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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

There are ***no*** classes today because teachers are attending Best Practices in Salem, NH. At Best Practices, charter school teachers and administrators from across the state get together to attend various seminars relative to school. It is an enriching day!

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 students will transition from the content and purpose of the Constitution to the documents implementation in the 1790's. This will include "The Federalist Era," including the presidencies of Washington and Adams, the precedents set by George Washington, and the backlash from the agricultural/rural/western/southern citizens, especially to Adams. Students will cover key historical terms like Federalist Party, Democratic-Republicans, Jeffersonian, and Whiskey Rebellion. Students will be asked to analyze the purpose of government, costs of government expansion (freedom?), and whether they would had been more likely a Federalist or Democratic-Republican had they lived in 1800.

Also, students have created nonlinguistic representations of all 27 amendments, which are on display now in the Humanities hallway, above the lockers. Check 'em out! Some of them are good!

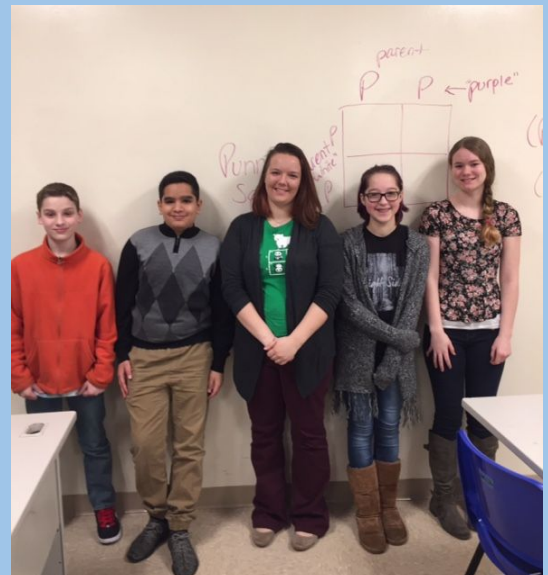
Teacher of the Month - Ms. Griffin

By: Madeleine G.

Ms. Griffin is this month's teacher of the month. She expresses great knowledge and passion while teaching her classes. Ms. Griffin is dedicated to helping her students enjoy science and make a fun learning experience while teaching.

Ms. Griffin first discovered her love for science when she was in kindergarten. She always thought she would grow up to study dinosaurs. When she got into high school she quickly realized that was not for her. She started to have an interest in biology and quickly fell in love with it.

Before she became a teacher here at Founders she worked on experiments as a lab technician. She worked on a project in which she closely analyzed the color of fruit fly's eyes and



related it to their gender.

She got into teaching because she loves it. She worked with special ed kids at her previous school she worked in and decided she wanted to become a teacher. She enjoys the challenge she faces in the classroom every day. She loves working with her students.

Another Success on DonorsChoose.org!

The Math, Science and Technology Department has exciting news for the families and students of Founders Academy here in Manchester. With the generosity of our donors, we have been able to acquire microscopes for our laboratory. Our students will be able to benefit greatly from the ability to analyze and witness life on a smaller scale. I want to thank our anonymous donors as well as Tim Ferriss, author and investor, who has generously decided to complete our project. He is the author of several publications and hosts the show "The Tim Ferriss Experiment". In addition to his numerous accomplishments, he is a member of the Donors Choose Advisory Board. We cannot thank him enough, as well as our other donors. It is amazing to be able to share with the students the pursuit of knowledge and inquiry, and we certainly look forward to the use of these microscopes for years to come.



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 this weekend? 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!

Winter Soccer League Presentation

The Founders Academy Winter Indoor Soccer League, with coach Mr. Filep, presented Dean Mooney with a signed soccer ball on Wednesday. It can be seen in the display cabinet in the front lobby, so be sure to stop by and take a look!



Fundraisers

Raffle on St. Patrick's Day - Results

Thank you so much to those who donated all the baskets for the St. Patrick's Day raffle! The raffle raised over \$200 for the school!

Congratulations to our winners:

Dinner and a Movie - Caroline S.

Star Wars Basket - Macie L.

Soaps & Lotions - Darren L.

Calling All Girls - Macie L.

Bobbleheads - Tim Filep

Candy Basket - Crystal Granieri

Handmade Earrings & Bracelet - Sophia B.

Equal Exchange Basket - Sophia B.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser!



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

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 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	Assembly: Introduction of Round Table coin fundraiser.
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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