



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The “Little Women” drama production is tonight (May 19) and tomorrow (May 20) both at 7pm at the Derry Opera House on 29 W. Broadway in Derry, New Hampshire. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students (18 and under). You can contact Ms. Mote for more information at k.mote@tfanh.org.

The Great East Festival is one week from today (May 26). Best of luck to those competing!

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

Bus Survey

The bus survey is for students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the 2017-2018 academic year.

If you live in Manchester and plan to have your child ride the bus to school, please complete the following survey by **May 24, 2017**. The information must be submitted by the deadline or bus service will not be available until later in the school year.

<http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=25151144>

All questions regarding bus service should be directed to bridget.hytte@tfanh.org.

Yearbooks are in; Order by Sunday, May 21st!

Dear Founders Community,

The school year is wrapping up quickly and will be coming to a close before we know it! In order to commemorate this year of school, the yearbook club has put together a yearbook which is available for you to purchase!

To get your own copy of the yearbook you will need to access [this link](#). All purchases must be made online through our yearbook company, TreeRing. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, May 21st**. The cost of our 66 page yearbook is **\$25.99**.

The passcode to access our yearbook on the TreeRing website is: 1014526395853265

In addition to receiving a copy of the yearbook, with your purchase you are also able to customize 2 of your own pages which will be printed in your copy of the yearbook. Here you can upload photos of friends and family. The 2 free custom pages are optional, so if you don't customize you'll receive a standard yearbook. The deadline for custom pages is May 19th. You will also have the option of upgrading to a hardcover edition of the yearbook for an additional cost of \$6.95.

We've been working hard on this project and look forward to sharing the results with you! Remember to get your orders in soon before time runs out! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
Kate Mote
Yearbook Club Adviser

P.S. If you need help, please contact support@treering.com

Friends, Competitors and Sportsmen

TFA's own Jonah P. and Ben M. shook hands before a recent Soap Box Derby race. Participating in Soap Box Derby provides these guys with a fun activity and the opportunity to sharpen their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills. Jonah's musical intuition keeps him in tune with his car. Ben's steady driving earned him last year's Local Champs. The next race is the Annual Local Championship to qualify racers to move on to the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, OH this July. The NHSBD is currently looking for 6 more racers to fill available cars on Sunday June 4th. For more information email newhampshire@soapboxderby.org or see www.nhsoapboxderby.com.



Upcoming High School Drama Club Production: Little Women

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The Founders Academy High School Drama Club's award-winning production of Little Women is coming soon!

The time has finally arrived for our High School Drama Club production! Come and see this adaptation of the classic story of "Little Women."

Performances will be at the Derry Opera House on Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th at 7:00 PM. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students (18 and under). Purchase at the door or fill out [this form](#) to reserve your tickets now. We hope to see you there!

High School Information Night - May 22 by Mr. Kline

Dear Parents,

We will be having a High School information night on **May 22nd at 6:30 pm**. The instructors for upcoming electives, and **dual credit course** for 2017-2018 will be present and offering short presentations in their rooms. The instructors will be specifically detailing the content and themes that will be covered in those classes and allow for time to take questions from you as parents. Next week we will send out a much more detailed itinerary of the evening, and we look forward to seeing you here at Founders on the 22nd.

Sincerely,
Mr. Kline

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>

Private Lessons: A Summer Opportunity-to-Learn at The Founders Academy

Mr. Tellier, one of our band teachers, will be offering private lessons to Founders students in July. See the flyer below for more information.

[MUSIC LESSONS FLYER](#)

(REPRINT) From A Founders' Parent- Angie Forest

Hello fellow parents! My name is Angie and I have a child in 7th grade here at Founders. Along with my good friend Melanie who has a child in 6th grade, we are curious if there are other parents out there like us?

Being involved in our children's school is important. Understanding how healthy the school is (financial and enrollment), having input as processes are developed and sharing in our parenting experiences allows us to play a role in the success of our school and ultimately our students.

Are you interested in getting more involved? Are you a parent who'd like to play a role in assisting administration and faculty as they develop Founders into the best school it can be? Let us know! We want parent feedback so we know the best next step to take in developing this informal group.

Send your emails to angie.forest@tfanh.org.

Kindly,
Angie Forest & Melanie Lord

Final Exam Schedule for Students 2017

Finals Week Schedule - 2017				
	<u>Tuesday (6/6)</u>	<u>Wednesday (6/7)</u>	<u>Thursday (6/8)</u>	<u>Friday (6/9)</u>
8:00 - 8:15	Round Table	Round Table	Round Table	Round Table
8:15 - 10:15	B/C Period Class on Mon./Thurs.	D/E Period Class on Mon./Thurs.	F/G Period Class on Mon./Thurs. (or 2nd Lunch)	H/I Period Class on Mon./Thurs.
10:15 - 10:30	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack

10:30 - 12:30	B/C Period Class on Tues./Fri.	D/E Period Class on Tues./Fri. (or 1st Lunch)	F/G Period Class on Tues./Fri. (or 3rd Lunch)	H/I Period Class on Tues./Fri.
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch or Early Dismissal	Lunch or Early Dismissal	Lunch or Early Dismissal	School-wide Lunch
1:00 - 3:15	(Activities)	(Activities)	(Activities)	Locker Clean-out and End-of-Year Assembly

Costa Rica Sign-up Link

Hola chicos y padres,

Many students have been asking for the link to sign up for the Costa Rica Trip 2018! I have provided it below!

[Link to Costa Rica Sign up!](#)

As a reminder, on June 1st the 447 dollar scholarship Founders2018 will expire and the price will go up! Any family members, friends, and siblings are welcome to come on this trip with us! You do not have to be a Spanish student to go!

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Lisa Moore if you have any questions whatsoever! We are eager to start fundraising and excited for this trip of a lifetime!

