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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

This morning we had an assembly on the Art of Karate. Members from the House of Samurai in Londonderry joined us to talk of leadership and physical fitness. Do you have an interesting career or know of a potential guest speaker for an assembly? Let Founders know.

The first of a series of lock down drills was conducted earlier this week. Again, special thanks to the Safety Committee for all their time and coordination.

Students at Founders are active in so many things. The Veterans Affairs Committee is planning its Veterans Assembly for next month, members of the Student Leadership Committee are taking up important governance matters, and the Ocean Club is meeting twice a week to explore the depths of the sea right here at school.

Enjoy your long weekend! There is no school on October 12.

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Bus Changes!

We have an update on the bus routes from the MTA! Individual emails regarding these new changes and additions to bus routes were sent to each parent who has a child taking the bus. **Please check your TFA email for the information.** It was sent from Mrs. Bridget Hyotte.

Thanks so much for your patience!

Washington D.C. School Trip

Spots are filling up for the Washington D.C. 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.

We can only accommodate the first 40 students. Please return your Permission Slip and non-refundable \$50 deposit as soon as possible. **The form and deposit are due by next Thursday, October 15.**



Needed Items!

Mr. Van Ewyk's history classes need a roll of poster paper and Crayola markers! Can you help?



THANK YOU!



Retake Picture Day - Oct 29

Picture Day was a great success! The students and teachers looked fantastic, and the whole school was photographed in a little over 2 hours!

Pictures will be ready to order (if you haven't done so already) in about two weeks.

If your child was sick or the pictures aren't to your liking, retakes are scheduled for Thursday, October 29. If you have any questions, [C3 Photography](#) invites you to contact them directly.

Thanks!

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!

"Inside the Classroom"

A message from Ms. Small:

We have had such a great few weeks! Our sixth graders are articulate, intelligent, and hard working students, and every one of them brings a unique perspective to our writing and literature classes. It truly is a pleasure to come to work, and read, work on our writing skills, and spend this academic time together.

In English class, we recently worked on a project intended to deepen their reading comprehension, called a text reformulation, something we will do in different ways throughout the year. When we do a text reformulation, we find the most important elements of the original story, and retell it in another format. This time, the students chose a myth, and we have practiced summarizing complex texts using some 'guidelines for effective retelling,' and completed some really impressive children's stories. They are creative, colorful, illustrated with relevant drawings, and filled with the most important details from the original myths. I was impressed and excited to see the enthusiasm our sixth graders brought to this endeavor!



We have been keeping track of our reading statistics as classes, and when students finish their vocabulary contract they help add up the minutes and pages read. As I hoped, this activity has brought a little bit of friendly competition and pride to the totals we have accrued. I am so happy to see so many students borrowing books from my classroom library, recommending them to other students, and adding to their page counts. So far, my purple English class is in the lead with a total of 10,658 pages read!

In writing class, we have been teaching the importance of word choice and descriptive writing, and I am grateful for the collaboration with colleagues and the work we put in this summer organizing our unit plans. We have dabbled in some cross-curricular work and created a Martian colony with the science department, as well. New England Duplicator, a local small business printed word choice posters at no cost to us, and I have been referring to them often in our writing classes. A small used book store on Second Street, *The Book Cellar*, donated many volumes of young adult fiction and nonfiction for our classroom library. Some student volunteers reorganized my bookshelves and created genre labels that look spectacular. Thank you so much to our community, our students, parents, and other teachers for the support and collaboration! We are off to a great start this year!

Best,

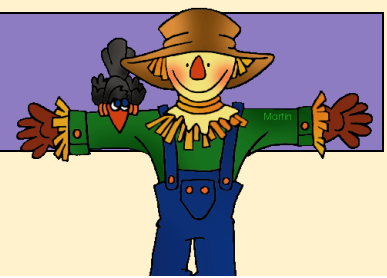
Ms Small

Read Ms. Small's full syllabus for her classes [here](#).



Adopt-A-Plot

From the Garden Committee and Adopt-a-Plot: Trimmers Landscaping, Inc. has started preparing the plots for your attention! The soil has been tilled and by Friday the loam and river rock should be spread. 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.

Ideas for fall:

- *plant bulbs for a beautiful surprise 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!



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.

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](#).

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 Founders. At the assembly on October 9, students saw and learned 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 [here](#).



Admissions Information Night - October 21

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 21**. 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 on the website and included below.

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

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

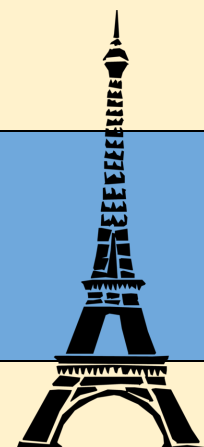
Thank you all for donating to the TFA store. We have plenty of office supplies to last us for a while! Now we find ourselves in need of some food supplies: healthy snacks and drinks for students to buy, and we would appreciate any donations of nonperishable meals like Mac & Cheese for those who forgot 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!

European Trip Meeting

Mrs. Barlow will hold an informative meeting next Thursday 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](#).

Bake Sale! - October 14

The Veterans Affairs Committee is having a bake sale during lunch the Wednesday after Columbus Day (October 14) during both lunches to raise money! Buy some delicious cookies and sweets, or just donate some money. The committee will be thrilled to have any help! Nut-free edibles are available.

Drama Club

A note from Ms. Mote, Director of the Drama Club:

Many thanks to everyone who auditioned! I am so excited to begin the Drama Club's next production and sincerely impressed by the level of talent at TFA! For those who may not have seen the posted cast list, it can be found [here](#) and on my page on the website. Rehearsals will begin soon, once we have the scripts in. Until then, students and parents can read up on the story of Anne of Green Gables and make sure that they have turned in their audition forms with parent signatures. It's going to be a wonderful year for the Drama Club!

Thanks!

- Kate

Kate Mote
Vice Chairman of the Humanities Department
English Language Arts Teacher
The Founders Academy
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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.

Important Dates

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

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| 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! |

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| 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. |
| October 29, 2015 | School photo retakes. |
| 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 |

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| 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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