



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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## **From the Dean of School**



Happy Wednesday!

Next week is teacher orientation consisting of three days covering nearly everything one needs to know at Founders. It is also a time for the returning employees to formally meet new employees. The school year nears!

The summer is slowly winding down. This summer can be summed up in two words -- "Thank you." The generous volunteerism and contributions from students, parents, and teachers made this summer a memorable one leading into year two.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## Clubs and Committees

The Founders Academy offers various academic and service clubs/committees throughout the school year. Students can even request a club of their own! Be sure to review this web page of clubs and committees to see which your student may like to join next year! <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=1435433>

## Substitute Teachers and Study Hall Monitors

Two very important ways for volunteers to get involved are substitute teaching and study hall monitoring. Is there a way you (or others you may know) are willing to help Founders in these areas? Please contact: [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org). Many thanks in advance!

## 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.hytte@tfanh.org](mailto:bridget.hytte@tfanh.org)). **The deadline for this competition is September 2, 2015.**

## Adopt-A-Plot

The Garden Committee is offering TFA families the opportunity to 'adopt-a-plot' along the front and side of the building. Flowers, veggies, rocks, fairies, scarecrows, and so much more....

Plots will be the width of the markings along the sidewalk and will be offered at \$25 each or 2 for \$40.

A landscape sketch will be ready soon for you to select your plot.

Help us beautify TFA while you share your gardening skills. Contact [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org) for more information!

## 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!

## The Founders Academy FIRST Lego League Team #12158 The Founders Keepers



FIRST Lego League Team #12158, the Founders Keepers, will be returning to The Founders Academy in 2015! We had a very successful rookie year last year, bringing home a second place in Engineering Design at our local tournament. This year we are hoping to build on that success in the 2015 Challenge, “Trash Trek”! If you would like to join the team or find out more information about FIRST or robotics, we will be hosting an Information Session in the first few weeks of school. Stay tuned for an email update with the date and time. More information on this year’s challenge can be found at the following link:

<http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge/2015trashtrek>

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Chris Mikus ([nuts4first@hotmail.com](mailto:nuts4first@hotmail.com)) or Assistant Coach Kari Karwedsky ([kkarwedsky@ptc.com](mailto:kkarwedsky@ptc.com)). Coach Mikus is the father of Benjamin, a TFA 7<sup>th</sup> grader.



## Facebook Group for Carpooling

Are you interested in networking for possible carpools to Founders? Try this Facebook group set up for carpooling families: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/906239749401437/>.

This Facebook group is not maintained by Founders administration, faculty and/or staff.

## Wanted: Hats for Exhibit Room

Mr. Van Ewyk is organizing the first exhibit of the school year in the Founders Exhibit Room. The exhibit will feature various styles and types of hats. Do you have any unique hats to show off in this exhibit? If so, contact [g.vanewyk@tfanh.org](mailto:g.vanewyk@tfanh.org). The Exhibit Room will be locked throughout the duration of this exhibit. Thank you!

## Welcome New Members of Music/Visual Arts Department!

The Music/Visual Arts Department is growing!



The Founders Academy is pleased to welcome three new additions to its Music/Visual Arts Department! [Ms. Samantha Prindiville](#) is the Choral Director, and [Mrs. Erika Charbonneau](#) along with [Mr. Curtis Dopson](#) will teach art.

[Mr. Greg McKenzie](#) chairs the Music/Visual Arts Department, and is looking forward to working with his new team! The [Department](#) has already calendared concert dates on the "Important Dates" table below. Welcome!



## Ask the Dean

**Q: "What do we need to know about lockers?"**

**A:** All students at Founders will be assigned lockers on the first day of school. Each child will need to bring his/her own lock, and give the locker combination to the advisory teacher. Locker combinations will be kept at the front desk (in the instance a student forgets their combination).

Thank you!

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## Important Dates

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| August 26, 2015     | TFA Board of Trustees Meeting at 3:00pm. |
| September 2-4, 2015 | Teacher Orientation for all teachers.    |

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| September 8, 2015             | First Day of School  |
| September 10, 2015            | Outreach Meeting at 7:30pm - Contact <a href="mailto:richard.hyotte@tfanh.org">richard.hyotte@tfanh.org</a> 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.<br><a href="http://www.nhahs.org/">http://www.nhahs.org/</a>   |
| 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.  |
| November 16, 2015             | Parent Teacher Conferences. No School.   |
| November 25-29, 2015          | Thanksgiving Break. No School.   |
| December 14, 2015             | Chorus Concert at 7pm.   |
| December 15, 2015             | Band Concert at 7pm  |
| <i>[December 16, 2015</i>     | <i>Snow date for concerts]</i>   |
| December 19 - January 3, 2016 | Holiday Break. No School.  |
| January 18, 2016              | Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.   |
| January 19 - January 22, 2016 | Mid-Terms  |
| January 22, 2016              | Second Quarter grades close.   |

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| January 29, 2016       | Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.       |
| February 20-28, 2016   | Winter Break. No School.   |
| March 25, 2016         | Professional Development Day. No School.   |
| March 28, 2016         | Combined Concert at 7pm.   |
| April 1, 2016          | Third Quarter grades close.  |
| April 8, 2016          | Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.        |
| 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 30, 2016           | Memorial Day. No School  |
| May 31 - June 3, 2016  | Final Exams.   |
| June 6, 2016           | Chorus Concert at 7pm.   |
| June 7, 2016           | Band Concert at 7pm.   |
| 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.        |

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

## Top Ten "Most Needed" Items for Health Office at TFA

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

- Cold packs
- Warm packs
- Band aids, all sizes

- Gauze pads, all sizes
- Dental floss
- Small paper cups
- Eye irrigation kit

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

Thank you very much!

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- **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-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](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](http://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](http://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](mailto:@tfanh.org) email address. Thank you again!



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