcorn maker that was so generously donated to the school last December. This is a great snack and a great fundraiser for the school! Students will be able to submit orders for bags of popcorn during the morning Round Tables.

Here is the popcorn order form online:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11XywJMmvMbM68OdAFTd8X\\_5SdaLBkAGGM0L4Be-oLmc/edit?ts=57057f39](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11XywJMmvMbM68OdAFTd8X_5SdaLBkAGGM0L4Be-oLmc/edit?ts=57057f39)

Special thanks to all the parent volunteers for helping to make this happen!

## Student Life

### Summer Camp Programs 2016

Information has been posted about Summer Camps 2016! Enrollment has begun!

The programs are set to run the weeks of July 11, July 18 and July 25.

Information about some of the camps being offered can be seen on the school website; go the [www.thefoundarsacademy.org](http://www.thefoundarsacademy.org) and click on “students/summer camp program,” or click [here](#).

We also have a page about the camps up on [www.parentingnh.com](http://www.parentingnh.com).

Check the site often for updates as the summer gets closer!

## Miscellaneous

### Using @tfanh.org Email Addresses

REMINDER: When communicating by email, Founders’ faculty and staff can only communicate with parents/guardians and students via @tfanh.org email addresses. See Student Handbook, pages 7 and 40. Therefore, please do not use personal or other business email addresses when emailing Founders’ personnel. Thank you.

### Parent Survey

The Parent Survey was emailed out to parents this past week and the deadline is **Friday, April 22**. Please fill out the survey as it is critical feedback for Founders. THANK YOU!



## Previous Newsletters

Did you ever miss a past parent newsletter email from the Dean? Just go [here](#) on our school website to catch up on all previous newsletters. You never have to miss a thing!

## Food Pantry Needs

We're running very low on supplies for our food pantry!! This is where we grab lunch for students who forgot theirs. If anyone has extra nonperishable food items (cup mac & cheese, cup ramen, crackers, etc), we'd appreciate any donations!

## Note: Food Order Forms

Parents, please look up your student's field trip/activity schedule before sending in orders for Pizza Monday, Fun Food Friday, and Popcorn Fridays. There will be no refunds for days when your student is absent.

## Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Just in time for Mother's Day...Cheesecake Factory Sweets! Please use the order form here: [B&N Order Form](#). Submit your completed form and payment **by Friday April 22** at The Founders Academy. Cheesecakes and cupcakes will be available for pickup at the Manchester Barnes & Noble Cafe on Saturday May 7, 2016. The Founders Academy will earn Book Fair Credit for your purchase. Thank you for your support!

## Wanted: Volunteer Substitute Teachers, Lunch, Interns & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, interns, study hall monitors, and lunch monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Deb Waitt at 603.952.4705 or [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org). We'll add you to the list!

## Club/Committee News

*To see all clubs and committees (and more to come), click [here](#).*

## Important Dates

School calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

April 15, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Drama Production Play Preview
April 15, 2016	Drama Production. Time: 7:00 pm
April 16, 2016	Drama Production. Time: 7:00 pm
April 18, 2016	Gen. John Stark Day at Founders
April 20, 2016	Assembly: Opera NH to perform for students ( <a href="http://www.operanh.org">www.operanh.org</a> ).
April 21, 2016	Spirit Day: Career Day
April 21, 2016	Geography Bee at 6:30pm.
April 22, 2016	Field Trip: Shakespeare Folio at the Currier Gallery of Art. More details to come.
April 23 - May 1, 2016	Spring Break. No School.
May 6 - 7, 2016	FUNDRAISER: Barnes and Noble Book Fair, 1741 S. Willow Street, Manchester, NH. Watch for the CODE.
May 9 - 10, 2016	Science and Inventors Fair.
May 12, 2016	History Bee at 6:30pm.
May 13, 2016	Field Trip: 8th, 9th grades on a lake cruise.
May 13, 2016	Semi-Formal Dance. 6:30-9pm.
May 16, 2016	Field Trip: 6th, 7th grades on Field and Forest Trip.
May 17, 2016	Spirit Day: Historical/Literacy Figure Day
May 18 - 21, 2016	Trip to Washington DC for grades 7, 8, 9. For more details, contact Ms. Mote at <a href="mailto:k.mote@tfanh.org">k.mote@tfanh.org</a> .
May 27, 2016	Great East Music Festival Field Trip.
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day. No School
May 31 - June 3, 2016	Final Exams.
June 6, 2016	Field Trip: Walden Pond
June 6, 2016	Chorus Concert at 7pm.

June 7, 2016	Field Day organized by the Student Leadership Committee
June 7, 2016	Band Concert at 7pm.
June 8, 2016	Founders Field Day (all day).
June 10, 2016	Last Day of School.
June 10, 2016	Fourth Quarter grades close.
June 17, 2016	Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to student and primary parent/guardian.



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