



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

**November 13, 2015**

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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Another Friday is here again!

This morning, the students of the Veterans Affairs Committee organized and hosted an assembly honoring Veterans. Several guest Veterans (family and friends of Founders' students) were in attendance. Thank you students for your organization and hospitality, and thank you VETERANS!

The school conducted two "Outside to Inside" Lockdown drills today. This drill is used to practice coming into the building away from an outside threat. Again, special thanks to the Safety and Joint Loss Committee for organizing the drill.

Report cards will go out today via email to the primary parent/guardian and students.

No classes on Monday, November 16 due to parent/teacher conferences.

Enjoy your weekend, and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### Grant Awarded to Ms. Henry and Ms. Marcotte

Mrs. Marcotte and Mrs. Henry have been awarded a scholarship to attend the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference by the New Hampshire School Administrator's Association and the New Hampshire Society for Technology in Education. They will attend this conference the first week of December in Manchester, NH in which they will learn about current trends in educational technology and STEM education. They're very excited to bring what they learn at the conference to share with faculty and staff!

### Vaccination Records are Due!

Dear Parents,

Please remember all students must have a current copy of their vaccination records on file at school. These can be mailed, sent in with your child or faxed to 603-624-0057. **The deadline is today, November 13th.**

If your child is exempt from vaccinations, please send the appropriate documentation in place of the vaccination record.

Thank you,

Kimberly Lavalley  
Assistant Dean

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled **for this Monday, November 16**. Sign ups are online and in 15 minute blocks. Students have no school that day while teachers meet with you. If you have any questions or encounter any problems, feel free to call Deb Waitt at the school.

If a teacher is filled with appointments on the 16th, please contact the teacher directly to schedule another date/time to meet. If you need to have a meeting **longer than 15 minutes**, please contact the teacher directly to schedule another date/time.

The link to sign up and schedule meetings was sent out in a previous email by Dean Mooney.

## Admissions Information Night - November 16

Our next Admissions Information Night is on Monday, **November 16**. Again, this is for incoming students and parents to hear more about the school and meet the faculty. It will start at 6:00 p.m. and will go until 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about The Founders Academy is welcome to come.

Those current parents who wish to apply for a sibling must complete the application process with the newly established deadline including placement tests. **The application deadline is January 29, 2016 at 4:30pm.**

## Vendor and Movie Night - December 4

Do you have a business or service you would like represented? **Friday, December 4** from 6:00 - 8:30 PM is a movie night opportunity for parents to drop off their kids and attend this **Holiday Vendor Fair**, and you can reserve a table to sell your goods and products! Reserving a table is \$20 and agree to donate 10% of your proceeds to Founders.

Admission for the movie night is \$10 per child, which includes pizza, popcorn and water. Siblings can come if they are in 6th grade and above. The movie is undecided for now, but it will be a holiday film. If you have any questions, please call the school or contact Deb Waitt at [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org).

**Reservations for a table at the Holiday Vendor Fair are on a first come, first serve basis. Forms will be going home with students today.**

## “Inside the Classroom”

*A message from Mr. Marville:*

We have a new map of New Hampshire, nearly ten feet tall--so tall we had to hang it sideways on the wall in our History of New Hampshire classroom. Come in and see it, if you get a chance, we love to show it off!

This week we talked about General John Stark, who led the 1st New Hampshire Regiment at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolution. Fiercely independent and a natural leader, he brought his men through heavy fire to a gap in the American lines and prevented the eventual retreat from becoming a rout, making it a costly victory for the British Regulars, leading to the evacuation of Boston.



As the Hero of Bennington, he told his men, "We'll beat them before night, or Molly Stark's a widow," and did just that, winning a vital battle in the Saratoga Campaign that prevented British forces from splitting the Colonies in two.

We jumped ahead a bit in history to remember another veteran from New Hampshire, Manchester native Rene Gagnon, immortalized in Joe Rosenthal's iconic photograph of the Marines raising the flag on Mt. Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. We even put his picture in our museum's veterans display!

## Character Grading - Handbook Section 3.5

### The Founders Academy

#### Character Grades and Improvement Measures

The character development of students is a principle focus of The Founders Academy. Who you are matters as much as what you do at our school. Our mission is to create students of strong character to become good and knowledgeable citizens and leaders of the future.

In order to acknowledge the good character of our students or to encourage the continued development of it in others, students will be evaluated quarterly by each of their teachers on their character. Teacher evaluations will be based on the students' adherence to the principles set forth in The Founders Academy Leadership Code of Conduct and to other school and classroom rules. Students' character will be graded as either "Good" or "Needs Work."

