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Happy Friday!

Welcome back from Winter Break! The month of March is particularly busy at Founders. Before we see the “April Showers” or the “May Flowers,” March brings with it a Spring Concert, teacher assessment meetings, special visitors, placement testing for new students, professional development conference, Pi Day, Smarter Balanced testing, interviews for new teachers and more!

In case you missed it, please read **Greg Van Ewyk’s** op-ed piece in last Friday’s Union Leader. The article greatly spells out the need and accomplishments of an education at Founders. You can read the article [here](#).

Please remember there are no classes on Friday, March 17 due to Founders hosting a full-day professional development conference.

The school was pleased to have **Commissioner Edelblut** visit Founders last Thursday. **First Lady Valerie Sununu** plans to visit the school on Tuesday for a Reading Round Table in **Ms. Small’s** room.

Also, please consider volunteering for the Spring Fling on April 8! If you’re able, please contact [patty.humphrey@tfanh.org](mailto:patty.humphrey@tfanh.org) with your availability. Thank you in advance.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

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Mr. Frank Edelblut, New Hampshire’s Commissioner of Education, visited Founders on Thursday. He was greeted by student ambassadors, toured the school, and sat in on Mr. Van Ewyk’s class on the electoral college. Afterwards he met with teachers and with administrators. It was two hours well-spent!



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Over Winter Break, computer science teacher Ms. Marcotte attended a Google Bootcamp at Milford High School and is now a Level 1 Google Certified Educator.

Founders is fortunate to have such dedicated teachers!

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The students in the Music Department have been working very hard to prepare for next week's concert. (The groups participating in this concert are: all Choruses, the Level 3 Band, the Jazz Band, and the String Quartet.) The concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm's.

However, we are also keeping a close eye on the weather forecast for next week. If the weather forces us to postpone the concert, we will then split the concert into two different nights and hold them at The Founders Academy. The Chorus Concert would then be on **Monday, March 20th @ 6pm** while the instrumental groups (Level 3 Band, Jazz Band, and String Quartet) will be on **Tuesday, March 21 @ 7pm**. Any postponements will be announced like the school normally does - by phone and by WMUR ("no evening activities", etc.)

A reminder that there is a suggested donation of \$3 per person or \$10 per family for the concert.

Thank you and we hope to see you next week!

Greg McKenzie  
Fine Arts Department Head

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Over this past February vacation break, Anissa S. travelled to Vancouver Canada to compete in her first level 9 international Rhythmic Gymnastics competition, and her first competition of the season. Out of the four apparatus events, Anissa won first place with clubs, and finished in second place with hoop, ribbon, and ball. Earning second place overall in her age category, Anissa also received a special judges award for her clubs routine which won the highest score in all levels of the competition!

Congratulations Anissa!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO VANESSA C., as the top seller in the Chunky's Cinema Pub Fundraiser on behalf of The Founders Academy. Vanessa was awarded gift cards by Dean Mooney and Chairman Hyotte.

Thank you for all of your efforts in support of the school!



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Morgan Andrews seemed to fit right in with the students as she sported her Batman PJs on pajama day at The Founders Academy last December. Andrews, a nationally-recognized soccer player, came to the school to speak to students about her trials and triumphs as a student-athlete. She focused on the Founders Code of Conduct as she spoke to them about attributes such as determination that helped to get her to where she is today. She encouraged students to "not be afraid of greatness." She also told them, when faced with hard work in terms of school, sports, or otherwise, to think of it as "making investments, not sacrifices." As a senior at USC last year, Morgan led her team to the national championship in December 2016, and was named as a top-three finalist for the prestigious MAC Hermann Award, which is awarded annually to the top male and top female college soccer player in the US. Although she did not win, it was still an enormous honor to be a finalist. She was also recently drafted by the NWSL (National Women's Soccer League), and has achieved her long-time goal of becoming a national soccer player. She is now a member of the Boston Breakers, so Founders students may even have the chance to go and watch her play professionally! Below is a link to a recent article in the Union Leader about Morgan:

<http://www.unionleader.com/article/20170112/SPORTS13/170119658/0/NEWS0606>

We appreciate Morgan's willingness to come and visit us here at Founders!



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The Founders' Running Club started again on **Thursday March 9**. We did not get to sign up for the official "girls on the run" program. I hope that those who participated last year will join us as well as any new-comers. All are welcome as there are different levels of ability. We are focusing on training for a specific race and hope to have as many members as possible to run as a team. The race is on May 13th and there is a great Earth day festival with 70 vendors. Check out the race site at; <http://stonyfield5k.com/>  
 Please signup on the sheet outside Mrs. Nichols' room, 127. If you have any questions please email me, [v.nichols@tfanh.org](mailto:v.nichols@tfanh.org).

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Founders student Jackson H. has qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee!

The New Hampshire State Bee will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017.

One champion from each state and territory will advance to the National Geographic Bee Championship, which will be held May 14-18 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.



Our best wishes for Jackson's success in the New Hampshire State Bee!

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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

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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](mailto:k.griffin@tfanh.org)).

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Dear Parents,

A tick was found on the floor of one of our classrooms the other day. It's looking to be a really bad tick season, and everyone should be in the habit of checking themselves for ticks every night. Check out this [article](#) on the expected outburst of Lyme disease this year.

Thank you.

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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](mailto:v.nichols@tfanh.org) if you can donate a pie. Thank you and keep posted for more information.

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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](mailto:patty.humphrey@tfanh.org). Please mark your calendars early! Thank you!



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The next Outreach Committee Meeting is **Thursday, March 16 at 2:30pm**. Please attend if you're able! Contact [Brenda.Lombardozi@tfanh.org](mailto:Brenda.Lombardozi@tfanh.org) for more information and/or questions. See you there and THANK YOU!

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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](#)

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



