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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The Department Chairmen and Vice Chairmen Orientation 2016 was held this morning! Founders has an incredible group of talented teachers and faculty leaders within the school! I am eager for the students and teachers to meet!

Speaking of meeting, please mark these upcoming opportunities on your calendars:

- **6th Grade Orientation for Incoming 6th Graders:** Friday, September 2 from 9:00am-2:00pm; An agenda is within this newsletter.
- A **“Back to School Night/Parent Portal Training”** for new parents: Thursday, September 8 from 5:30-7:30pm; More details to come including sign-up information as seating for portal training is limited.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## Visit from State Senator Jeanie Forrester

On Tuesday, August 16th, Founders received a visit from Jeanie Forrester, State Senator and candidate for New Hampshire Governor.

The Senator had a reception with students, faculty and trustees, spoke to those in attendance, heard a presentation from Dean Mooney, listened to student speaker Allison O., and enjoyed a tour of the school. Sen. Forrester is an important supporter of charter schools in New Hampshire, and helped to start one in Franklin. Thank you, Senator, for your visit and support!

Student Ambassadors were:

David B.  
Catherine H.  
Allison O.  
Paige D.  
Alyssa R.  
Samuel S.  
Nathan S.

Guest Ambassador was:

Ian H.



## 6th Grade Orientation Agenda- September 2 from 9AM-2PM

Welcome, incoming 6th graders!

To all parents of incoming sixth graders, please review the Sixth Grade Orientation Agenda, linked on our website here:

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=12610790>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Barlow at [k.barlow@tfanh.org](mailto:k.barlow@tfanh.org).

## "Most Needed" Items at Founders

Founders heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the most needed items include:

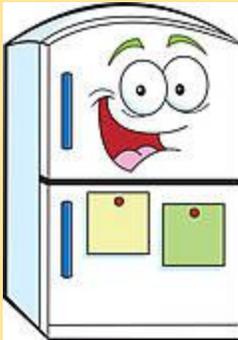
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| - Copier paper                           | - Paper towels                    |
| - Scotch Tape                            | - Food/snacks for the food pantry |
| - Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner |                                   |

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

Thank you very much!

## Wanted: Used Refrigerator

Our science department here at Founders is seeking an used refrigerator with a freezer to put in our lab prep room. This way we can store lab supplies that need to be kept in a refrigerator or freezer in an appropriate space and not in the teacher's lounge. This by no means needs to be a new appliance.



## School Supplies

Next year at Founders, there are required school supplies **for middle school students**. These are listed and pictured on the website ([http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/back\\_to\\_school\\_supplies](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/back_to_school_supplies)), and there is a display in the front foyer of the school for middle school supplies.

If teachers have **any specific supplies** (in addition to the required supplies), those will be listed [here](#) and/or in the teacher's syllabi (found on [faculty web pages](#)), but all will be reviewed in class.

Do not worry about school supplies as you won't need all of them on the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding school supplies, please contact [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org).

## New Additions to the Back of the Building!

The Student Landscape Committee worked tremendously hard on designing the back of the building last year! This summer, the plans are starting to come alive! Be sure to notice the picnic tables, paving and brick work in the rear of the building which will greatly enhance student life at lunch and recess! The students along with Mrs. Humphrey and Mr. Lacasse helped to make it happen!



## FIRST Robotics Teams Expanding at Founders

For the 2016-2017 school year, we've decided to expand the Founder's Academy FIRST Robotics team to include FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) in addition to FIRST Lego League (FLL)!

Up to 10 students will participate on the FLL team. The team will work together to design, build and program a robot, research a real-world problem for the Research Project, and work on Team skills (Core Values). The robot (8 in x 8 in) is constructed using a LEGO MINDSTORMS® kit. This year's challenge theme is called Animal Allies.

Up to 15 students will participate on the FTC team. The team will work together to design, build and program a robot, document their process in an Engineering Notebook and work on Team skills. The robot (18 in x 18 in) is constructed with a metal screw together kit and is remotely controlled by an Android mobile phone.

Coach Chris Mikus, Coach Kari Karwedsky, and Coach Amy Forcier will all be returning this year to help the teams, and we are looking for additional parents to help coach/mentor the teams.

If your student is interested in joining the team, please fill out the registration form here - <https://goo.gl/forms/25NGyodbyaNBo0Ac2>.

The coaches will be at the Back to School night on September 8th if you have any questions about the teams. Meetings will be Friday evenings 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM from September 9th through the qualifying competitions (November for FLL and February for FTC).

Parents & students may also direct additional questions to the coaches at [first@tfanh.org](mailto:first@tfanh.org).

## Welcoming New Faculty: Sandra George



Founders would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Sandra George, our newest Computer Science Teacher! Mrs. George will join Ms. Marcotte in the Technology Department this year.

Mrs. George graduated from Boston State College with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She is also a graduate of Control Data Institute where she learned about how computers work. Mrs. George worked for a number of years in the computer industry as a trainer and a computer technician. She then chose to become a stay at home mom to raise her four children. While raising her family,

she was a volunteer for Odyssey of the Mind which later became Destination Imagination, where she was honored with a Ranatra Fusca award. Mrs. George has always been drawn to teaching. She has spent over 20 years tutoring students in all subjects from grades one to twelve. The last 10 years she has spent as a Title 1 math teacher. During that time, she also had the opportunity to mentor or coach students for LEGO and FIRST robotics. Mrs. George was chosen two years ago to be on the Student Learning Objectives Consortium for the state of New Hampshire and will continue as an Ambassador to Support Service Providers this coming year.

Mrs. George first got interested in computers as a college student. We had an IBM 360 and she not only learned how to program the computer but also how to fix the computer when it broke down. Mrs. George is currently pursuing a Google Educator Certification.

Outside of school you may find Mrs. George traveling, reading books, solving puzzles such as Sudoku or KenKen, line dancing, painting, Zentangling or surfing the internet. She hopes to reach her goal of visiting every state in the United States. She has already visited 41 out of 50 states. Mrs. George looks forward to meeting her new co-workers and students for a year of fun and discovery.

## Dates of Interest for Students/Parents/Guardians

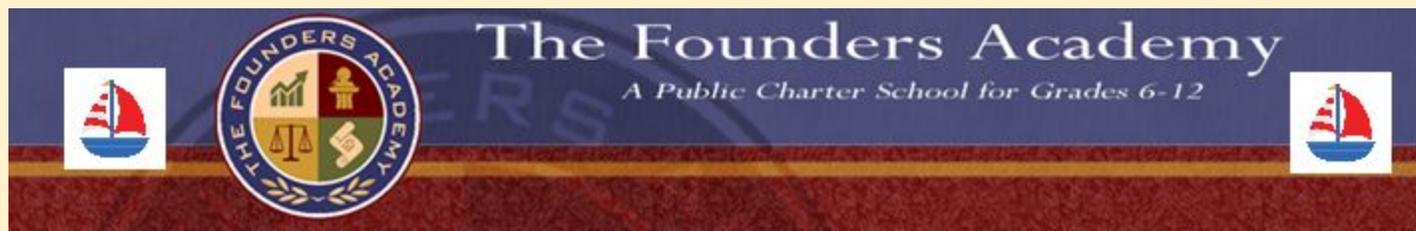
Regularly check the school calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

NOTE: Dates are continuously added and possibly changed throughout the year. Please check the online school calendar regularly.

## Facebook Group for Carpooling

Are you interested in networking for possible carpools to Founders? Try this Facebook group set up for carpooling families: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/906239749401437/>.

This Facebook group is not maintained by Founders administration, faculty and/or staff.



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