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PARENT/GUARDIAN SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Yesterday, the state budget passed in the New Hampshire legislature. There is a modest increase for charter schools in that budget. The Governor promises to sign it. This is all good news!

News of the state budget passing is the culmination of a tremendous amount of time spent meeting with legislators, communicating with legislators, collaborating, and compromising. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those parents/guardians who contacted their legislators and the Governor to support charter schools in New Hampshire. Without your activism, passage would not have been possible! You do make a difference!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

End-of-year Poet Laureate: Jessica B.

A poet laureate signifies a special occasion with words that capture the emotions of the event. Here at Founders we feature a Poet Laureate during our assemblies at the beginning and end of the school year. Below is the poem written by our end-of-year Poet Laureate, Jessica B., who also won the Poetry Out Loud competition earlier this year.

Sunrise

By Jessica B.

Yet again, the sun is setting
Fading gradually with each hue
But we are rushing to see what tomorrow brings
That we often forget the view

We don't marvel at the stars in our eyes,
We just want to reach them
We don't enjoy the ride
We just want the destination

It's ironic how the most successful
took life day by day.
Confident they would touch the sky,
yet enjoying the journey on their way

When the sun rises yet again,
It's colors painting dawn
Don't dwell on yesterday
For yesterday is gone

Love the one gift life gives
To every boy and girl
Because the life we're given is a treasure
Our success is only the pearl

So take this gift life's given you
A bright and brand new day
Savor each chapter that flies by fast
For the book is the same way

Introduction: Debra Castonguay - Assistant Director of Guidance

Founders welcomes Deb Castonguay as the new Assistant Director of Guidance! Her office will be located in Room 102. She starts in July and her email is: debra.castonguay@tfanh.org. Ms. Castonguay will oversee guidance and work with Colleen McInnis and Meghan Murphy.



"Hello, My name is Deb Castonguay. I was born, grew up and currently reside in Nashua, NH. My husband and I have been married for 15 years and have two wonderful boys. I received my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire and my Master of Education in School Counseling from Rivier University. Throughout my years in education, I've worked as a high school counselor, child care provider, school director, middle school counselor and college counselor. I enjoy cooking, baking, home improvement projects, traveling, photography and spending time with my family at 'the lake.' I am very excited to be with the Founders Academy and look forward to meeting the teachers, staff and students!" ~ Deb Castonguay

A Message from Ms. Murphy

Dear Parents,

I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Spanish part-time at Founders Academy these last 6 months. I have

taught at many schools, and this is one of the finest schools I have experienced. Your children are energetic, positive, eager to learn and respectful. The school leadership and teachers are exceptional. Unfortunately, I am unable to return in the fall due to the long commute from the Seacoast where I live. I will remain at the school where I have taught for the last nine years. I leave with many wonderful memories. Thank you and have a wonderful summer. ¡ Adiós !

Señora Catherine Murphy

Recommended Devices for 2017/2018 for students BYOD

At The Founders Academy, we require that students have a personal devices to use to support academic learning across all content areas. Students are asked to access academic work digitally in Google Classroom on a regular basis. It is our recommendation that students have a base level Chromebook device to support their academic learning. Students can have a traditional laptop, however, the battery doesn't last a full school day and these are typically heavier to transport. In addition, they should also have a wired headset with recording capabilities to support their learning in computer science classes. The computer science department highly advises selecting one that has a battery life of 6 or more hours so it will last students through the school day.

If you have multiple children enrolled at the school we are recommending that each child have their own device to use. Please keep in mind the weight of the device when purchasing as your child will need to transport their device from each class in their bag along with their binders and textbooks.

This will run between \$130-\$200 for a new Chromebook from Amazon. If you shop around for sales, you can purchase them for less.

Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

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Check out Ms. Nichols' DonorsChoose for her math students:

[Bringing Math Into The 21st Century](#)

"My students need Chromebook devices in order to decrease the digital divide of those that can bring their own and those that don't have access to mobile computers to use in the classroom."

Thank you for your help!

Other News

"Most Needed" Items at Founders

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scotch Tape- Band-aids of all sizes- White-out- Disinfectant Wipes- medical tape- Copy Paper* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper towels- lunches and snacks for the food pantry*- tissues*- disinfectant wipes- plastic spoons/forks- disinfectant/cleaning solution |
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Please continue to monitor this web page of items too!:

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

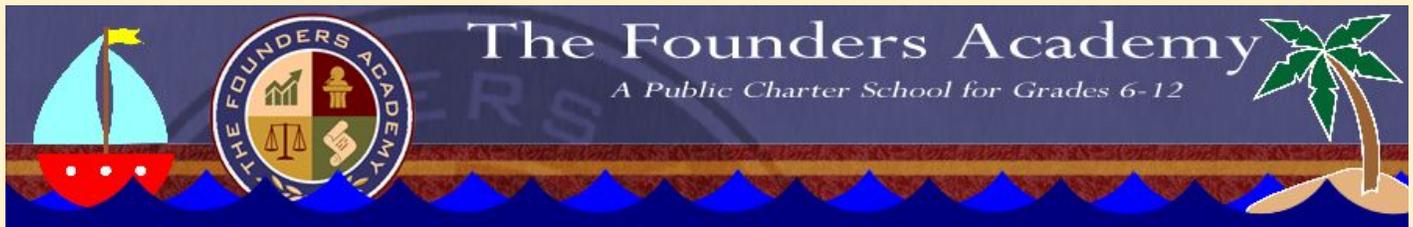
Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

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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