



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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## **From the Dean of School**



Happy Friday!

Supporting Founders' students at home is very important for academic success. Is there a topic that you would like to know more about in order to better assist your student? Please send me your thoughts on how Founders can support you at home.

Have a fantastic three-day 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 continue an exploration of the Federalist Era, the presidencies of Washington and Adams, and hopefully move into Jefferson's election and presidency. Also, a special focus on the terminology of political parties' names vs. similar terms used to describe forms of government. (i.e. calling party names Federalist, Republican, or Democrat does not indicate the support for a particular form of government, but is more like calling the baseball team from Detroit the Tigers, which is not meant to indicate that the players are actual felines). Students will be asked to consider their own views on the relationship between citizens and government, and will be asked to answer the question, "If you were alive in 1800, would you have been a Federalist or a Democratic-Republican?" They will consider the benefits of liberty/safety, foreign entanglements/isolationism, and loose construction/strict construction, etc. This will include a formal Socratic question/answer session to occur early during the week of March 28th.

### **"Student-Created Respect Assembly" By: Mrs. Humphrey**

#### **Student-Created Respect Assembly**

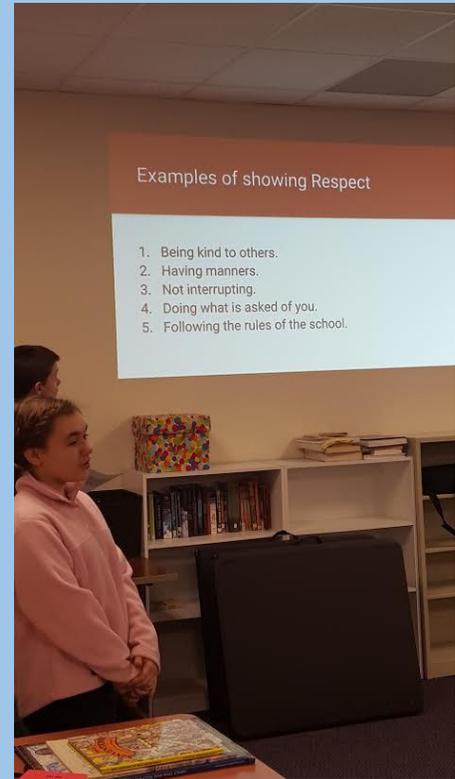
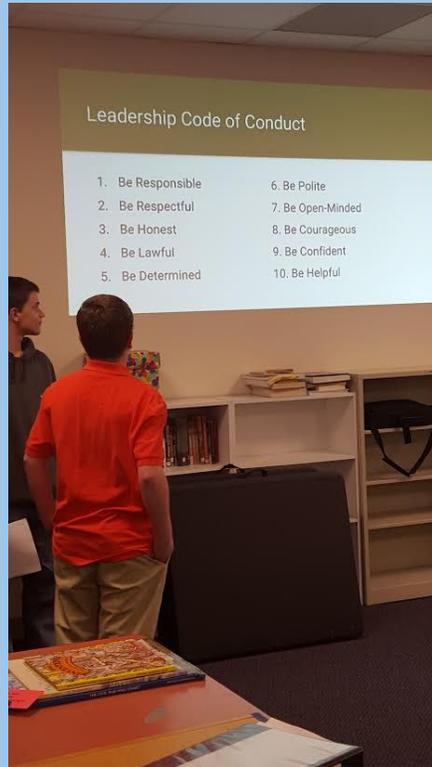
Discussions during meetings of the student Leadership Committee revealed a consensus among members that there was a widespread attitude of disrespect at the school, which included students leaving food around, blocking traffic in the halls, interrupting classes, etc.

The students asked that teachers consistently and firmly address these problems. They also decided to

create and perform an assembly on the subject of respect which would consist of a powerpoint presentation and two skits demonstrating the harmful effect that a lack of respect has on individuals and on the school as a whole. One skit showed a raucous group of students causing a shy and serious student to fail a test. Another skit showed how harmful cruel gossip can be.

