



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The last Friday in September is here and things are buzzing at Founders. So much happens within the school day that it is hard to capture it all even in these newsletters. Founders is focused on preserving the school's mission and academics within the classrooms, clubs, assemblies and more.

This morning we had the first of several fire drills in conjunction with the Manchester Fire Department. Every student and staff member evacuated the entire building in 1 minute and 3 seconds. There will be additional fire and lockdown drills as the year progresses. Special thanks to the Founders Safety Committee for coordinating the drill so well.

Enjoy this email today, and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

“Inside the Classroom”

A message from Mrs. Bechis:

I am very excited about getting to know my students. I hope they in turn will be excited and motivated to learn science by doing the hands-on activities that are planned for the year.

All students have laboratory notebooks set up for recording/documenting data and observations. They started recording their gnomon measurements during the first week of school. Gnomons were the first astronomical instruments used by man. We are using the gnomon shadows to look at how the angle of the Sun changes during the year. They are also using gnomon shadows to indirectly calculate their heights and the heights of other objects.

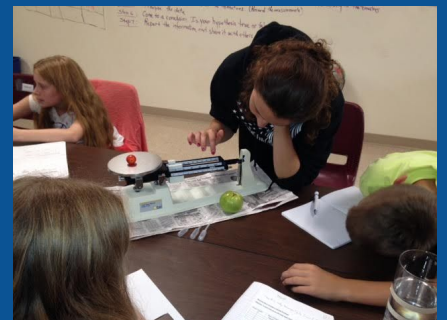
They are studying the steps in the Scientific Process. We calculated the densities of large green and red cherry tomatoes by using triple beam balances to get the masses of the tomatoes and cylinders to measure the tomato volumes through water displacement. They calculated the densities of the tomatoes by dividing the mass by the volume. They compared the densities of the large green tomatoes and the small cherry tomatoes. They were surprised to see the large green tomatoes float in water because they are less dense than the small red cherry tomatoes that sink in water.

Ask your students to explain to you what they have learned this week. I am sure they will be excited to explain their observations and conclusions.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Maria Bechis

Read Mrs. Bechis' full syllabus for her class [here](#).



Mr. Greene's Donors Choose



Mr. Greene has created a 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.

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!

When donating, use the project code - SPARK - to be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100 before September 27, 2015.

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: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/handbook>

Admissions Information Night

Next Tuesday, Sept 29 is our first Admissions Information Night for the 2016-17 school year. This is a night for incoming students and parents to hear more about the school and meet faculty. It'll start at 6:00 p.m. and will go until 7:30 p.m. Tell your friends and relatives! 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.

Portal News

A special thanks to those that attended the parent portal training last Tuesday evening. Three things to remember:

1. The portal is the *primary* means of teachers communicating with parents, posting assignments/homework and grades. Web sites, blogs and other additional means of posting assignments must mirror what the portal says. The portal is ALWAYS the primary means of where assignments can be found.
2. A new feature on the portal this school year is the incident/discipline log. Now on the portal, parents can view any violations of the yellow or red offenses, as well as the consequences. The timeliness of these postings may vary.
3. Ms. Marcotte has produced and posted a parent training video on the portal. See the video [here](#).

After School Art Program - Starting Sept. 30

Calling all Artists!

TFA will be continuing with the after-school art program on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30-4:30. Alesia Dopson, owner of a pottery studio, To Your Art's Content, will be teaching a variety of projects for students. (You can check out her website at toyourartscontent.com)

The projects are as follows:

- September 30th: Clay Project: Make your own clay tray
- October 7th: Pottery Project: Paint a mug of your choosing
- October 14th: Glass Fusing Project: Make your own dish
- October 21st: Painting Project: Paint your clay tray

The cost for a 4-week session is \$80 and checks can be made out to TFA. The permission slip is attached to this email. If you would like to sign up for After School Art, please print the permission slip out at home, fill it in, and bring it to the front desk. Payment and permission slips are due by September 29th. The program can only accommodate 20 students, so space is limited! I myself will be attending some of the sessions, and I look forward to seeing you there! Secure your spot soon!

- Kate Mote

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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](#).

Please print and complete the form and have your student submit to their Advisor or the Front Desk by Wednesday, September 30.

Cell Phone Usage

Dear Parents: Student cell phones are not to be used for texting, emailing, or phone calling during school hours. Students must not stream on their cell phones as this slows down the school's network. "No use of 3G, 4G, LTE, or other personal service is allowed." This is in Founders Handbook, section 2.3.

"Bring Your Own Device"

Founders encourages students to "bring their own devices" to school. If your child has a laptop or iPad, etc. please review the [Student Handbook section 2.3](#) and encourage them to use the devices for school.

Thank you 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. We'll add you to the list!

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

SCHOOL STORE is open on Tuesdays and Fridays during both lunches. At the store there is TFA branded merchandise, basic school supplies, goggles for Science, student planners, healthy snacks, and more!

Special thanks to the volunteer parents who help at the store!

Adopt-A-Plot

The Garden Committee and Adopt-A-Plot is off and running! At our recent Back To School night, many parents reserved a 'plot'. Very soon the area in front and long the side of TFA will be cleared and prepped for planting. River rock will be placed along

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!

Featured Club

"Random Acts of Kindness Club": Students who want to join the Random Acts of Kindness Club please see Mrs. Hyotte. The purpose of the club is to inspire and equip students to be socially responsible leaders. Students will be committed to positive change in their school, their community, and their world. The club will meet K Period on Wednesdays.

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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FIRST LEGO League

The first FLL meeting is tonight (9/25/15) from 6 to 8 in Rooms 157 and 158 at Founders. For more information, contact Mr. Mikus: Christopher.mikus@tfanh.org.

Most Needed Items at Founders this Week. . .

- Paper towels
- Gift Cards to Walmart
- Manilla Three Cut Folders
- Expo dry eraser gallon refill

Please check out additional items needed (NE Paper ships FREE to Founders and gives a 10% royalty to Founders on all purchases): shop.nepaper.com

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

Top Items Needed for the Health Office at TFA

TFA heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the top items for the HEALTH OFFICE include:

- Cold packs
- Warm packs
- Band aids, all sizes

- Gauze pads, all sizes
- Small paper cups
- Eye irrigation kit

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

Important Dates

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

September 29, 2015	Admissions Information Night for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
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 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	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 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	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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