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**From the Dean of School**



Happy Friday!

Congratulations to ALL performers at last night's student organized "Future Leaders' Talent Show." It was wonderful seeing the students demonstrate their talents, as well as their supportive families in attendance.

There *is* school on Monday, February 15, 2016.

Have a good weekend, and a good Presidents' Day on Monday!

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:*

Students will continue an in-depth investigation of the US Constitution. Students completed their analysis of Article I, and we will now move to Article II and beyond. Certainly, some time will be set aside to discuss our first in the nation primary as well. Also, students will have the opportunity to participate in a mock election in school. I wonder if our students will reflect the state's votes!

### "At Round Table" By: Ms. Small

Mornings at Ms. Small's Round Table

Our mornings are an important time of bonding and conversation. I have been lucky enough to have a group of students at Round Table who are constantly looking for projects to support their school community. Earlier this year, they planned and executed bake sales to buy flower bulbs, and adopted two plots in front of The Founders Academy where we planted daffodils, tulips, crocuses and lilies. We are all looking forward for the snow to melt, so we can see the results of their hard work!

My Round Table students are known for the quality of their baked goods as well as the quality of their citizenship, and it has been a pleasure to watch them take a personal interest in caring for the physical space of our school. They recently took it a step further, and conducted a survey of their teachers most wished for supplies. They baked and sold more goodies, and because of generous parent donations we were able to fulfill almost every request. Their number one hope was to buy scissors for the art room, and

they did purchase 9 pairs of good quality 7 inch scissors with the proceeds of their sale. Now, when they go to art class, and there are enough scissors, I know they will be able to take pride in that accomplishment.

This month is leadership month in Round Table, and we continued our discussion on world leaders. Students checked in with their parents to see who was running the countries of the world, and we answered the question of why it matters. Yes, you should care about who is running the countries on the planet that you inhabit. The more of us there are on Earth, the more important it is we pay attention to how well we are all getting along. We learned about topics as diverse as Mt Rushmore to how and why and when the UN was founded.

In their interest in caring for their school, they have shown exceptional leadership. They have proven that service to others is a powerful force of good, and set a powerful example for their peers. I am so proud of them, and so lucky to spend my mornings with such a great group of students!

## Math Competition



The Founders Academy Math Team recently participated in the Regional Math Counts Competition held in Bedford NH. Five students participated: Graham Otten, Trent Moore, Sarah Fung, Amy Pham and Catherine Ruiz. There were a total of 88 students from 12 schools in the competition. Two of our students placed in the top 50% of students for individual scores and our team placed 9th out of 12 teams.

Ms. Henry is very pleased with the results of our first year in the competition and looks forward to even better results as we have more time to prepare and more experience with the event next year. Any students who will be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade next year and wish to join our team, should contact Ms. Henry. We meet for practice during K period study hall on Tuesdays.

## Job Fair - March 9, 2016

The Founders Academy is holding its first JOB FAIR from 4 to 7pm. Please pass along the detailed announcement at this site to your contacts who believe in the mission of our charter school: [http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/job\\_opportunities](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/job_opportunities)

## Enterprise City - March 30 - Volunteers Needed

Mrs. Weigler - a Founders parent - obtained an opportunity for students to attend Enterprise City in Dover, New Hampshire. This is a great experience for students to learn about management skills. For more information on the program, go to this website: <http://www.enterprisecity.org/home>

Ms. Eframson is coordinating the field trip for the school on March 30. Fourteen (14) parent volunteers are

needed in order to facilitate the program. If you would like to volunteer for this field trip, please directly contact Miss Eframson at [j.eframson@tfanh.org](mailto:j.eframson@tfanh.org).

Thank you for your consideration!

## Fundraisers

### Annual Fund has Begun!

*On "Giving Tuesday," The Founders Academy launched its Annual Fund! This past week, letters were sent home for Annual Fund pledges. Please consider a contribution at these sites so Founders can reach its goals:*

*Annual Fund Pledge Introductory Letter from Mrs. Lombardozzi:*

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/giving/donate>

*Annual Fund Pledge Form:*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7JOOucl-eF4b3ZRTkxCN0I3STgwaHJ6NmtSeWRZZGhpcU1j/view>

*Link to PayPal for contributing to Founders online: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/giving>*

### The Founders Academy Snow Shovels

We still have a couple shovels ready for the taking! If you are interested, come on in to the front office or click on the link below to order them.

