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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Today marks the end of mid-terms, the end of the second quarter, and the halfway point of school year! Congratulations to students, teachers and parents!

The Admissions Information Night on January 19 was filled to capacity! The deadline for applications is January 29, 2016. If you are applying for a sibling of your current student(s), please remember to submit your application materials by the January 29 deadline. Also, if you know a friend or family member interested in applying, please remind them of the January 29 deadline too.

A new page will soon be added to the Founders' web site. It will consist of statements from parents about what they like best about Founders. Please send your statement for publication to debra.waitt@tfanh.org.

Have a good weekend!

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:

It is midterm week... students will be reviewing and assessed on all the themes of the birth of the USA for the love of liberty!

Inside the Classroom

Miss Efraimson's Entrepreneurship classes will be taking a field trip to Enterprise City in Dover, NH, in March. EC is a city built for and run by students from all over. Students will be given tasks and jobs to fulfill while there, and also learn how to do and manage everyday tasks such as managing money, paying bills, and get a taste of what it's like to have a real life job for a day. We will start to prepare for this wonderful experience in the coming weeks! The kids and I are so excited and appreciative of this opportunity to learn

and explore with real life scenarios.

Special thanks are in order to Mrs. Weigler who entered Founders in a raffle to win this opportunity!

Cell Phone Usage Prohibition

Please know that starting Monday, January 25, 2016, no student cell phones are allowed to be used at The Founders Academy during school hours until further notice. Student cell phones must be completely turned off between 8:00AM and 3:15PM Monday through Friday.

This prohibition is due to persistent and continuous abuse of the cell phone policy in place at the school.

Thank you.

Monarchs Chorus Performance

We're pleased to announce that the Founders Academy Chamber Choir and Pop/A Cappella Choir under Ms. Samantha Prindiville are performing National Anthem at the Manchester Monarchs game on **Sunday, January 24th at 3:00 pm**. However, this is not a Founders' sponsored event, so checks made out to buy tickets to the game (should you wish to attend) should be made out to the Monarchs. Ms. Prindiville is collecting the checks here at the school.



We're so excited for our students to have this opportunity!

Admissions

Those current parents who wish to apply for a sibling must complete the application process with the newly established deadline including placement tests. The first placement exam will be administered on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 8 AM.

The application deadline is January 29, 2016 at 5 PM.

“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.waitt@tfanh.org.

Our New Copy Machines!



A special thanks to the Anson Family for finding, donating and delivering two additional copiers at Founders!

Copiers and copy paper are frequently used at Founders for educational purposes. The teachers, students and staff are extremely grateful for the help received in these two areas.

Thank you again!

Fundraisers

Ms. Griffin's Donors Choose Project

Founders is undertaking a huge donation project on Donor's Choose to get laboratory equipment for our science classes. The goal to fund the purchase of the equipment is over a whopping 2,000 dollars!

If you are able to donate, any help we can get will go along way to better our students' experience in their scientific endeavors.

You can find the fundraiser at [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org) by clicking the link [here](#).



Annual Fund has Begun!

On "Giving Tuesday," The Founders Academy launched its Annual Fund! Please see the message below from Richard Hyotte, and THANK YOU in advance! . . .

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment and introduce myself to The Founders Academy community. My name is Rick Hyotte and I currently serve as the Chairman of The Founders Academy Board of Trustees. My two children currently attend The Founders Academy and I'm excited to be involved with The Founders Academy.

The Founders Academy is a public charter school; this allows any student who is a resident of New Hampshire to attend, for free. As many of you know charter schools are funded at a rate of \$5,597.27 per pupil while the average statewide expenditure for traditional public schools is approximately \$12,000 per student. Additionally, most charter schools currently pay property taxes, rent and all utilities and repairs associated with their facility.

Part of the responsibility of the Outreach Committee is to organize various fundraisers and lead the Annual Fund Drive. As a critical part of annual fundraising, we are asking each family to make a donation of \$450 to the Annual Fund Drive. The goal is to raise \$40,000 during the 2015-2016 academic year for operational expenses including textbooks, and other important school needs. Donations may be broken up into monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or one lump sum. Also, several local and national companies offer a matching fund so please inquire with your employer to see if it's offered. Keep in mind that all donations can be a deduction on your taxes. The school will issue a donation receipt with a tax ID number. Your donation to our annual fund will make a very real and important difference to students at The Founders Academy, and collectively we'll achieve our yearly goal.

