



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Last week ended the third quarter. Report cards have been emailed to primary parents/guardians today.

Ms. Mote and the Drama Club have worked tremendously hard on the upcoming play, "Anne of Green Gables." I encourage you to attend the production next week to support our students. More details can be found in this newsletter below. The lighting for the play was fully funded through generous donors on DonorsChoose.org! *THANK YOU, KINDLY!*

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### Visit from Representative Biggie

The Founders Academy was honored to receive a visit from State Representative Barbara Biggie of Milford NH last Friday April 1st. Rep. Biggie is a supporter of charter schools at the State House!



## Student of the 3rd Quarter

“I would like to nominate Jaimason L. for Student of Quarter 3. He has wholly and consistently maintained a very positive attitude regarding class assignments, projects, and relationships with teachers and peers. Specifically, I assigned a particularly difficult partner for a project. He did not complain, but instead he led this student to complete the work and even gave him constructive tips on classroom behavior—this was communicated when neither one knew I was watching/listening.”

~One of his Teachers



## Teacher of the Month: Ms. Mote

This month's teacher of the month is Ms. Mote because she dedicates almost all of her free time not only to preparing the best assignments for her students, but also running three school clubs.

Ms. Mote is the teacher of a level 2 class, a level 3 class, and two level 3-A classes, where she teaches Medieval and American Literature. She also teaches vocabulary and sentence diagramming so that we may understand the English language.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Mote runs the Journalism Club, the Yearbook Club, and the Drama Club. Journalism club releases a school newspaper covering all of the events of our school every few months, and meets once a week on Friday during K-Block. Yearbook Club makes the entire yearbook for our school and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays during K-Block. Lastly Drama Club puts on the school play every year, it meets twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Ms. Mote puts in a lot of dedication to teaching the students here, even coming into school when she isn't feeling the best, because she wants to be here to teach us all of these things. However, as shown this month, she manages to come out as the best teacher.



~David B.

## 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.

[http://www.shop.nepaper.com/Founders-Academy-Donations\\_c43.htm](http://www.shop.nepaper.com/Founders-Academy-Donations_c43.htm)

## 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>

## After School Art Session

Dear Founders' Parents,

Founders will be continuing with the after-school art program with our next session on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30-4:30PM. Mrs. Alesia Dopson, owner of a pottery studio, To Your Art's Content, will be teaching a variety of projects for students. Check out her website at [www.toyourartscontent.com](http://www.toyourartscontent.com).

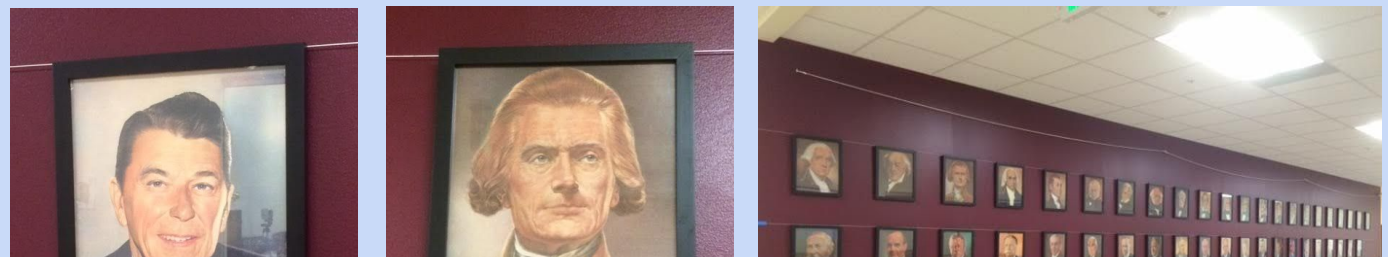
Our next session starts on April 13th. This will be our last session for the year. The cost for the 4-week session is \$80. The permission slip is attached to this email. Please turn in both the permission slip and payment to the front desk **by April 12th**.

Space is limited to 20 students, so sign up soon!

-Ms. Mote

## Hallway of Presidents

The Founders Academy students have worked to create a new feature at our school, "The Hall of Presidents." The display can be found at the entrance to the East Wing (humanities hallway) of the school. Students will continue to improve this exhibit by adding information about each president adjacent to his picture. From Washington to Lincoln to Reagan to Obama, all our country's leaders will now look upon our students as they travel from class to class, and our students will look to them as representatives of a rich and notable history of the United States. A place is already saved for an addition to come in November! Dean Mooney donated the portraits and Mrs. Humphrey had them framed.



# Fundraisers

## 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!

## FULLY FUNDED - THANK YOU - Drama Club Donations Project

**THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED BY GENEROUS DONORS - THANK YOU!**

Dear Founders Community,

I want to let you know about a new [DonorsChoose.org project](https://www.donorschoose.org) that I have created to help raise the funds needed for our Drama Club!

Unlike many other school productions, we work with a very small budget. The cost of the sets, stage, costumes, and royalty fees need to be raised by our own ticket sales and donations. One of the larger costs that we face is the cost of renting lighting equipment, which is the cause for this Donors Choose project.

In the words of one of our students: "Theater is very important in student lives because it gives them more confidence and self respect, which is a very important feature in a future leader." By contributing to our project you will be supporting these young actors and technicians as they practice important skills and grow in confidence which will stay with them throughout their school years and beyond!

Donations of any size will help my kids. Your donation will brighten my students' school year, and you'll get heartfelt thank yous from the Founders Drama Club and photos of your gift in action.



Here's my classroom request: **Actors Need Light to Shine!**

If you know anyone who is passionate about education and the performing arts, please pass this along. My students and I greatly appreciate your support!

Kate Mote  
English Teacher

## Student Life

### Student Wins Rhythmic Gymnastics State Championship

Anissa S. is the Massachusetts All Around State Champion in Rhythmic Gymnastics. She placed 1st in all four events!

A hearty congratulations to Anissa for this amazing achievement!



## 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 the [www.thefoundersacademy.org](http://www.thefoundersacademy.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!

## Karate Classes at Founders

The first session of classes from the House of the Samurai has started.

Sessions go for six weeks with three classes a week. While it's too late to sign up for the current one, if you want to sign up for classes in the next session use the link for the registration form below. The next session starts soon!

Watch for information and the registration form [here](#). The number for the House of the Samurai is [\(603\) 434-2265](tel:6034342265).



## Miscellaneous

### 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!

### Fun Food Friday and Pizza Monday Forms

The lunch forms for February are up on the website! To print out the form for D'Angelos, click [here](#). To print out the form for pizza, click [here](#).



If school is closed on Mondays, we have arranged for pizza to be delivered on the following Tuesdays instead.

## 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: Substitute Teachers, Lunch & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, 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 8, 2016	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
April 8, 2016	Friday Assembly: Video of the Drama Production trailer "Anne of Green Gables," and Mr. John Tousignant of the Frano American Centre in Manchester on the historical significance of the French in New Hampshire.
April 8, 2016	History Club Movie Night showing "Apollo 13" at 7:30pm.

April 12, 2016	Barnes and Noble "My Favorite Teacher Essay Winners" reception at 3:45pm, B&N 1741 S. Willow Street, Manchester, NH
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.
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	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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