Muchas Gracias,
Srta. Efraimson

Barnes & Noble Book Fair - June 2 (with vouchers)

Start your summer reading list shopping at The Founders Academy Barnes & Noble Book Fair, **Friday, June 2, 2017**. Shop either at the Manchester Barnes and Noble Store (1741 South Willow Street, Manchester) or online at BarnesandNoble.com. Please tell them you are a part of The Founders Academy Book Fair. A percentage of the net proceeds will be donated to Founders. At checkout please give the cashier The Founders Academy code 12143681.

Follow this link to access the vouchers you will also need to present at checkout:

<http://bit.ly/2qoz1N4>

Thank you.

Spelling Bee/History Bee Updates

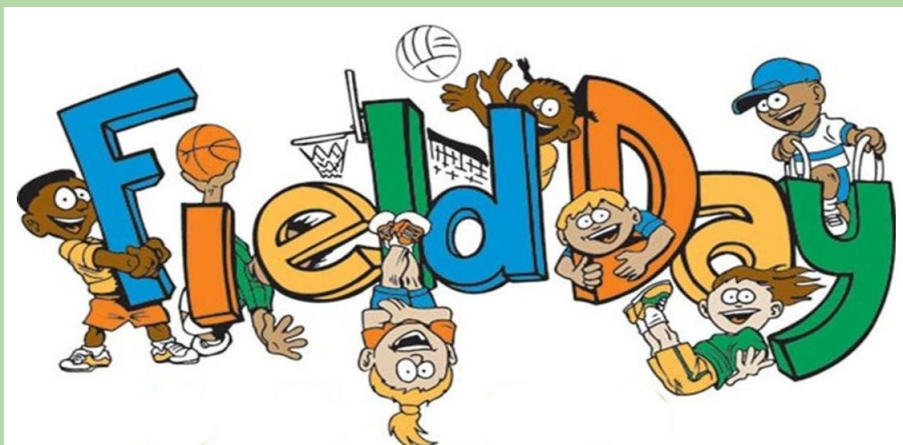
Both the Spelling Bee and History Bee will be held on **Wednesday, May 24th**. The Spelling Bee is open to middle school students only. The History Bee will have middle school and high school divisions. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place finishers.

Please see Mr. Van Ewyk for more information and registration.

Thank you!

Events

Field Day!



Founders Annual Field Day is **May 31st!** Join us for a day full of competitions, games, contests, and so much more! . . .

On Field Day, Round Tables will be organized into an Olympic Games with each Round Table being a country with its own flag. The activities will be, for the most part, competitive, and students will win points for their Round Tables.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help at all the stations, freeing teachers to participate as they see fit. Let us know if you can give us a hand! Please RSVP to patty.humphrey@tfanh.org.

Thank you!

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Founders Board of Trustees will take place at the school on Wednesday, June 21st, at 4:00PM.

Summer Academy 2017

Founders Academy is once again offering Summer Camps during the month of July!



We currently have over 16 offerings including academic, leadership, art and musical theater. There is truly something for everyone! The camps are open to any students so have your children invite their friends to come with them!

Camps will be held the weeks of July 10th and July 17th. There is a morning session from 9 - 12:30 and an afternoon session from 1-4:30. For full description and details on how to register please go to thefoundersacademy.org. Choose the link to summer camp under the 'student' tab in the main menu, or cut and paste link below. (<http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=1375149>). This is a great way for your students to reinforce learning over the summer or try a new area of interest. It is also an opportunity for new students to experience being at the school and make new friends before the start of the school year. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Henry at j.henry@tfanh.org.

Link to the Summer Academy information web page:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/summer_camp_program

Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

A Message From the Outreach Committee

Greetings!

Parent Volunteers are needed for the following events for the upcoming school year. Your help in these fundraisers is needed for the event to happen. If you have questions or want to help, please contact richard.hyotte@tfanh.org. or brenda.lombardoizzi@tfanh.org. Please consider helping with the following events:

CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR October 21st - (2) Open Chair Positions - These positions need to be filled before the end of the year. Planning needs to begin over summer to solicit for table rentals. If positions are not filled then event will be taken off calendar.

FOUNDERS ACADEMY CALENDAR RAFFLE - Nov. 2017 - (1) position Open. Help the Chairperson coordinate for this event.

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER - (2) Open Chair positions needed to plan restaurant fundraisers 3 to 4 times for school year.

SCRIP HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM - (1) Position Open - Help Chairperson coordinate for this event.

CHUNKY'S CINEMA FUNDRAISER - (1) Chairperson - Plan and organized for Spring 2018.

CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER - (1) Chairperson - Work with Founders Administration to distribute and collect orders. Spring 2018

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL GUEST VISIT DAY - (2) Open Chair Positions needed to help coordinate this first time event for the school.

JOHN STARK DAY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION - (2) Open Chair Positions needed for the first time event for school. Hope to be planned for April 2018.

THANK YOU,

Fundraiser at Blake's Restaurant

**CELEBRATE THE FINAL CHORAL/BAND CONCERT
WITH A SPECIAL TREAT OR DINNER!**

**AT BLAKE'S RESTAURANT
353 S. MAIN STREET , MANCHESTER, NH
TUESDAY, MAY 30TH FROM
2 PM TO 10 PM.**

COME JOIN OTHER FOUNDERS FAMILIES AND STUDENTS THAT NIGHT AND
ENJOY A FULL MENU AND LOTS OF ICE CREAM SPECIALTIES WHILE
SUPPORTING THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY.

10% OF YOUR RECEIPT TOTAL WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL. A
COPY OF THIS FLYER MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SERVER AT THE TIME OF
PURCHASE.



New 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.

New DonorsChoose for Chemistry

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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