



The Founders Academy

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From the Dean of School



Happy Wednesday!

At Founders, we hope that each of you are able to spend quality time together with your student(s) this summer. Students are only young once. Taking the time to read with, travel with, play with, talk to, and listen to your child(ren) is always time well spent.

This weekly summer newsletter is filled with interesting information about Founders. It truly demonstrates just what an exciting time it is for the school. Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Congratulations, Ms. Mote!



Teachers do amazing things at Founders!

Ms. Mote (English Language Arts teacher) recently obtained a transportation grant for a field trip she's planning next year! This saves the school and students a lot of money for an educational purpose. Here are the details:

In 2016, the first publication of Shakespeare's plays known as the "First Folio" will be going on tour in the United States. TFA students in grades 7-9 will be one of a few school groups which will be able to see the exhibit titled *First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare* at the Currier Art Museum in Manchester, NH. Kate Mote, with the help of Bridget Hyotte (Executive Assistant to the Dean), has been working with the Currier to plan the trip and has secured transportation grant money which will reduce the cost for each student.

Ms. Mote is currently planning additional field trips, so stay tuned for more news! She is a returning English teacher to Founders. Her full bio on the new web page is [here](#). Congratulations and thank you, Ms. Mote!

In addition to lesson planning, syllabus writing, book researching, club advising, and organizing field trips, the teachers at Founders are always looking for new ways to benefit the school. If you have any ideas, be certain to pass them along!

Wanted: Poet Laureate for the First Day of School

As last year's students know, a Poet Laureate is an individual who is chosen to write a poem to honor a special occasion. The Founders Academy is looking for its own Poet Laureate to create a poem for the first day of the 2015-2016 school year. The Poet Laureate will be given the privilege of reciting their poem to the school in our first day of school activities.

Guidelines: The poem should be no longer than 20 lines and can be in any style except for shape poems. They should reflect upon the themes of the school and the occasion of the first day of a new school year. Poems will be judged based on creativity, originality, and how closely they reflect the themes of the school. Submissions should be turned into Bridget Hyotte by email (bridget.hyotte@tfanh.org). **The deadline for this competition is September 2, 2015.**

Watch for After-School Activities Survey

Be watching your @tfanh.org email addresses for an online Founders parents survey. The upcoming survey is whether or not you may be interested in after-school activities including Karate classes, and YMCA programs. Such programs would take place at Founders, but are not sponsored by Founders. Each after-school program requires a fee paid directly to the host organization.

Students Cleaning-Up After Themselves

Last January, The Founders Academy students adopted their own school wide [Leadership Code of Conduct](#). First on the list is to "Be responsible."

Cleaning up after oneself after eating is a large part of being responsible. Please, please, please emphasize to your student(s) before school starts the importance of throwing away one's trash, not leaving wrappers behind, and picking up obvious trash to keep the school looking nice. Advisers will also emphasize this point in advisories as well.

Thank you!

Founders Website!

Founders is starting its transition to the new web site!

This transition will take a bit of time to iron out all the adjustments. A lot of information has already been transferred over from the previous site, but it's not complete yet.

By next week the site should be complete. The web address is still (www.thefoundersacademy.org).

Thank you for your patience as we create a new and improved site!

Welcome New School Counselor!



The Founders Academy is pleased to welcome its new School Counselor, Renee Williams! Renee joins Founders with an extensive background in student services, and familiarity with charter schools. She's worked as a Guidance Counselor on both the middle and high school levels, and owns Next Step Coaching, LLC.

Soon, Ms. Williams' web page will appear on the Founders' new site, along with interesting postings on the School Counselor page!

Welcome, Ms. Williams!

Summer Open Office Hours & Ask the Dean

At our charter school, parent input is not only welcomed but sought after. If you would like to discuss Founders, Dean Mooney's Summer Open Office Hours next week are:

- **August 25 from 1pm-3pm**

Please contact Debra Waitt at debra.waitt@tfanh.org or 603.952.4705 to schedule an appointment.

Additionally, various questions come up throughout the school year (and during the summer) from parents regarding Founders. Throughout the summer, we'll attempt to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. Feel free to submit your own question for an answer.

