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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

This morning we had a great assembly from our friends at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. Founders is fortunate that members of the greater Manchester community have an interest in presenting to the students. The students ask great questions too.

School picture day is coming up on **October 6**, and parent/teacher conferences are planned for **November 16** with more details to come on how to make appointments with teachers.

Enjoy this email today, and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

“Helping Students Understand Technology”

Teacher of the Month: Joanna Marcotte
By: Madeleine G.

Before Ms. Marcotte came to TFA she originally went to college to get her degree in becoming a history teacher and had a master's degree in computer science. She originally wanted to become one of the history teachers for TFA but when Miss Mooney asked her about computer science questions she decided to become the computer teacher. She said that the best part of her job is helping students understand technology so they can problem solve with it and better educate themselves. Ms. Marcotte has done so much to improve our computers such as running virus scans, checking all the projectors and much more. She said, “There is never a dull moment in the Tech room,” and she loves working here.



“Inside the Classroom”

A message from Mrs. Lopez:

This week, Course 1 students will start working on a Holiday Shopping project. They will go on shopping websites to look for inexpensive presents for their family and friends. They will look at the features of their products, find out the tax, calculate the total price, and even write a check for each item.

In Course 2, students will begin working on a Million Dollar Project. They will have to choose a college that they would like to attend in the future and find out the tuition for their program; buy a house from a real estate websites, a vehicle, plan a family vacation, and make a charitable donation to an organization of their choice.

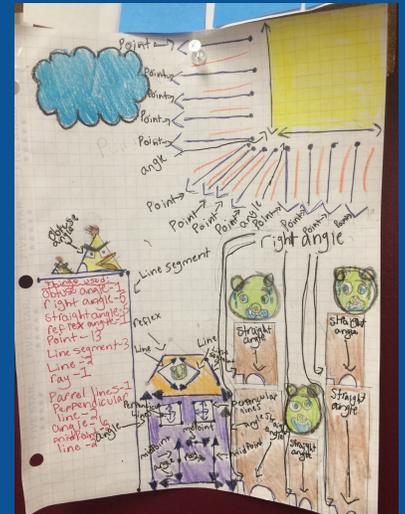
Of course, neither of the projects have to do with the real money! The purpose of them is to create awareness of the environment they live in from the financial aspect of it.

I am very excited to work with all the students! Each of them is unique and brings great ideas into the classroom. By the end of this week, in Course 1 and 2 of Math, we will have already covered 15 lessons! Time does fly by so fast here, at TFA! We learned a lot about fractions, decimals and percent. Last week, for a lesson on geometry, students in Course 1 were asked to design a scene from the "Angry Birds." They incorporated 12 basic elements of geometry, such as lines, angles, and rays. The students had so much fun doing the assignment.

Remember, each student CAN learn math!

Mrs. Ana Lopez

Read Mrs. Lopez's full syllabus for her classes [here](#).



Picture Day - October 6

It's that time! Picture day at TFA is scheduled for next **Tuesday, October 6**. The order forms went home yesterday (10/1) with the students, and **is attached to this newsletter for your convenience**. Students should come to school dressed accordingly. We are pleased to work with Camera 3 Photography in making great pictures of our fabulous students!



Welcome, Mrs. Moore!

TFA is pleased to welcome Mrs. Lisa Moore as our Health and Physical Education Teacher. We are happy to have her join our team!



Mrs. Moore grew up in Canada and earned her education degree at the University of New Brunswick. She also has a major in Biology and Physical Education as well as minors in Psychology and Chemistry. She has over 20 years of teaching experience in various places including Canada, Honduras, Korea, and here in New Hampshire at both Nute High School and Pelham High School. She has taught a variety of subjects but most of her experience is in Biology, Physical Education, and Math.

Mrs. Moore has coached basketball and volleyball, and loves a variety of team sports, but also believes it's important for students to find areas that will interest them in living an active lifestyle and being able to become physically fit individually. She also believes that self-confidence is a key aspect to not only becoming a leader but to also being able to make healthy choices for yourself. She

hopes to instill this in her students and educate them on making healthy choices in all aspects of their life. Mrs. Moore stayed at home with her son at first, but returned to the school setting as a substitute teacher when he began first grade eight years ago. She is excited about the part-time position at the Founders Academy not only because it is her desire to remain part-time at the moment, but also because she truly believes in the school's mission and the opportunity it provides for its students.

Mr. Greene's Donors Choose



Mr. Greene still needs donations to his Donor's Choose project for the science lab.

