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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday! Happy Summer!

Today's End-of-Year Convocation Assembly (which included student recognitions, music, memorable moments and more) officially closed the 2016-2017 school year. How the time has flown by! I hope this school year was filled with enriching lessons and successes for your student(s).

Over the summer, you'll continue to receive informative parent e-newsletters. Also, remember to look over the sessions offered at this year's [Summer Academy](#) and the assignments for the [Summer Assignments](#).

THANK YOU for all your support this past year! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

Pictures from Spring Break Trip to Europe! By: Madame Barlow

After almost two years of planning and getting excited for the big trip "across the pond", Madame Barlow, along with some students and even a few parents from The Founders Academy, ventured to four amazing European countries. We were so excited to have the opportunity to visit some amazing cities, including Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, London, and we can't forget the tiny town of Durbuy, Belgium. We saw quite the number of well-known tourist attractions, but it was equally awesome to spend time together and make connections with each other and those whom we encountered from a variety of cultures. Our tour guide, "Freddy from France", was a wealth of knowledge and information, and we learned and experienced much in our travels. Madame Barlow is already planning her next tour, and has set her sights on exploring some new spots in a couple of years. Stay tuned, and remember what was said by Gustave Flaubert: "Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in this world."





A Message from Math By: Mr. Croteau

Math Update for Parent Newsletter:

My name is Andrew Croteau, and I am a math teacher at The Founders Academy and serve as the Vice-Chairman for the Math and Science department. One of my roles as Vice-Chairman has been in the area of curriculum development and helping to create something that is our own and ties in with the [mission and vision](#) of the school. We have the luxury of creating our curriculum known as [The Founding Fathers Character and Leadership Curriculum](#). As we continue to expand and develop our math curriculum, the focus will center on problem-solving and critical thinking skills. These skills require the students to work with material that is both challenging and rigorous. Within each unit, homework assignments are created and roughly have between 8-14 questions. This allows the students to not only practice the material but be able to demonstrate mastery as well. Each homework assignment has three types of questions:

1. **Practice the Concepts** (This is where students get to practice what they have learned for the day. These questions range from one step, such as adding two fractions, to multi-steps such as solving a two-step inequality.)
2. **Word Problems** (This is where students get to work on real world application problems and apply the skills.)

3. **Critical Thinking Questions** (This is where students get the opportunity to take what they have learned and be able to apply to more challenging and rigorous questions that make the students think and also explain their reasoning through examples or using complete sentences. It is this type of question that help demonstrate if a student has mastered the material.)

Please email me at a.croteau@tfanh.org if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Mr. Croteau

Volunteer of the Month - Mrs. Lombardozzi

"My mom has been involved from the beginning when I came to Founders in Sixth Grade. She first started to volunteer as a substitute and worked in the school store. For the last two years she has been on the Board of Trustees working on the Annual Fund, and all other fundraisers at the school. She has worked very hard to make the school a better place."

~Darren L.



A Message From Ms. Griffin

Dear Students and Families,

Thank you for such a wonderful experience at Founders Academy, which will remain a truly remarkable place in my heart. I am moving on in my career and am joining the educational experience of students at a new school. It has been an honor to be a part of Founders Academy, and I will miss all of the students, families and staff that have made this a wonderful two years for me. Thank you, good luck, and I know you will all do great things in the future.

-Ms. Kelly Griffin

Help Needed with Garden Over the Summer

This spring, student volunteers grew plants from seeds in our greenhouse and entered the Carton 2 Garden contest with Ms. Griffin. We did not win this year, but it was a great start. Plants were then sold at the Spring Fling. Students planted the remaining vegetable and herb plants in the new Founders Academy garden! Ms. Kim Scantlebury will be caretaking it this summer. If you or your student would like to keep abreast of the garden and ways to help like coming to weed, please email her at k.scantlebury@tfanh.org to join the mailing list.

Thank you!

