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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Students are always the focus of The Founders Academy. The teachers and I not only get to do what we enjoy, but we get to know the students too. I enjoy greeting the students in the hallways as they move from one class to the next. As the school year progresses, the students naturally become less shy and I notice the students become more confident in their greeting me as the second semester begins. We look at each student as a respected individual who is here to learn and study. Thank you for entrusting your students' futures to The Founders Academy!

As school is cancelled today due to weather, please be sure to review the "School Cancellation Notifications and Snow Packets" section of this newsletter. Students (if able) must log into their portals today and monitor emails for directions from teachers.

Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

Teacher of the Month - Ms. Henry

Ms. Henry Teacher of the Month

By: Madeleine G.

Ms. Henry is this month's teacher of the month because she has dedicated a lot to this school. She started to have an interest in math when she was in junior high school. She was interested in spiral patterns in nature and realized math could explain it. Ms. Henry graduated second in her class and went to Worcester Polytechnic Institute on a four year Air Force ROTC scholarship, where she got her Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering and graduated with honors. While in school, she worked on an experiment that was launched on the NASA space shuttle. In her first job, she received a patent for work on software that



allowed two way radios used by emergency personnel to interact with the phone system (this was before cell phones).

Ms. Henry has 5 children and 3 stepchildren and has been teaching, and homeschooling them for the past 18 years. She decided to be a teacher because she knew she liked it from those years of homeschooling.

Ms. Henry always loved the idea of leadership and that is why she loves this school. She was class president, National Honor Society president, a state student council rep. and was chosen to participate in the United States Youth Senate.

Ms. Henry is now a teacher that many students look up too. She leads the Math Club and is passionate about what she does.

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:

As our "Hall of Presidents" took some trial and error, we will spend some time completing that task this week. We are waiting on some supplies for the "Stepping Stones," which we will make progress on in the coming days as well. We ended last quarter with a cursory look at the Constitution and an in-depth analysis of the question of ratification. This week, we will also take a much more detailed investigation of the content of the Constitution. Students will analyze each article, compare the qualifications for and powers of each branch of government, and hopefully understand the somewhat complex procedures for amendment.

New Trustee Welcomed

At the January 20, 2016 Board of Trustees' meeting, Brenda Lombardozzi was elected as a Trustee! The school welcomes Mrs. Lombardozzi along with all of her ideas and experiences related to non-profit development. Here is an introduction from Mrs. Lombardozzi:

"Hello:

I would like to thank all of the members of the Board of Trustees for their recent nomination. I am excited about this opportunity to become more involved. My initial focus over my tenure as a Board

Member will be the Annual Fund campaign. I hope to be able to communicate and educate the Founders community about the importance of these much needed funds. I look forward to working with everyone to make this campaign a success!

*Thank you, Brenda Lombardozzi
Parent of Darren, Gr. 7”*

The school also wholeheartedly thanks Kevin Ahern for his service as a Trustee! Thank you, Mr. Ahern!

From the School Counselor - Social Media Precautions

From the School Counselor, Mrs. Williams . . .

Social Media Blurb

Email to Parents:

Over the past few weeks here at Founders, we have been having an increasing number of issues around the area of “social media”. Whether it be texting, instant messaging, apps (such as OOVVOO, KIK, YikYak, etc) we are seeing instances that are not only occurring at school, but also outside of school which is then impacting students and their educational career. Below I have shared you a few different safety guides that may be helpful to you as parents. We at Founders strongly encourage you to share this information with your student. This is a great time to have some much needed conversation around social media expectations, cyber bullying, etc.

Great site for Technology info for parents: <http://www.connectsafely.org/>

OOVVOO: <http://www.bewebsmart.com/app-review/do-you-ovoo-maybe-your-kids-do/>

KIK: <http://www.bewebsmart.com/internet-safety/is-kik-okay-for-kids/>

“National School Choice Week”

Congressman Frank Guinta sent the letter attached to recognize The Founders Academy during “National School Choice Week.” Founders is



proud of its staff for receiving this Congressional recognition and public appreciation for our school!

Thank you, Congressman Guinta!

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

“In the Words of Parents”

Founders is adding a new page to the website called “In the Words of Parents,” that will feature statements from parents about the school. We hope to give prospective parents and students a better idea of the environment in our school!

If you're interested in submitting a statement for the website, please email debra.waite@tfanh.org.

Smarter Balanced Test 2016

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)

Testing schedules for each grade at Founders will be forthcoming. Once the schedules are confirmed, the schedules will be distributed by class to parents.

Students will need to bring headphones and/or earbuds to each day of the exam.

If you are interested in opting your student(s) out of this exam, you must contact the Director of Assessment at the N.H. Department of Education for an exemption (that position is currently vacant but Dr. Scott Mantie can be contacted at 603.271.3844; scott.mantie@doe.nh.gov). Exemptions are given by the N.H. Department of Education for the following reasons:

1. Medical emergency/serious illness
2. Severe emotional distress
3. Death in the family
4. Student qualifies for the NH Alternate Assessment but enrolls after the start of the assessment window
5. Student who participates in another state's assessment system
6. Exemption from ACCESS for ELLs® for student taking the NH Alternate Assessment

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>

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

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 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.

Talent Show - February 11, 2016

The Future Leaders Talent Show will be on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Enjoy an evening of entertainment, with dance, song, gymnastics, baton twirling and more! \$5/person or \$15/family. Bake Sale will also take place during event.

For more information, contact Ms. Prindiville at s.prindiville@tfanh.org.

Dances at Southside Middle School

Parents/Guardians/Students:

Please know that for accountability reasons Founders' students *cannot* attend dances at Southside Middle School. This is for accountability purposes as Southside needs to know who is at their dances and if he/she is properly supervised. Please do not have your student(s) attend Southside Middle School Dances.

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. 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 11, 2016	The Future Leaders' Talent Show at 7pm.
February 12, 2016	Friday Assembly: The Future Leaders' Talent Show for students at 8am.
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 18, 2016	No School. Best Practices for teachers.
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	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 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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