If a student receives the "Needs Work" assessment from two or more teachers, a series of steps may be taken to help him/her improve. Such steps could include:

**Step one:** After a discussion with an administrator or School Counselor, students will write an essay explaining the attributes of good character and what steps they can take to improve their own. The length of the essay will be determined by the student's level and abilities.

**Step two:** Students will write an essay on an historical person of outstanding character and present their final research paper to The Founders Academy Discipline and Character Development Committee. The topic chosen will be from a list provided by an administrator or School Counselor. The Discipline and Character Development Committee will discuss the meaning of the research with the student and the relationship between the topic and the student's own values and behavior.

See Student Handbook [here](#).

## Two Changes to Drop Off and Pick Up

**Drop Off:** Parents **do not need** to come in the school to sign in their student if the student is late. If a student is late, that student must sign in **the "pink" binder** at the front desk in order to gain a tardy pass for class. If the student is late because of a doctor's appointment, the student must bring a note. Remember, every third unexcused tardy shall constitute an one- full day unexcused absence. Please review the TFA's entire Attendance Policy in the handbook [Section 2.2](#).

**Pick Up:** All students being picked up early must be picked up **by 2:45pm**, not any later. Parents/guardians must still come into the building to pick up students early.

## Fundraisers

### Mr. Waterbury's Fundraiser - FUNDED



Mr. Waterbury's Donor's Choose project was quickly funded! In just a couple days he reached his goal of \$459 dollars, and he's already received the books! He's so excited!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated! We said last week that Founders would never be as great as it is without the parents of our students, and it's true without a shred of doubt.

### Result of the Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

We raised \$873.00 dollars from the B&N fundraiser! A big thanks to everyone who participated, and to Mrs. Hyotte who coordinated the effort!

### The Founders Academy Snow Shovels

The shovels have arrived, in blue and pink! Check out the samples at the front office.

*A message from the Chairman of the Board:*

Winter is fast approaching! What better way to prepare for winter and to help your student's school than by buying one of The Founders Academy snow shovels. These SnoFighter 18" heavy-duty snow shovels are manufactured in Frankfort, Maine by Mount Waldo Plastics, and are the only snow shovels manufactured in New England. They are made with a solid ash shaft and D-grip handle for ease of use, and the shovel is made of heavy duty plastic that is easy on deck edges.

Support The Founders Academy and prepare yourself for this coming winter! Tell all of your family and friends about this exciting opportunity to support a local New England business and your student's school.

Please feel free to send the link to this [order form](#) to family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Rick Hyotte



## Tiny Owl Fundraising

Hello Fellow Parents and TFA Fans!

*Have fun creating personalized holiday cards, calendars, ornaments and much more - while supporting our school with much needed funds!*

Founders Academy kicks off the holiday season with Tiny Owl - a photo gift service that pays our school THIRTY PERCENT of every dollar spent by TFA families and friends.

Simply ask friends and family if they are going to create photo gifts this year, and if they will use our service to do it. The initial purchase of a gift card for \$15 or \$20 allows them to set up an account. Anything they purchase from that account throughout the year continues to pay our school.

The catalog that your son or daughter brought home with them today has a sign-up sheet on the back. Fill it out with the names and amounts collected (make check payable to Founders Academy with note "Tiny Owl") and have your child turn it into your advisory teacher. Your gift cards will be available then and you can begin creating!

See the instruction sheet we sent home with the catalog. If you have any questions, you may call Doris St. Pierre at (603) 315-5385 or send her an email at [doris@tinyowlgifts.com](mailto:doris@tinyowlgifts.com).

Thanks for your support!

Larry Bartlett  
TFA Parent

## Adopt-A-Plot

**From the Garden Committee and Adopt-a-Plot:** *Trimmers Landscaping* has completed the prepping of the soil. If you have signed up for a plot(s), please check with Deb Waitt for payment and the adoption process will be complete!

Each plot will be marked with yellow flags and you will be given your plot number.

There is a pile of mulch at the end of the parking lot for you to use to complete your landscaping.

### Ideas for fall:

- \*plant bulbs for a beautiful surprize in the spring
- \*design a fall landscape with a pumpkin or scarecrow, perhaps
- \*think ahead for some ideas for fall/winter.....or at least until the snow flies!

**Note from Madame Barlow:** "It's been so fun to see the decorations popping up and adding some pizazz around the school! I especially love the one that's in front of the French room windows. Thank you everyone for participating in this!"



## Hannaford Fundraising Opportunity

Shopping at Hannaford can help raise money for TFA! When buying participating products, marked by a "helps schools" tag, you also donate money to your child's school. Forms will be going home with students today for your convenience.

**This opportunity ends November 28.** For more information, click this link [here](#) for Hannaford.

## Student Life

### Sign Up for the Europe Trip!

Bonjour!