I am very proud that our students are spontaneously standing up for the values expressed in our student-created Code of Conduct. They are not only studying leadership, but they are practicing it proudly and bravely by affirming these values in front of the whole school.

Mrs. Patty Humphrey





### **“In the Classroom” By: Mrs. Bechis**

Seventh and eighth grade students in Mrs. Bechis’ classes have started their unit on Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)- the genetic blueprint for all living things. They were introduced to the subject by using a simple

technique and household chemicals to extract DNA from strawberries. Much to the students' amazement they were able to see strands of DNA with the naked eye. Eighth graders went a step further and viewed their DNA strands under the compound light microscopes we acquired through Ms. Griffin's Donors Choose project.

Classes will continue to study DNA and its importance in medicine, forensic science and bioengineering.

Sixth grade students learned how to use the new compound light microscopes and looked at hair strands, snake skin, planarians, and human hair. Sixth graders will continue to use the microscopes in the coming weeks to study organisms in water samples collected from the stream behind the school.



## Presidential Coin Challenge Fundraiser

The "Presidential Coin Challenge" fundraiser was launched this past Wednesday by the Outreach Committee chaired by Mrs. Lombardozi. Students will be collecting spare change for their Round Table container in the coming weeks. The Round Table that collects the most change will win a pizza party next month!

Start gathering those nickels and dimes!



## New Computer Science Course with Ms. Marcotte in 2016-17

Ms. Marcotte, our Computer Science teacher, has been accepted to participate in a grant-funded professional development course this summer at the University of New Hampshire to gain certification to teach the Mobile Computer Science Principles course (Mobile CSP) in the 2016-17 school year. Mobile CSP is an AP Computer Science Principles course which satisfies all requirements for the College Board. It “uses the visual programming language, App Inventor for Android, to provide a rigorous, programming-based introduction to computer science using a project-based curriculum. Students learn computer science by building socially useful mobile apps. In this way, student learning will be associated closely with their interests and grounded in their schools, their homes, and their communities.”

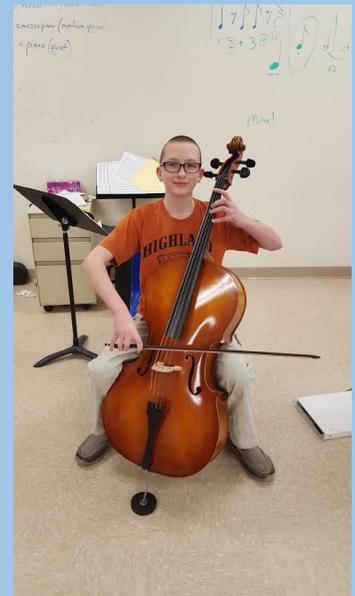
Congratulations to Ms. Marcotte for this exciting opportunity!

## 8th Grade Student Selected for Honors-Level Orchestra

Every year, a statewide honors-level orchestra is created from middle school students in NH who have been nominated by their music teachers. This year, The Founders Academy is very happy to announce that Trent M. (8th Grade) has been selected to play the cello in this highly-selective group.

On Saturday, May 12th, Trent will head to UNH for an all-day rehearsal followed by a concert that evening.

Way to go, Trent!



## Civil Air Patrol Open House - March 31

The United States Air Force Auxiliary is having a Civil Air Patrol open house on **Thursday, March 31st** at The Founders Academy, **starting at 6:30pm**. Interested in Aviation or helping your community? Come meet CAP cadets and see what it's like to be in the Patrol!

See the attached flyer for more information.

## Trip to Europe Information Meeting

Dear Parents,

I wanted to let you all know that we are having an informational meeting **next Monday night, March 28th at 8:00 pm**, regarding our upcoming adventure to Europe in April 2017. We will be heading on a whirlwind tour of four countries, including Holland, Belgium, France, and England! The meeting will be held in room 126, the French room, at Founders. We will be having a power point presentation from Explorica, the student travel company, and will have lots of information about the trip. We will try to answer any questions that you have, and will also explain the process of signing up for the trip.