Appreciation is expressed, in advance, for your kind consideration. Please make checks payable to "The Founders Academy" or donate online through PayPal at this [page](#). For more information, or to discuss any necessary financial agreements, please contact me at richard.hyotte@tfanh.org.

Rick Hyotte

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
The Founders Academy
5 Perimeter Road
Manchester, NH 03103

Go Fund Me - Soccer Team!

Timothy Filep, who presented the opportunity for a co-ed soccer team, has also created an opportunity to raise money for the team through the "[Go Fund Me](#)" website. Our goal is 750 dollars. Thank you to Mr. Filep for giving us the chance to form a school soccer team (we have so many students who love to play), and thanks to all our parents for helping us achieve our goals and making the school a place our students love to be!

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

Ana Barlow's Art Award

Congratulations to Ana Barlow for winning both a gold and silver key award in the NH Scholastic State Art Fair! Her art will be displayed at an exhibit at Pinkerton High School until Feb. 7, and then be judged on a regional as well as possibly a national level. Madame Barlow tells us that last year she had a piece of art that went on to win a regional award! We're very proud of Ana, and wish her the best of luck!

Project Platoon

A message from Ms. Mote:

Over the course of the last few weeks, my 8th grade advisory has discussed the idea of being helpful and ways in which we can exercise generosity and helpfulness to the world around us. Together we decided that we wanted to support soldiers overseas through Adopt a Platoon. This organization pairs groups and individuals with soldiers overseas. On a monthly basis we will be collecting items such as newspapers, snacks, clothing items, and puzzle books to send to our platoon.

At Founders we focus on our liberty and freedom, and it's important for us to remember those who serve to defend that freedom. When the contact with the Adopt a Platoon organization asked if I thought one group of students could manage to support a whole platoon of 20, I was very proud to tell her about the generous community of students at Founders and shared with her the results of our recent food drive. I have no doubt that the generosity and determination of the Founders community will only grow through opportunities such as this.

If you would like to help us in this project, please contact Ms. Mote or students from her advisory.

Student Texting

Several students have reported receiving texts on their phones from other students late into the evenings. Please monitor your students texting and phones to ensure they are not disturbing other students while they sleep. Even explore phone apps that help to monitor student behavior online

After School Art Program

A message from Ms. Mote:

Dear Founders' Parents,

Founders will be continuing with the after-school art program with our next session on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30-4:30PM. Mrs. Alesia Dopson, owner of a pottery studio, To Your Art's Content, will be teaching a variety of projects for students. Check out her website at www.toyourartscontent.com.

Our next session starts on Jan. 27th. The cost for the 4-week session is \$80. The permission slip is attached to this email. Please turn in both the permission slip and payment to the front desk.

Space is limited to 20 students, so sign up soon!

If you have any questions about the program, please email Ms. Mote at k.mote@tfanh.org.

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 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 January 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!

School Cancellation Notifications

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.

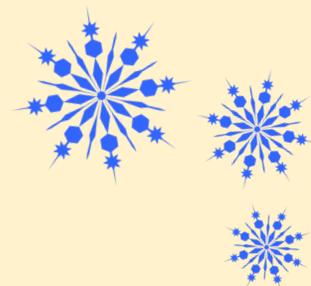
Additionally, teachers will be monitoring the portals and their emails throughout the day. It is a *requirement* that students (contingent on having electricity and internet) log into the portals and complete assigned work on snow days.

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.

Club/Committee News

To see all clubs and committees (and more to come), click [here](#).

Winter Dance - Today!



Today, January 22 is the Winter Dance for Founders students, as planned by our Dance Committee. It will start at 6:30 PM and will go until 8:30 PM. More details will come in a future newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Important Dates

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

January 19 - January 22, 2016	Mid-Terms
January 22, 2016	Second Quarter grades close.
January 22, 2016	Winter Dance 6:30pm-8:30pm.
January 29, 2016	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
February 4, 2016	Field Trip to Vertical Dreams for Grade 9.
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 25, 2016	Professional Development Day. No School.
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 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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