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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Founders appreciates all of its teachers and staff, but I want to start this newsletter by highlighting two of them. **Assistant Dean Kim Lavallee** is working triple time this month to complete the annual audit. **Registrar Greg McKenzie** is also working around the clock to complete the student and teacher schedules. Thank you **Mrs. Lavallee** and **Mr. McKenzie** for all your tedious and important summer work!

With regards to the student/teacher schedules, they are almost ready for distribution. Thank you for your patience as scheduling is an arduous process.

Despite it being summer, students are frequently at Founders! Summer camps have started this week. **Mr. Van Ewyk** is conducting a camp on leadership and **Ms. Charbonneau** is hosting a camp on art. Every time I see the students, they are having a wonderful time!

Additionally, there are students at the school helping to move items, clean the warehouse, and file books in the library. It is very obvious how much students care for Founders when they voluntarily return in the summertime to help out! Thank you, student helpers!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Volunteers Needed for Moving Days!

The Furniture Sub-committee have two very important dates coming up:

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19 & 20 from 10:00am to 2:00pm we are having 'MOVING DAYS'. We are in need of adults and/or High School students to help with the moving of furniture and supplies around the school. If you are available, please call the school or email. It is important that we know IN ADVANCE who is coming and on which day. Please bring work gloves. Thank you in advance.

Please contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org to RSVP or for more information.

6th Grade Orientation - Save the Date - September 2

An orientation for all incoming 6th graders will be held on **Friday, September 2 from 9-2pm**. Teachers at Founders are working hard to plan an organized day to introduce incoming 6th graders to Founders. Please mark your calendars! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Barlow at k.barlow@tfanh.org.

Back to School Night and Parent Portal Training - Save the Date - September 8

A Back to School Night and Parent Portal training for parents/guardians will be held on **Thursday, September 8 from 5:30-7:30pm**. Teachers at Founders are working hard to plan an evening to introduce parents/guardians to teachers and to the portals. More details are coming soon! Please mark your calendars!

Parent Teacher Conferences - Save the Date - November 10

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled during the day on **Thursday, November 10**. There is no school on that day. More details are coming soon! Please mark your calendars!

Wanted: Poet Laureate for the First Day of School

As students know, a Poet Laureate is an individual who is chosen to write a poem to honor a special occasion. The Founders Academy is looking for its own Poet Laureate to create a poem for the first day of the 2016-2017 school year. The Poet Laureate will be given the privilege of reciting their poem to the school in our first day of school activities.

Guidelines: The poem should be no longer than 20 lines and can be in any style except for shape poems. They should reflect upon the themes of the school and the occasion of the first day of a new school year. Poems will be judged based on creativity, originality, and how closely they reflect the themes of the school. Submissions should be turned into Lauren Brouillette by email (lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org). **The deadline for this competition is September 1, 2016.**

Welcoming A Full-Time School Counselor: Colleen McInnis

Welcome Ms. McInnis, Founders' new full-time School Counselor! She will join Mrs. Williams in Guidance.



Colleen McInnis is a school counselor who has worked in various educational and community mental health settings since 2000. Colleen earned a Master of Education in Counselor Education from Rivier University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Colby-Sawyer College. Colleen has helped countless children, adolescents, and families find worth, purpose, and hope again. Colleen is a New Hampshire native and continues to enjoy living in the southern part of the state. Colleen loves the simple life - time spent with family and friends, concerts, home-grown meals, the outdoors, travelling, a good antique shop, and being on the farm.

Welcoming New Faculty: Jennifer Fortier



Welcome Mrs. Fortier as Founders' newest Art Teacher! She will join Ms. Charbonneau as an art teacher in the Music/Fine Arts Department.

Jennifer Fortier will be teaching fine art this year at the Founders Academy. She has experience teaching students of all ages in a variety of media. Born in southern California and raised in New Hampshire, she attended the University of Hartford where she received her B.F.A. in Ceramics with a minor in art history. She is currently working towards her M.A.T. in Art Education at Plymouth State University.

Jennifer believes in a safe, encouraging, and rigorous studio space for her students. Seeking to learn from the old masters, Jennifer knows that creating and learning about art should be a holistic endeavor. Learning new skills, discovering new ideas and media, and giving a nod to the past will lead to the development of personally meaningful and impactful art.

Jennifer displays and sells her art in local art centers around southern New Hampshire. When not in her studio or teaching she likes to kayak, read, drink tea and spend time with her family. Some of her favorite historical artists include Vincent van Gogh, Leonardo da Vinci, John Singer Sargent, and John Singleton Copley. A few of her favorite artists still creating are Doug Peltzman, James Aponovich, Yoshi Fuji, Alexander Calder, Sandy Skoglund, and Julia Galloway.

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 in the upcoming school year, please contact Deb Waitt at 603.952.4705 or debra.waitt@tfanh.org. We'll add you to the list!

Important Dates

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

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

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
July 11-29, 2016	Summer Camps
August 17, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM

August 29-31, 2016	Teacher Orientation
September 2, 2016	6th Grade Orientation, 9:00AM - 2:00PM for all incoming 6th graders.
September 6, 2016	First Day of School
September 6, 2016	Beginning of the year Convocation
September 8, 2016	Back to School Night/Parent Portal Training/Meet Teachers, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
September 9, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence for September 11, 2001
September 15, 2016	Picture Day
September 16, 2016	Constitution Day
September 16, 2016	Friday Assembly - Teacher Introductions Part I
September 21, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
September 23, 2016	Friday Assembly - Teacher Introductions Part II
September 30, 2016	Health Fair (Rivier University)
October 7, 2016	Friday Assembly - Brandon Karpf, U.S. Naval Academy
October 10, 2016	Columbus Day (No School)
October 13, 2016	Re-Take Picture Day
October 15, 2016	Admissions Information Day 8:30-12:30pm.
October 19, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
October 22, 2016	1st Annual Founders Craft Fair/Vendor Fair (contact robin.gage@tfnh.org for more information).
November 4, 2016	Last day of First Quarter; Locker clean-outs.
November 10, 2016 (Note the new date)	Parent Teacher Conferences. (No School)
November 11, 2016	First Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfnh.org email accounts.
November 11, 2016	Veterans Day (No School)
November 16, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
November 23-25, 2016 (Note the new dates)	Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
December 7, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence for Pearl Harbor Day
December 16, 2016	Friday Assembly - Morgan Andrews, Nationally Recognized Soccer Player
December 20, 2016	Deadline for Applications

December 21 2016 - January 2, 2017	Holiday Recess (No School)
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (No School)
January 18, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
January 20, 2017	Last day of Second Quarter; Locker clean-outs
January 21, 2017	Admissions Information Day 8:30-12:30pm.
January 27, 2017	School-wide Moment of Silence for the Challenger space shuttle crew, January 28, 1986
January 27, 2017	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
February 15, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
February 20, 2017	Presidents Day
February 27 - March 3, 2017	Winter Recess (No School)
March 15, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
March 17, 2017	Best Practices at The Founders Academy; Staff Development/Workshop (No School)
March 31, 2017	Last day of Third Quarter; Locker clean-outs
April 7, 2017	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
April 14, 2017	Staff Development/Workshop (No School)
April 17, 2017	Gen. John Stark Day
April 19, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
April 24 - 28, 2017	Spring Break (No School)
May 17, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
May 26, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence in honor of Memorial Day
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day (No School)
June 9, 2017	Last Day of School; locker clean-outs
June 9, 2017	End of the year Convocation
June 16, 2017	Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
June 21, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, TBA



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