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Happy Friday!

I wish you all a good Winter Break from February 20-28, 2016. There won't be an "Email to Parents" next Friday. Be sure to do something fun as a family with your student(s) during this time. Your student(s) deserves it!

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 complete the thorough analysis of the US Constitution this week. The focus will be on articles 3-7. There will be a special focus on the civil rights that are protected, and an emphasis on the fact that those rights are naturally existing and not "given" to us by the government, or president, or the Constitution.

Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter

The Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter is now online! Congratulations to the students! Click here to view.

"At Round Table" By: Madame Barlow

Recently in Madame Barlow's Round Table, some students had the idea of making Valentines for nursing home residents. Everyone thought this was a great idea, so we brought in supplies and made the Valentines one day during class. We also invited other Round Tables to make some as well, and we ended up with about 50 adorable notes! We talked about how some nursing home residents don't often have visitors or other contact with the outside world, and that it would be nice to let them know that the students at Founders care about them. These Valentines are being delivered to two local nursing homes, and we hope that we will be able to brighten the day of some valued members of our community.



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

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. Efraimson 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 Efraimson at <u>j.efraimson@tfanh.org</u>.

Thank you for your consideration!

Fundraisers

Annual Fund has Begun!

On "Giving Tuesday," The Founders Academy launched its Annual Fund! 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 <u>order form</u> to family and friends.

Student Life

Poetry Out Loud Contest

Yesterday was our Poetry Out Loud contest, and the students did brilliantly! Here are our winners:

Level 1- Rania B.

Level 2- Sarah F.

Level 3- Madeleine G.

and our **Level 3A Champion, Leah M**., who will go on to represent Founders and compete in NH's Poetry Out Loud semi-final contest on Monday, February 29th.

Congratulations to everyone who participated, and especially to our winners. We're glad that everyone had fun with this great opportunity!



Congratulations to Allison, Natalie, and Rania!



Congratulations to Founders' students Allison H., Natalie F., and Rania B.!

The three students are members of the Hillside Girls' Basketball team, and won the City Championship last Saturday! Allison H. was one of the team captains for the team!

Founders' students do great things in their communities!

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,
- 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 <u>portals</u> 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 11 (Tentative)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Save the date for a Family Movie Night at Founders on Friday, March 11 (notice the date change from March 4)! Do you have a suggestion for a movie to watch? Contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org to offer your suggestion and volunteer!

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 <u>here</u>. The number for the House of the Samurai is (603) 434-2265.

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 <u>here</u>. To print out the form for pizza, click <u>here</u>.

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. We'll add you to the list!

Club/Committee News

To see all clubs and committees (and more to come), click <u>here</u>.

Important Dates

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

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 k.barlow@tfanh.org)
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 20, 2016	Assembly: Opera NH to perform for students (www.operanh.org).
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 k.mote@tfanh.org.
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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