



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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From the Dean of School



Greetings on Wednesday!

The students have their summer reading list, and so I'd like to offer parents some suggestions for reading too. Although, each of the selections on the [student list](#) are exceptional if you choose one or more!

Here are some of my suggestions:

"Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence" by Joseph J. Ellis

"Biblio Tech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google" by John Palfrey

"The Great Stone Face" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Have a great rest of the week!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Web Pages of Interest

Faculty and staff are working almost daily on updating various web pages on the www.thefoundersacademy.org website. Here are some particular pages of interest to parents:

Forms - This page contains several forms important for parents, volunteers and the public including field trip permission forms, alternative credit/class permission forms, school volunteer confidentiality agreements, request forms to rent the facility, and more coming (like Fun Lunch registrations)!

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=235420&type=d&pREC_ID=765291

Online Donations - Although this page is a work in progress, the live PayPal link is functioning to make your donations online. Keep watching the page as it will have ways to give "recurring" donations too.

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=235455&type=d&pREC_ID=541509

Volunteer Sign-Ups - Are you, your parents, neighbors or siblings interested in volunteering at Founders? This web site will tell you what to do, who to contact, and what is needed:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=235420&type=d&pREC_ID=681466

TFA Facts - Here are some very interesting facts about the 2015/2016 school year at Founders:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=230582&type=d&pREC_ID=762247

List of Classes and Class Descriptions - This page lists every class to be taught next school year at Founders. If you click on the class name, a description should (or will soon) appear.

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=230582&type=d&pREC_ID=744103

Twitter

Do you and your friends use Twitter? Be sure to follow Founders: @foundersnh.

Trucks, Tools & Labor

TFA is so grateful for employees and parents who locate free and reasonably priced furniture items for classrooms, offices, and the cafeteria! Thank you!! The school is regularly in need of volunteers with the ability to pick up and

deliver the large items obtained. Are you (or a family member or neighbor) able to help us with a truck? Please contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org if you can help! Thank you in advance!

New Science Teacher Coming to Founders



The Founders Academy is pleased to welcome Mr. Nathaniel Greene as a science teacher!

Mr. Greene will join Mrs. Bechis in teaching science during the upcoming school year. He will also have a morning advisory. Mr. Greene brings a wealth of teaching and scientific experience to Founders. Among other things, he is looking forward to using the brand new Founders Science Lab next year!

Be sure to read Mr. Greene's full bio [here](#). Welcome Mr. Greene!

Summer Open Office Hours & Ask the Dean

At our charter school, parent input is not only welcomed but sought after. If you would like to discuss Founders, Dean Mooney's Summer Open Office Hours next week are:

- **August 5 from 1pm to 3pm;**

Please contact Debra Waite at debra.waite@tfanh.org or 603.952.4705 to schedule an appointment.

Additionally, various questions come up throughout the school year (and during the summer) from parents regarding Founders. Throughout the summer, we'll attempt to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. Feel free to submit your own question for an answer.

Q: "When will parents/guardians have portal access?"

A: Portals are a critical part of following your student's education at Founders. On a portal, a parent can view grades throughout every quarter, as well as receive and send important communications with teachers, and view disciplinary records (if any) on the portal too.

Each parent/guardian will receive login information (and instructions) within the next two weeks. Please take the time to explore the portals to become familiar with how they work and what information you can view.

A parent portal training night will be held at TFA on **September 22 from 6:00-7:30pm**. This is a training well worth your time.

Once you have login information, you can access the portal through this page of the web site:
<https://www.plusportals.com/foundersacademy>

Questions about parent usage on the portal? Contact j.marcotte@tfanh.org.

Important Dates

August 6, 2015	Outreach Meeting at 7:30pm - Contact richard.hyotte@tfanh.org for more information on fundraising for TFA.
August 19, 2015	TFA Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:00pm.
September 2-4, 2015	Teacher Orientation for all teachers.
September 8, 2015	First Day of School
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 12, 2015	Columbus Day. No School.
October 15, 2015	"Admissions Information Night" for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
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.

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

Top Ten "Most Needed" Items at TFA

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Copier paper- Blue-Ray Player Panasonic DMP BD91- Lanyards- Colored hanging files- Toilet paper | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper towels- Classroom trash barrels- Video Camera- Classroom clocks- Four power strips (electrical plugs) |
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**Be sure to look at TFA's page on:

www.shop.com/supportfoundersacademy

**Be sure to look at TFA's page on:

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 email address. Thank you again!



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