In the Classroom: Level 1 Science

Science 1 with Mrs. Moore ended the year with a research and model project on the cell. Below is a picture of some of the wonderful cells they made!



Electives in 2017-2018 School Year

The link to the Course Selection Form for students went out earlier this week to all parents. Here is another copy of the link:

<https://docs.google.com/a/tfanh.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbkzln5bPwGNSbrqgix8aIGU9z8KNPS3wj77H-OZHfFxcijA/viewform>

Parents of returning students must be logged in with their official [TFANH.ORG](https://www.tfanh.org) email address in order to complete the Course Selection. If you have trouble logging into your TFANH account, contact Joanna Marcotte (j.marcotte@tfanh.org) or Bridget Hyotte (bridget.hyotte@tfanh.org).

The deadline for completing the Course Selection process is June 30th.

Students in the High School have a number of electives to choose from. They should sign up for all of the electives they are interested in and we will see what fits into their schedule.

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie
Registrar

GoFundMe Chromebook Fundraiser

Ms. Marcotte, head of the Technology Department, has set up a GoFundMe page so that we can raise money to get each teacher at Founders a Chromebook. To quote the page: "By acquiring Chromebooks, teachers will be able to engage in collaborative projects with students and access digital content in all academic areas. At the present point, our staff are not provided with devices to conduct their classes. With our students mostly working on Chromebooks, those staff that bring personal devices from home aren't all modeling on Chromebook device. As a result, this can create confusion in the learning process where students are working with a device that has different capabilities or the interface doesn't look the same from that of the instructor."

Click the link below to help us reach our goal! Thank you!

<https://www.gofundme.com/FoundersAcademyTechnology>

Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

Thank You! By: Mrs. Lombardozzi

Thank you to all of the parents and families that attended the Blakes Restaurant Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 30th. It was a huge success for the school and a nice way to celebrate the final band/choral concert the same evening.

Thank you to the Founders community for supporting all of the restaurant fundraisers this school year and hope you have enjoyed attending them!

Regards,

Brenda Lombardozzi
Parent and Outreach Committee Chair

DonorsChoose for Math Department!

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!

DonorsChoose for Technology

Hi Friends,

I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so I just created a DonorsChoose.org classroom project request. Click the link below to see what my students and I are up to:

[There's an App for That and a Student Made It](#)

Early contributions are critical, and any amount helps. Thank you so much for taking a look and considering a donation. I am so excited to bring this project to life!

With gratitude,
Ms. Marcotte

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to show their support for public schools, please pass this along.

DonorsChoose for Science

From Ms. Griffin:

"My students need electronic balances and weighing paper to accurately measure supplies and solid chemicals within the laboratory."

[It's a Balancing Act](#)

Thank you!

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>

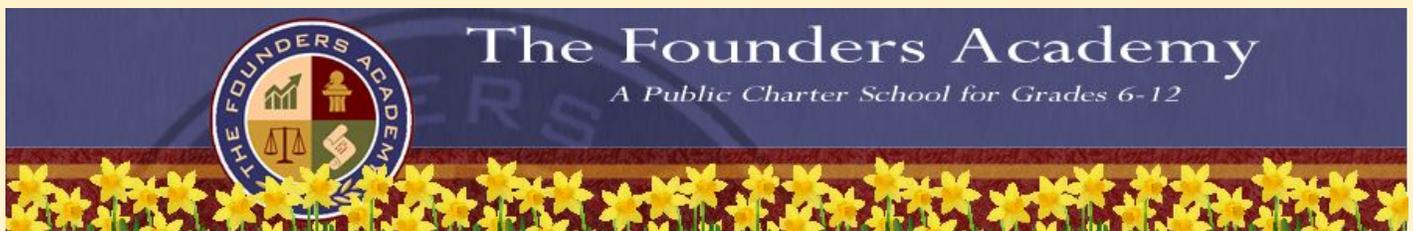
Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

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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