As students settle into the school year and have more opportunities for hands-on lab experience, the school finds itself in need of Bunsen Burners and tubing. Mr. Greene's goal is \$681.00. He's almost halfway there!

If you would like to help fund the project, please click [here](#). Any donation is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU to all who has already donated to our TFA projects!

Flu Shots Available on October 21

Rivier University will be offering flu shots at TFA on **October 21** from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. They will base the number of available vaccines on the responses received via survey (which was sent out earlier this week). This is open to TFA parents and students. If you have insurance please bring the card with you, they will bill the insurance company directly. If you do not have insurance simply let them know and you will not be charged.

If you would like your child to receive a flu shot, a consent form must be signed in advance [here](#) or at the front desk:

https://www.walgreens.com/images/pdfs/IN-2225/WAG_VAR_Form_EDIT_10172013_v1.pdf

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!

Absent /Tardy Students

Please remember to email attendance@tfanh.org if your child is absent. Additionally, 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](#).

Admissions Information Night - October 15

Our first Admissions Info Night was a great success! Thanks to all those who passed the word along about TFA. Our next Info Night is on **October 15**. Again, this is for incoming students and parents to hear more about the school and meet the faculty. It'll start at 6:00 p.m. and will go until 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about TFA 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 31, 2016.**

Tutors Wanted

Are you or someone you know able to tutor in the following areas? . . .

- Math
- French
- English
- Listening to a student read
- Going over vocabulary words
- Organizational skills
- Science

Please contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org with your interests and availability. As the library grows, the plans are to expand to a tutoring center as well. We look forward to hearing your ideas on tutoring at Founders.

Fun Lunches

Fun Lunches are ordered in advance and delivered to TFA on Mondays and Fridays. The forms for October are now available and included below.

For the D'Angelos Fun Friday form, click [here](#). For the Johnny Troy's Pizza Fun Monday form, click [here](#).

If you missed the deadline, all is not lost! Turn the forms in by next week for the rest of October.

Karate Opportunity at TFA

Karate classes will be offered at TFA by the House of the Samurai! They'll be held in six-week sessions **starting November 2**, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. At the assembly on October 9, students will see and learn about the exciting opportunity the House of the Samurai will be bringing to TFA. There will also be a **FREE TRIAL** week starting October 26 for students to try out classes.

Watch for information and the registration form under Student Life on the website and attached to this email.

Let's Have a Healthy Year at Founders!

The following are instances when your child needs to be kept home, will be sent home, and may need to be evaluated by his or her primary care physician:

- *Fever greater than 100.4 degrees (they must be fever free for 24 hrs before returning to school)
- *Vomiting and/or diarrhea (can not return to school until 24 hrs from last vomiting episode, this does not include time when medication to prevent vomiting or diarrhea was given)
- *Sore throat accompanied by other cold symptoms, headache, nausea, fever
- *Severe ear pain, or drainage from the ear
- *Severe headache, especially if accompanied with fever
- *Severe cough or cold symptoms including, excessive nasal drainage, congestion, persistent cough (which may disrupt sleep), wheezing, body aches, (may or may not present with fever)
- *Diagnosis of any contagious infections/virus including; Flu, Conjunctivitis, Strep etc. (some of the listed diagnosis will require 24 hours of antibiotic treatment prior to return "i.e." strep, conjunctivitis)



Thank you!

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) if interested.

Thanks again!

Adopt-A-Plot

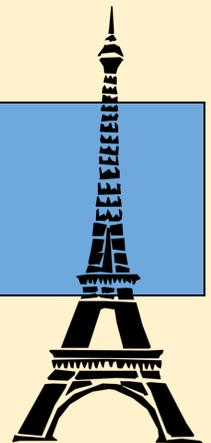
From the Garden Committee and Adopt-A-Plot: As soon as it stops raining!!!! Trimmers Landscaping, Inc. of Londonderry will be coming the prep the soil along the front and side of the building.

Washington D.C. School Trip

All 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are invited to join TFA as it explores history in our nation's capitol! The itinerary, parent letter/payment plan is on the website under Student Life. If you have any questions, contact Deb Waitt at her email, debra.waitt@tfanh.org. The trip is in May, 2016.

European Trip Meeting

Mrs. Barlow will hold an informative meeting on **October 15 at 7:30pm** for those interested in the European trip. The trip is an 8 day venture in April 2017 to Amsterdam, Holland - Brussels, Belgium - Paris, France - London, England. A web page with more information about the trip is coming soon! For more information, contact k.barlow@tfanh.org.



