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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Have a restful and well-deserved Winter Break 2017! See you on March 6th!

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

Congratulations to the FTC Robotics Team!

Congratulations to TFA's FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team for recently competing in the 1st Annual NH State Championship at Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, NH on February 18th. The team's robot "Joe" was admired by the other competitors for being so quick and nimble. Their well constructed robot made it through five rounds of matches without a hiccup. Congratulations team, your Coaches and School are very proud of all you have accomplished in your rookie season. Next year's team will start with a new game challenge in the fall. For more information contact, first@tfanh.org.

Pictured (L to R): Brady K., Thomas Ryan H., Nate W., Jamie R., Ryan D., Liam C., not pictured Aiden V.



Smarter Balanced Testing Schedule from the Scheduling Committee - Important!

Dear All:

Under current law, The Founders Academy is mandated to administer the [Smarter Balanced Test](#) in English and math for grades 6-8. The exam will be administered in March and April 2017 and causes changes in scheduling. Please carefully review the important information below as to the exam and whether or not your child need attend school on certain testing days:

6th Graders:

Friday, March 24: 6th Grade students have the day off.

Monday, March 27: 6th Grade students have the day off.

Wednesday, March 29: Testing for students in 6th Grade whose last name begins with A through O. All students not being tested will have their normal class schedule.

Thursday, March 30: Testing for students in 6th Grade whose last name begins with P through Z. All students not being tested will have their normal class schedule.

Monday, April 3: The Classroom Activity for Math will be completed for Grade 6 during Round Table.

Monday, April 3 through Wednesday April 5: Students in grades 6 will take the final (1 hour) section of the Test during the normal school day.

7th Graders:

Friday, March 24: Testing for students in 7th Grade whose last name begins with A through J. Students who are not being tested on a particular day have the day off from school.

Monday, March 27: Testing for students in 7th Grade whose last name begins with K through Z. Students who are not being tested on a particular day have the day off from school.

Monday, April 3: The Classroom Activity for Math will be completed for Grade 7 during Round Table.

Monday, April 3 through Wednesday April 5: Students in grades 7 will take the final (1 hour) section of the Test during the normal school day.

8th Graders:

Friday, March 24: Testing for students in 8th Grade whose last name begins with A through J. Students who are not being tested on a particular day have the day off from school.

Monday, March 27: Testing for students in 8th Grade whose last name begins with K through Z. Students who are not being tested on a particular day have the day off from school.

Monday, April 3: The Classroom Activity for Math will be completed for Grade 8 during Round Table.

Monday, April 3 through Wednesday April 5: Students in grades 8 will take the final (1 hour) section of the Test during the normal school day.

9th and 10th Graders:

Friday, March 24: HS students have the day off.

Monday, March 27: HS Grade students have the day off.

NOTES:

- Each day of Smarter Balanced Testing is during regular school hours (8:00AM-3:15PM).
- Manchester busses will run as scheduled for those being tested.
- Students should bring a set of headphones/earbuds, something to read, a snack, and a lunch. (We will not be getting subs from D'Angelos or pizza on these days.)

Any questions about the Smarter Balanced Test can be directed to Dean Mooney.

Thank you,
The Smarter Balanced Testing and Scheduling Committees

FunDrive Donations

Anyone wishing to donate clothes or other items for the Fine Arts FunDrive can do so from 1pm - 2pm this coming Monday, February 27.

Thank you!

“Carton 2 Garden” Contest

Founders Academy is happy to be a part of the "Carton 2 Garden" contest that is open to all schools across the US! We are collecting cartons (juice cartons, half/half, milk, cream, etc.), but they need to be of the paper type, no plastic. We are looking to begin a garden for the school that is innovative and full of educational opportunities. This contest will make us eligible for the grand prize of \$5,000 for our wonderful school. If your student would like to bring in cartons to help, or sign up to be a Garden Volunteer, they are more than welcome! Ms. Griffin can be contacted for more details (k.griffin@tfanh.org).

Drama Club Needs Location!

The Drama Club is looking for a location for the full length high school performance of Little Women. If you have any leads for local auditoriums or stages, please contact Ms. Mote. (k.mote@tfanh.org)

Props/Costumes Needed!

The Drama Club is looking for props to use for our performances. The time period is the late 1800's. Currently, our list of needs includes:

- Petticoats
- Ascots
- Top hats
- Old-fashioned iron for curling hair
- Antique door knob w/hardware
- Garment racks

Tri-fold privacy screen (antique or hardwood preferable)
Clothes hangers

We can also always use donations of set building supplies, such as the following:

Paint (We would be happy to take your leftover paint! The discount paint sold at Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart can also be a great deal.)

Paintbrushes

Paint rollers

Roller trays

Drop cloths

Duct tape

Hot glue guns

Hot glue gun sticks

Extension cords

Ribbons and trims

Scissors

Yard sticks

Thank you for your support! Please contact Ms. Mote with any questions.

AHERA 3-Year Re-Inspection Report and Management Plan

The state mandated “AHERA 3-Year Re-Inspection Report and Management Plan” for Founders is available for viewing now on the website on this page:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/governance/policies__procedures

A hard copy is also available at the school. The conclusion, once more, is that Founders remains asbestos free!

Old Functional Computers Needed!

Hello Founders Community! We are looking for old functional computers (preferably laptops) that we can repurpose for school use. They can be dropped off at the front desk. Thank you very much!

Also, keep checking out our “[most needed items](#),” we’re still in need of things like paper towels!

Events

Pi Day Celebration with Ms. Nichols

Pi day is coming, 3.14 (March 14). We are planning on celebrating this wonderful mathematical concept.

What is it? Who discovered it? What is it good for? All will be revealed in the coming weeks. We will celebrate on Pi day with pie for everyone. This is where I need help. I have calculated that we will need 40-50 pies for everyone to enjoy a slice. Please email me at v.nichols@tfanh.org if you can donate a pie. Thank you and keep posted for more information.

Spring Fling - Volunteers Needed - April 8

The Round Tables are busy planning a "Spring Fling" for Saturday, April 8, 2017! Please consider volunteering for this occasion! If you are able to help volunteer, please contact Mrs. Humphrey at: patty.humphrey@tfanh.org. Please mark your calendars early! Thank you!



Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

Upcoming Outreach Meetings

OUTREACH NEWS: All Founders parents are welcome to come to the next Outreach committee meeting at **2:30pm on March 9th**. All parents are welcome and we need you to be involved!

The upcoming Outreach Committee meetings this year are as follows:

March 9th at 2:30 pm

April 13th time to be determined

May 11th time to be determined

Donors Choose: the Science Department Needs Microscopes!

From Ms. Griffin: "I'm excited to announce that Donors Choose has approved the new project submission for our science department here at Founders. We're looking to acquire stereomicroscopes to afford more

opportunities in curriculum, especially potential elective courses.”

[Ready, Set, Zoom! - Science Department Donors Choose Project](#)

Other News

"Most Needed" Items at Founders

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

- Scotch Tape
- **Band-aids of all sizes**
- White-out
- Disinfectant Wipes
- **PAPER TOWELS!**
- Lunches and snacks for the food pantry
- Tissues
- **Plastic Spoons**

Please continue to monitor this web page of items too!:

<http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=13492624>

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705. Thank you very much!

School Calendar

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.



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