The trip is going to be an 8-day tour, and the price is \$3032. The price includes round-trip airfare, a 7-night stay in Europe, all transportation costs and entrances into museums, etc., as well as breakfasts and dinners. Explorica offers many payment plans, including a monthly plan which would be \$271/month for the next 11 months. And if you sign up **by March 31, 2016**, you can use the coupon code 2017earlybird to take \$100 off the price of the tour! As a reminder, next year's 6th and 7th graders will only be permitted to attend if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian on the tour.

Please contact Madame Barlow with any questions, [k.barlow@tfanh.org](mailto:k.barlow@tfanh.org).

Thank you,

Kimberly Lavallee  
Assistant Dean

## Fundraisers

### Drama Club Donations Project

Dear Founders Community,

I want to let you know about a new [DonorsChoose.org project](#) that I have created to help raise the funds needed for our Drama Club!

Unlike many other school productions, we work with a very small budget. The cost of the sets, stage, costumes, and royalty fees need to be raised by our own ticket sales and donations. One of the larger costs that we face is the cost of renting lighting equipment, which is the cause for this Donors Choose project.

In the words of one of our students: "Theater is very important in student lives because it gives them more confidence and self respect, which is a very important feature in a future leader." By contributing to our project you will be supporting these young actors and technicians as they practice important skills and grow in confidence which will stay with them throughout their school years and beyond!

Right now, you can use the promo code **LIFTOFF** and have your donation doubled up to \$100. This offer lasts until **March 27th**.

Donations of any size will help my kids. Your donation will brighten my students' school year, and you'll get heartfelt thank yous from the Founders Drama Club and photos of your gift in action.

Here's my classroom request: **Actors Need Light to Shine!**

If you know anyone who is passionate about education and the performing arts, please pass this along. My students and I greatly appreciate your support!

Kate Mote  
English Teacher

## Student Life

### Summer Camp Programs 2016 - Coming Soon!

Be watching for information on Summer Camp Programs 2016!

The programs are set to run the weeks of July 11, July 18 and July 25.

Information about some of the camps being offered can be seen on the school website; go the [www.thefoundarsacademy.org](http://www.thefoundarsacademy.org) and click on "students/summer camp program," or click [here](#). Check the site often for updates as the summer gets closer!

### 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.

## 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](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org). We'll add you to the list!

## Club/Committee News

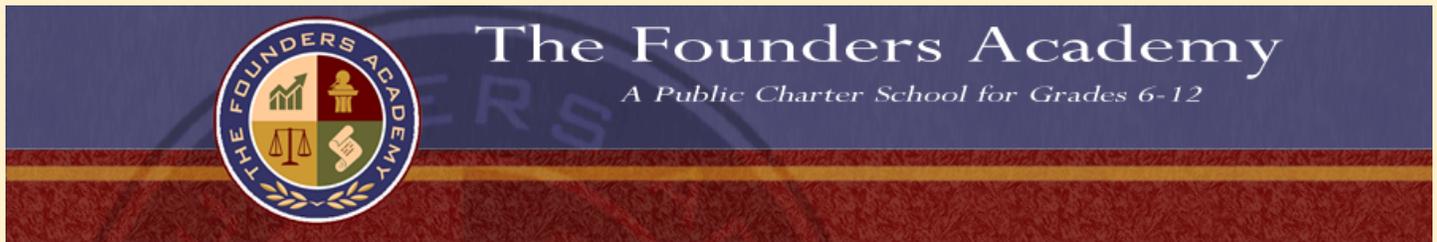
*To see all clubs and committees (and more to come), click [here](#).*

## Important Dates

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

March 25, 2016	No School. Professional Development Day.
March 28, 2016	Combined Concert at 7pm
March 28, 2016	Trip to Europe info meeting at 8pm (right after concert)
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 ( <a href="http://www.operanh.org">www.operanh.org</a> ).
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 <a href="mailto:k.mote@tfanh.org">k.mote@tfanh.org</a> .
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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