Club/Committee News

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

Dance Committee Hosts School Dance

The Dance Committee is planning a Halloween Dance on **October 23** from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Thank you, Dance Committee, for ALL the work you do! We hope to see a lot of students there.

Drama Club Auditions

Hello Parents and Students!

The time for auditions for TFA's next drama production has finally arrived! This week it was announced to both last year's drama club and the rest of the school that our next production would be Anne of Green Gables!

Auditions will take place on Thursday, October 1st and **Friday, October 2nd** during Study Hall and after school from 3:30-5:00. Students who cannot make the after school auditions should come during Study Hall. Sign up sheets will be posted for students to sign up for both auditions. They also need to fill out an audition

form, which requires a parent signature. The audition form is attached to this email. Audition sign-up sheets will be posted in the school on Friday.

Rehearsals for the play will be on Thursdays, from 3:30-5:00. The final week before the show will require additional rehearsals. Please carefully consider this time commitment before auditions. (Students with more than one unexcused absence may be recast.) The performance dates are April 15th and 16th.

In addition to acting roles, there will also be many technical roles available for those students who prefer to work behind the scenes. If you or your students have any experience in the areas of costuming, set building, set painting, lighting and sound, or any other technical aspect of the theatre, please let me know! There will also be a list of needed supplies for the production, so please be looking for that as well. Every contribution is appreciated!

I am very excited about starting our second production! TFA has very talented and creative students, and I look forward to working with them! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

- Kate Mote, Drama Club Director

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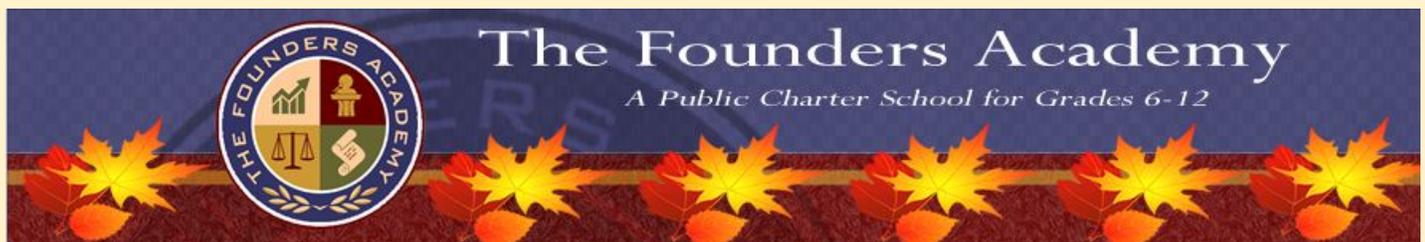
Important Dates

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

October 2, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8 am- Topic: Aviation Museum of N.H. http://www.nhahs.org/
October 6, 2015	School photos will be taken.
October 8, 2015	Outreach Committee Meeting 7pm
October 9, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8 am with Chief Instructor Kyoshi Joselito Dimacali from the House of the Samurai.
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day. No School.
October 15, 2015	Mrs. Barlow will hold an informative meeting on October 15 at 7:30pm for those interested in the European trip. The trip is an 8 day venture in April 2017 to Amsterdam, Holland - Brussels, Belgium - Paris, France - London, England. A web page with more information about the trip is coming soon! For more information, contact k.barlow@tfanh.org .

October 16 and 17, 2015	FUNDRAISER: Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, NH) all book sales to benefit TFA on October 16 and 17, 2015. Hours are 9AM until 10PM. Watch for the CODE to use, coming soon!
October 21, 2015	Board of Trustees (School Board) Meeting at 4pm.
October 21, 2015	Health Fair, as well as diabetes and cholesterol screenings, and back to school physicals (parental/guardian consent required) offered by Rivier University. 9-4PM. Flu Shots will be available for both students and adults. 8AM
October 21, 2015	Admissions Information Night for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
October 23, 2015	Field Trip: Tour of Freedom Trail
October 23, 2015	Halloween Dance from 6:30-8:30pm at Founders.
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.
November 16, 2016	Parent Teacher Conferences. No School.
November 21, 2015	Science and Inventors Club Fundraiser.
November 23, 2015	Field Trip: Museum of Science in Boston
November 25-29, 2015	Thanksgiving Break. No School.
December 14, 2015	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
December 15, 2015	Band Concert at 7pm
<i>[December 16, 2015]</i>	<i>Snow date for concerts</i>
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 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 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 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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