



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

It has been another busy day at Founders today! This morning the Civil Air Patrol gave an assembly to students. Be sure to look at their page on the Founders' web site [here](#). The students were most attentive and interested!

Please remember that on Friday, March 18 and Friday, March 25 there are no classes. Those are designated Professional Development Days for our teachers. I hope you and your students enjoy those back-to-back three-day weekends!

Have a fantastic 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:

This week is amendments week in US History classes. Students will explore all 27 amendments, with special attention paid to the Bill of Rights and extra special attention to the 10th amendment.

Also, students focused on note taking and test taking skills on Wednesday, March 9th in history and all of their other classes.

Spelling Bee By: Mr. Van Ewyk

The Founders Academy hosted its first Spelling Bee on Thursday night, March 3rd. 13 students competed in two divisions. There were 3 6th grade students, and 10 students in the 7th/8th/9th grade division. The students attempted more than 150 words, spelling more than 80% correctly. Rania Barton placed first in the 6th grade division, with Catherine Ruiz coming in 2nd. Rania was



awarded the \$20 first place prize, and Catherine was awarded \$10 for second place.

In the varsity competition, 7th grader Darby Hartford placed 1st, and 8th grader Garrett Olsen placed 2nd. Garrett made a slight error spelling a word and Darby responded by spelling that word correctly and following with the correct spelling of a different one for the championship. Darby was awarded the \$40 first prize, and Garrett received the \$10 second place prize. It is not an exaggeration to say that Darby's performance was impressive.

The next academic competition will be the **Geography Bee on April 21st**. Registration is currently open.

Volunteers Needed to Retrieve Free Furniture

The Founders Academy has an opportunity to pick-up donated chairs, desks and lockers from a closed school in the city. Are you able to lift and move furniture into a truck on a Saturday? Please let debra.waitt@tfanh.org know your availability soon.

Thank you in advance! Founders appreciates the ability to save money on furniture, and all the volunteers that make this happen!

“In the Words of Teachers”

Another new addition to the web site is called “In the Words of Teachers.” Here, teachers can share their visions and thoughts on the school and their classrooms. Check out the first entry where teachers define “rigorous” at Founders here: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/blog/One.aspx?portalId=9090701>

Teachers believe in making Founders great!

International Women’s Day by Mrs. Lopez

March 8 is known as International Women’s Day and is celebrated in many countries across Europe. It started as a day when women were recognized for their achievements disregarding their racial, linguistic, political or economic status. It was first observed in 1909 in the honor of 1908 garment workers’ strike in New York where women protested against current working conditions and for a right to vote.

Today International Women’s day is celebrated to honor all women – young and old. In Russia, it is a 2-3 day vacation from school and work. On March 8, men do house chores for their loved ones, give flowers and gifts to all women in their lives, including their family members (even the smallest ones), co-workers, and friends.

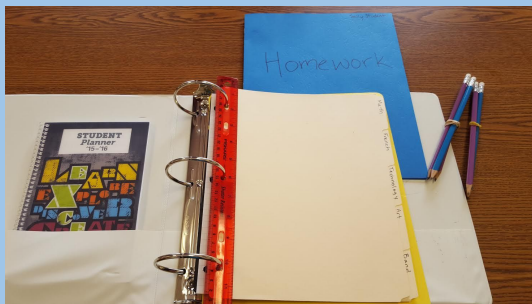
Dress Code for 2016-2017 School Year

The Dress Code for the 2016-2017 school year can now be found at this web page (scroll down):
<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=2078758>

This Dress Code was carefully created and approved by students in collaboration with the teachers and administration.

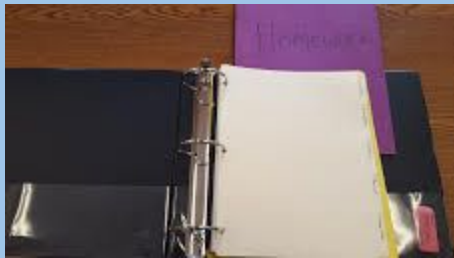
Founders is proud of its students and their interest in demonstrating leadership in our school!

School Supplies for 2016-2017 School Year (Grades 6-8)



Next school year, students in grades 6-8 will be required to have the school supplies found on [this web page](#).

Additional supplies (per subject matter) will be posted in the near future. Founders wants its students to get an early start on preparations for next year!



Fundraisers

Family Movie Night is Postponed - Raffle on St. Patrick's

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Movie Night in the lower cafeteria scheduled for tonight will be postponed.

Additionally, parent Robin Gage has coordinated having multiple raffles items available through the generosity of parents, including themed gift baskets such as:

- gift certificates
- fencing lessons
- beach/travel basket
- and more!

Contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org to volunteer or for any other questions!

Thank you!



Outreach Committee Meeting - March 24, 2016

The Founders' Outreach Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 7 pm for any parents that may be interested in helping out with a "Annual Fund Call night".

Please RSVP to brenda.lombardozzi@tfanh.org if you think you could attend or have any questions.

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:

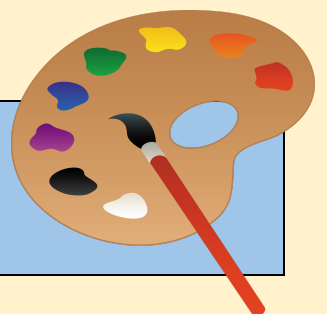
<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/giving>

Student Life

The After-School Art Program

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 March 16th. 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 **by March 14th**.

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

-Ms. Mote

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!

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>

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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