Please feel free to send the link to this [order form](#) to family and friends.

## Student Life

### Congratulations to Macie L.!



Congratulations to Founders student, Macie Lacasse!

Macie's Weare Middle School Basketball Team, The Lady Wildcats, recently won the Tri County League Championship last weekend. The team had an undefeated season of 16-0 and every girl scored at least one basket in the final game. The team even received a police escort home from the game!

Founders' students do great things in their communities!

<http://wearemiddleschool.net/index.php/school-info/wms-news-archive/617-wms-girls-basketball-team-wins-tri-county-league-championship>

## Classroom and Hall Rules and Etiquette

**Parents/Guardians: Please review these school-wide rules below with your student(s). Thank you.**

### Classroom and Hall Rules and Etiquette

#### Classroom

No food  
No gum  
(Cough drops OK)  
No swearing  
No cell phone use  
No rolling on office chairs  
Enter quietly and sit down ready to work  
Get out class supplies

#### Hall

No eating  
No food or other items on top of lockers  
No pushing and shoving  
Wait your turn at lockers and move away when finished  
Stand outside classrooms in an orderly line

No cell phone use  
No running  
Walk in small groups on the right side of the hall  
Be aware of and considerate of others

## School Cancellation Notifications & Snow Packets

In the event school is cancelled (or delayed) due to weather, the cancellation (or delay) will be announced by the following means of communication:

- Email to parents,
- Facebook,
- [www.thefoundersacademy.org](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org),
- ch 9 - WMUR,
- 90.7FM WLMW
- 610AM WGIR,
- 95.7FM WZID,
- 96.5FM WMLL,
- 1370AM WFEA,
- NECN
- Automated call system.



When school is cancelled, each student is responsible for completing work that is posted on the portals and emailed from the teachers. School work (i.e., "snow packets") will be posted by teachers on snow days by 8 AM.

Additionally, teachers will be monitoring the portals and their emails throughout the day. It is a *requirement* that students (contingent on having electricity and internet) log into the portals and complete assigned work on snow days.

*It is essential that all students complete the work during the snow day. If we demonstrate participation from our students we will avoid having additional days added at the end of the school year in June. If less than 80% of our students choose not to login and perform the assignments the day counts as a snow day and may result in the school needing to extend the year.*

## Summer Camp Programs 2016 - Coming Soon!

Be watching for information on Summer Camp Programs 2016!

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

Stay tuned!

## Family Movie Night - Save the Date - March 4

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Save the date for a Family Movie Night at Founders on Friday, March 4! Do you have a suggestion for a movie to watch? Contact [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org) to offer your suggestion and volunteer!

Thank you!

## Student Hallway Etiquette

Parents, please remind your students about proper behavior in school, especially in between classes. It's important that students avoid horseplay in the hallways, as well shoving, yelling, and disrespectful language towards others. We'd like to avoid as many accidents as possible, and with your reinforcement of this behavior at home we can keep the environment at school a positive one. Thank you!

## 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.

## 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>

February 12, 2016	Friday Assembly: The Future Leaders' Talent Show for students at 8am.
February 19, 2016	Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day
February 20-28, 2016	Winter Break. No School.
March 3, 2016	Spelling Bee at 6:30pm.
March 4, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Student led assembly on "Respect"
March 11, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Introduction to the Civil Air Patrol
March 17, 2016	Spirit Day: Green Day
March 18, 2016	No School. Best Practices for teachers.
March 21, 2016	Information Night on European Trip 2017 - 7:00pm ( for more information, contact <a href="mailto:k.barlow@tfanh.org">k.barlow@tfanh.org</a> )



March 23, 2016	Entrepreneurship Fair 9AM-11AM.
March 25, 2016	No School. Professional Development Day.
March 28, 2016	Combined Concert at 7pm.
March 30, 2016	Field Trip to Enterprise City.
April 1, 2016	Third Quarter grades close.
April 8, 2016	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
April 15, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Drama Production Play Preview
April 15, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 16, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 18, 2016	Gen. John Stark Day at Founders
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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