



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Today is the last day to submit your answers on the parent survey. The survey was emailed to you last week. We appreciate your feedback and interest!

There is no e-newsletter next week. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

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 US History students will focus on the Presidency of Thomas Jefferson. The major events during his presidency include the Louisiana Purchase, The Lewis and Clark Expedition, and the Embargo of 1807. Students will consider the constitutionality of the Louisiana Purchase and be introduced to Sacagawea. They will also complete the final assessment for the comparison of Federalists and Democratic-Republicans in a formal Socratic discussion.

Also, Monday the 18th was John Stark Day at Founders. There were announcements throughout the day to celebrate New Hampshire's hometown hero.

### “Anne of Green Gables” a Huge Success!

Founders' very own drama club put on two showings of Anne of Green Gables this past weekend. The students have been working hard all year to make this a show to remember, and they did an excellent job. Ms. Mote and Ms. Prindiville are also to be greatly commended, as both contributed many long hours and hard work to making this production a success. Mrs. Patrice



Benard also deserves our thanks for her contribution, as well as many other parent volunteers, without whom this would not have worked as well as it did. Especially notable this year was the generosity of the Founders community, through whose support we were able to raise the funds to purchase lighting.

A huge THANK YOU once again to all who were a part of this wonderful show!



## Final Assessments

Final Assessments are coming up and we want to be sure that students are prepared. Depending on the teacher, the final assessments can be either an exam or project/presentation. A detailed rubric will be provided for a final assessment that isn't an exam.

Final Assessments are scheduled for May 23 - June 3. Subject areas have been assigned specific days in which they will give their assessments so that students do not have too many assessments on one day. The assessment schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 23 - World Language

Tuesday, May 24 - World Language

Wednesday, May 25 - NONE ("Everyday" classes may choose to give part of an exam on this day)

Thursday, May 26 - English/History

Friday, May 27 - NONE

Monday, May 30 - No School (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, May 31 - English/History/Art  
Wednesday, June 1 - Computers/Music/Art  
Thursday, June 2 - Math/Science  
Friday, June 3 - Math/Science/Computers/Art

The daily schedule will run as normal - assessments will be given during a class' normal meeting time. (So if a student has French on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays at 8:30, they will have their assessment on Tuesday 5/24 at 8:30.) Nightly homework will stop being assigned by teachers on Wednesday 5/25 - unless that homework is for a project/presentation that is part of a Final Assessment grade.

#### NOTES ABOUT THE FINAL ASSESSMENTS:

Those in 9th grade have the privilege of going home early during final assessment week.

Parents/guardians may coordinate to pick their students early after 12:45pm (assuming their final assessments are done for that day). If a 9th grader doesn't have final assessments on a day designated as such, he/she may stay home to study (please indicate this absence by emailing [attendance@tfanh.org](mailto:attendance@tfanh.org)).

To review how final assessments are factored into middle and high school grades, please refer to section 3.2 of the handbook.

Teachers have the discretion to decide whether or not students will be exempt from taking finals in their classes. However, if a teacher determines a student will be exempt, then the reason will be for the following:

- a 3.67 (unweighted) grade point average (or higher) achieved in the current quarter and the immediately preceding quarter.

## 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>

## Ovide Lamontagne Visits Founders

Ovide Lamontagne came to visit Founders April 13th. He was met by several of our wonderful Ambassadors and was taken on a tour of the school.



## Painting of George Washington from Mount Vernon

Kimberly Whitworth (a Trustee at Founders) obtained a portrait of George Washington from the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. The portrait arrived at Founders this week. It is a full-size replica of the famous "Porthole Portrait" by Rembrandt Peale.

Our thanks to Trustee Whitworth and the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for gifting us with this beautiful painting! It will soon be hung prominently and enjoyed by all for years to come.



## D.C. Trip Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting for the DC trip on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6pm.**

## Family Photo-Shoots

Have your family portraits taken at the school on **Saturday May 14th, between 9:00am to 12:00 noon.**

A \$25 session fee per family is completely donated back to the school. Please have your checks made out to The Founders Academy.

Each family receives one FREE 5 x 7 print. More prints are available at additional costs. This donation is provide by C3 School Photography.

Depending on the weather, the plan is to have pictures taken outside. Feel free to bring your pets.

You must sign up to get your pictures taken, so do so soon using this [LINK!](#)

## Volunteer Appreciation Coffee - May 6

Join the Founders' faculty and staff for a Volunteer Appreciation Coffee on **Friday, May 6 at 7:15AM!** The coffee, donuts and muffins will be served in the front conference room. **Founders appreciates its volunteers!**

## Field Day - June 7

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.

# Student Life

## Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to those students who made Honor Roll in the third quarter! Watch for the complete list here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XbVqejHAnOnasBFIZy1rOyg9c1GYQjAwor9bniV4iBg/edit>

CONGRATULATIONS!

## 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 to [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!

## Student Wins Poster Contest

Ana B. won the state poster contest with the NH Association of World Language Teachers (middle school division)! A number of Founders students submitted posters for this contest a few weeks ago, along with students from all over New Hampshire. She won a \$50 cash prize!

Congratulations to Ana from all of us here at Founders!



## Miscellaneous

### Parent Survey

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

### 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 TODAY, 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

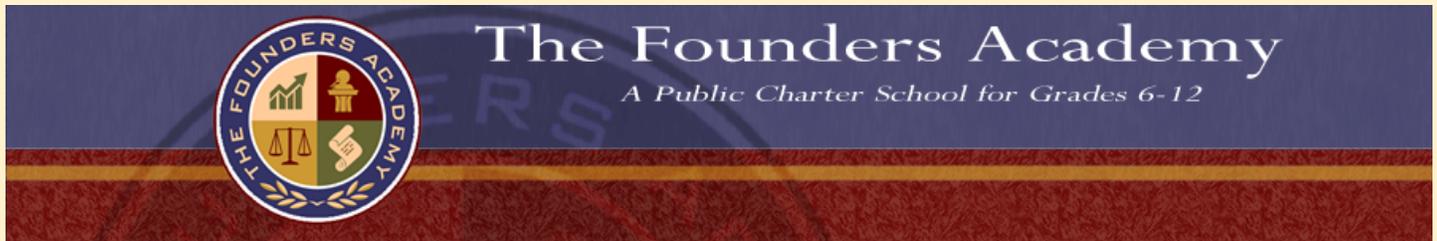
To see all clubs and committees (and more to come), click [here](#).

## Important Dates

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

April 22, 2016	Field Trip: Shakespeare Folio at the Currier Gallery of Art.
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 and 9th grades on a lake cruise.
May 13, 2016	Semi-Formal Dance. 6:30-9:00 pm.
May 16, 2016	Field Trip: 6th and 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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