Q: "What information can we expect if our student takes a Manchester bus to Founders?"

A: Middle school students at Founders who live in Manchester have the option of taking buses to school.

High school students cannot take the Manchester School District bus to Founders, unless they live on the route of a Founders-bound bus and within reasonable proximity to a Founders bus stop. Parents of ninth graders residing in Manchester looking to have their ninth grader take the bus must fill out the "Request for Exception" form and return it to Founders. The "Request for Exception" form is attached to this email. The Manchester Transit Authority will begin reviewing these forms on September 16, 2015. Assuming the request is granted by the Manchester Transit Authority, ninth graders will begin to be bused to Founders on September 28.

Soon, those in Middle School residing in Manchester taking the bus will receive information in the mail directly from the Manchester Transit Authority related to time and location of bus pick-up and drop-off:

<http://www.mtabus.org/services/school-buses/>.

Please familiarize your student and yourself with the rules of the bus. Here is a copy of the Manchester rules for riding the bus: https://docs.google.com/document/pub?id=1_KVVbfkj5fXCo7TkLzun5gy498SwyYEOFnKea9LcfF8

Important Dates

August 26, 2015	TFA Board of Trustees Meeting at 3:00pm.
September 2-4, 2015	Teacher Orientation for all teachers.
September 8, 2015	First Day of School
September 10, 2015	Outreach Meeting at 7:30pm - Contact richard.hyotte@tfanh.org for more information on fundraising for TFA.
September 11, 2015	Schoolwide Moment of Silence at 8:46am in remembrance of 9/11/01.
September 18, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8am - Topic: TFA Teachers talk about their hobbies.
TBA	School photos.
September 22, 2015	"Back to School Night" for current parents with portal training (6:00-7:30PM)
September 29, 2015	"Admissions Information Night" for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)

October 3, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8 am- Topic: Aviation Museum of N.H. http://www.nhahs.org/
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day. No School.
October 15, 2015	"Admissions Information Night" for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
October 17, 2015	FUNDRAISER: Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, NH) all book sales to benefit TFA on October 17, 2015. Hours are 9AM until 10PM. Watch for the CODE to use, coming soon!
October 21, 2015	TENTATIVE DATE for Health Fair, as well as diabetes and cholesterol screenings, and back to school physicals (parental/guardian consent required) offered by Rivier University. 9-4PM.
October 21, 2015	Admissions Information Night for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
November 6, 2015	First Quarter grades close.
November 11, 2015	Veterans Day. No School.
November 13, 2015	First Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
November 13, 2015	Student-led assembly honoring Veterans at 8:00am.

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

Mark Your Calendars (Early) for Concert Dates!

[Mr. McKenzie](#) and Ms. Prindiville have released the following dates and times for band and choral performances. Don't miss these all-star performances!!

December 14-Chorus Concert @ 7pm

December 15-Band Concert @ 7pm

[[December 16-Snow Date @ 7pm]]

March 28-Combined Concert @ 7pm

June 6-Chorus Concert @ 7pm

June 7-Band Concert @ 7pm

Top Ten "Most Needed" Items at TFA

TFA heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the top ten most needed items include:

- **FEATURED ITEM: Classroom trash barrels**
 - Cork bulletin boards
 - Copier paper NOTE: Reams are \$22.00 at Staples now:
http://www.staples.com/Staples-Multiuse-Copy-Paper-8-1-2-x-11-8-Ream-Case/product_1149611
 - http://www.staples.com/Staples-Multipurpose-Paper-8-1-2-x-11-Case/product_513096
 - Blue-Ray Player Panasonic DMP BD91
 - Lanyards
 - Colored hanging files
 - Toilet paper
- **Be sure to look at TFA's page on:
www.shop.com/supportfoundersacademy
- Paper towels
 - Classroom clocks
 - Four power strips (electrical plugs)
- **Be sure to look at TFA's page on:
www.nepaper.com

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

TFA Email Activation



TFA is now using the fully activated email distribution list. In order to receive emails from TFA, you must have activated your parent email address account. If you know of a friend or relative attending TFA next year, please kindly remind them to activate their @tfanh.org email address. Thank you again!



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