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From the Dean of School



Happy Saturday!

Yesterday's Best Practices Conference (held at Founders) was a huge success! Charter school teachers, administrators and presenters (totaling over 250) from throughout New Hampshire converged on Founders for a full day of professional development! The school's faculty and staff received amazing compliments! I know you join me in being so proud of Founders for hosting such a great event!

The school choral and band concerts are on Monday and Tuesday this week. I hope to see you there.

Smarter Balanced testing starts next week. The testing schedule appears again in this newsletter.

The Curriculum Committee, in collaboration with administration, is working hard on finalizing elective courses for next year. The second round of placement exams for incoming students took place this morning.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### **“In the Classroom Round Table” by Ms. Henry**

This week Ms. Henry's Round Table compared the governments of the cities/towns everyone lives in. They talked about the structure, how officials are elected, the frequency check of elections, frequency check of meetings, the population of each city or town as related to the number of councilors or aldermen, etc. Next week they will be discussing what the elected officials actually do, what committees they are on, what the impact on the city/town is, and what services we take for granted that are provided by our governments as well as what the officials get paid.

It was a good discussion and all the students participated!

### **PSAT Update**

Dear parents,

The School Counseling Department is excited to begin helping our eighth and ninth grade students prepare

to take their PSATs! Students will begin practicing over the next several weeks utilizing material found on <https://www.khanacademy.org/>. Parents of eighth grade students may also sign their children up on <https://www.collegeboard.org/> if they wish. College Board is a site offering many tools and resources that help students prepare for the transition to college. Mrs. Williams and Ms. McInnis are available to answer questions and assist students and parents as needed throughout this process. We look forward to working with you!

Colleen McInnis, M.Ed.  
School Counselor

## A Fundraising Night at the Ninety Nine Restaurant

Join the Founders Community at the 99 Restaurant in Manchester on Thursday, March 30 for fundraiser night! Each receipt will be a donation to our school.

Be sure to present the official promotional flyer to the waitperson. It must be brought to the restaurant and attached to your guest check.

Details for "Dining For a Cause"

When: Thursday, March 30 (5pm - 8pm)

Where: [99 Restaurant - 1685 S. Willow Street, Manchester](#)

Be sure to bring the "Dining For a Cause" flyer with you! See the flyer attached and at this web page: <http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=21925670>

## 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

## Events

### Spring Fling - Change of Date --> May 6

The Round Tables are busy planning a "Spring Fling" for **Saturday, May 6, 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!



## Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

### New Donors Choose Project; Computers Needed for 6th Grade English!

Dear Parents,

Writing is thinking, and developing critical, independent thinkers is my most important responsibility as an educator. It takes practice to build competent and confident writers. Some students are able to bring in Chromebook's or laptops from home, but a classroom set of computers would allow all my students to benefit from digital tools that make writing more efficient and their projects more authentic.

I have registered our classroom on DonorsChoose.org, an amazing website where individuals can contribute to public schools. This is the first time in my two years teaching at The Founders Academy that I have asked for a project to be funded, because this is the first time I can't buy what my students need to succeed. You've seen the tables I built, my huge classroom library and bookshelves, so you know I'm committed to providing the tools students need. This time, I need help to give them what they need.

Click here to see my project: [Closing The Digital Divide](#)

Give to my classroom by **March 20, 2017** and your donation will be doubled thanks to DonorsChoose.org. Just enter the code **LIFTOFF** during checkout and you'll be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50).

In return, you'll get awesome photos of your gift in action and our heartfelt thanks. There will also be some well written and grammatically correct thank you notes in your future!

Thank you so much,  
Robin

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my students, please pass this along!

## Donors Choose: the Science Department Needs Microscopes! - 22 Days Left!

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:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| - Scotch Tape                   | - <b>PAPER TOWELS!</b>                   |
| - <b>Band-aids of all sizes</b> | - Lunches and snacks for the food pantry |
| - White-out                     | - Tissues                                |
| - Disinfectant Wipes            | - <b>Plastic spoons/forks</b>            |

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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