I have some good news about our upcoming trip to Europe in 2017:

First of all, 9 people have already signed up, so we are off to a great start!

Secondly, Explorica has informed me that they are extending the \$200 off early bird special deadline through **December 15th!**

Remember, you just need to go to [explorica.com/Barlow-5126](http://explorica.com/Barlow-5126), and make sure you type in the code **earlybird2017** when signing up. And please keep in mind that you only need \$99



as an initial deposit to hold your spot, with a number of payment plans available between now and 2017.

Please feel free to ask me, if you should have any further questions.

Merci,  
Madame Barlow =)

## 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 after Christmas break.

Watch for information and the registration form [here](#). The number for the House of the Samurai is [\(603\) 434-2265](tel:6034342265).



## Miscellaneous

### Looking for Desktop PCs

Founders is looking for any donations of desktop computers that are capable of running Windows 7. If you have any, bring them in and drop them off at the front desk. Thank you!

### Family Photo Day

**Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift?**

**Do you need a new family portrait?**

Join us on **Saturday, December 12th** between 9am and noon here at The Founders Academy.

C3 Photography is booking family portrait and group shots and donating the \$25 sitting fee to The Founders Academy. All pictures will be ready and returned **BEFORE** the Christmas break on December 18.

Please call the office, 952-4705, to reserve your spot.

### Fun Food Friday and Pizza Monday Forms

The lunch forms for December are up on the website! To print out the form for D'Angelos, click [here](#). To print out the form for pizza, click [here](#).

## School Store

Thank you all for donating to the TFA store. We have plenty of office supplies to last us for a while! Now we find ourselves in need of some food supplies: healthy snacks and drinks for students to buy, and we would appreciate any donations of nonperishable meals like Mac & Cheese for those who forgot lunches or simply didn't have enough time to get them ready.

The store is open twice per week (on Tuesday and Friday) during lunch time. We're also looking for more volunteer parents to help out with running the store. Please contact Cindy Lacasse ([cindy.lacasse@tfanh.org](mailto:cindy.lacasse@tfanh.org)) if interested.

Thanks again!

## 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!

## 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](http://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](#).

### Random Acts of Kindness Committee

The Random Acts of Kindness Committee is collecting **nonperishable food items** for the Liberty House in Manchester. The Liberty House is a housing community for American Vets transitioning out of homelessness. If you are able to donate, please send in any canned goods and nonperishable items. We'll be collecting them until **November 20, 2015**. The advisory which collects the most cans will win a pizza party!

Thank you for supporting our veterans!

## Important Dates

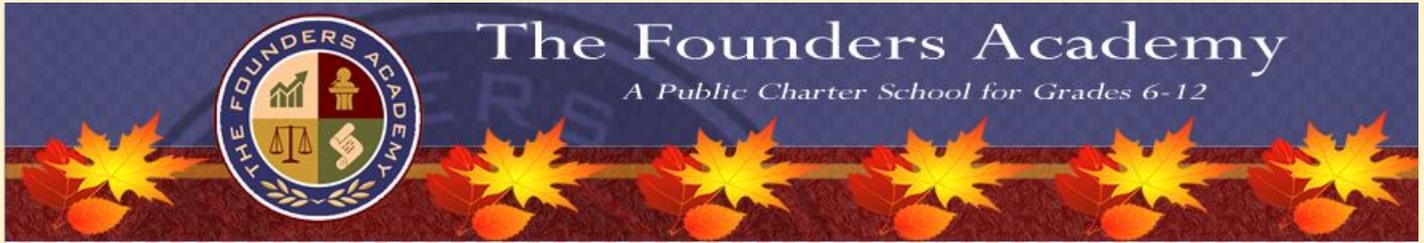
School calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

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.
November 16, 2016	Parent Teacher Conferences. No School.
November 16, 2015	Board of Trustees Meeting (School Board) at 4pm at Founders.
November 16, 2015	Admissions Information Night at 6pm at Founders for prospective students and parents.
November 18, 2015	Field Trip: Museum of Science in Boston.
November 21, 2015	Science and Inventors Club Fundraiser.
November 25-29, 2015	Thanksgiving Break. No School.
December 14, 2015	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
December 15, 2015	Band Concert at 7pm
[December 16, 2015]	Snow date for concerts
December 19 - January 3, 2016	Holiday Break. No School.
January 18, 2016	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.

January 19 - January 22, 2016	Mid-Terms
January 22, 2016	Second Quarter grades close.
January 29, 2016	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
February 20-28, 2016	Winter Break. No School.
March 25, 2016	Professional Development Day. No School.
March 28, 2016	Combined Concert at 7pm.
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 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 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 <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 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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