



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Today a school-wide moment of silence was held in honor of Memorial Day. At Founders, we always remember our Veterans. Remember there is no school on Monday (May 29) in honor of the occasion.

Good luck to those performing at The Great East Festival today! I know how hard the students and directors have been practicing since February! UPDATE: I was just informed that Level 2 Band got a silver!

On Tuesday (May 30th), the choral and band concerts take place at Saint Anselm College at 6pm. Afterward be sure to enjoy an ice cream to benefit the school that same evening at Blake's (353 S. Main Street, Manchester). [See Blake's fundraiser information within this newsletter.](#)

Field Day is this Wednesday (May 31). A special thanks to those students, faculty and volunteers helping to put this all together for student teamwork and athletics. The rain date is Friday (June 2).

Thank you for all your support! Have a good, long weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### Recap of High School Information Night

Founders hosted a high school information session on May 22, 2017, for all incoming and current high school students and families. A general overview of new classes available to students was presented. A variety of courses will be available in conjunction with Southern New Hampshire University, Community College System of New Hampshire and the AP College Board. The courses include, Painting (Dual Credit), AP Biology, Utopian/Dystopian Literature, Honors World History, Cultural Geography, AP Computer Science Principles (Mobile App Development, Dual Credit Option), Website Design 1 (Dual Credit), Theatre, New Hampshire Ecology, Creative Writing (Dual Credit), College Composition (Dual Credit), AP Psychology, and Chemistry.

Information regarding AP courses can be found at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org). Information regarding the Running Start/Dual Credit courses can be found at <http://www.mccnh.edu/academics/running-start-program>.

Founders will use a weighted system for AP, Running Start, and Honors courses of 0.5 additional points when calculating the GPA for each student.

## Thank you NorthPoint Construction!

A big thank you goes out from us to [NorthPoint Construction](#) for donating the much-needed screens for our greenhouse!



Founders Academy has been extremely fortunate to have received screens for our greenhouse. The design of our greenhouse requires several ventilation points, and previous to now we have not had screens. Now that we have this protection for our plants and students, we have eradicated the hornet issue and now have a fully functioning, wonderful greenhouse. We are so thankful for this amazing support! -Kelly Griffin

## STEM Expo

After a hard year's work in their science classes, students were able to celebrate on May 24th! Our middle school students here at Founders Academy have been working tirelessly on STEM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) that reflect their understanding of the Scientific Method. They were able to choose an interest of theirs and represent it in an experimental or research project. The students displayed their work at the annual STEM Expo for all their peers and families to see! Exemplary work was everywhere and it is truly amazing to see the culmination of such great work. Congratulations to our students!



-Founders Academy Science Department

## Summer Assignments 2017

Summer assignments 2017 are now uploading on the web site. Please review at this page:  
<http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=25499830>

## Dr. Tom Horgan Visit



Earlier this week, [Tom Horgan](#), the CEO of the [New Hampshire College and University Council](#), visited Founders. He was welcomed by Founders' Ambassadors Fiona H. and Aidan H. Dr. Horgan toured the school with Dean Mooney and Mr. Hyotte. He stopped into Ms. Mote's high school level English class and gave an overview of the Council to students.

*"The New Hampshire College & University Council (NHCUC) is a non-profit consortium of public and private institutions of higher education in the State of New Hampshire. These institutions are recognized and highly regarded for their outstanding teaching, research, and community service activities. They serve as major centers of activity that are vital to the economic development of the community and the state."* See <http://www.nhcuc.org/about/who-we-are/>.

Founders is so fortunate to have so many friends in New Hampshire visit our school!

## Volunteer of the Month - Mrs. Breault

Mrs. Breault was volunteer of the month back in February! Here is her highlight now:

“She tries to help and volunteer with everything even during busy weeks and days. She has been volunteering at my school since I was in kindergarten and she helped so much; all the staff knew her. I love that she helps because it gets everything done quicker and we can go on more trips with the school. Thank you mom for helping out.”

~Jaden B.



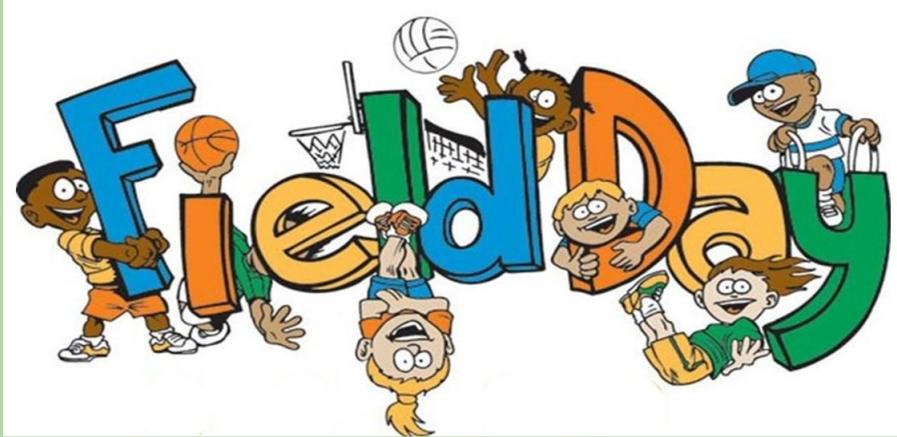
Thank you Mrs. Breault for all you do and have done for us!

## 6th Grade Orientation 2017

For those parents with incoming 6th graders, the date for 6th Grade Orientation 2017 is **Friday, September 1, 2017**. More details of the day to follow!

# 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](mailto:patty.humphrey@tfanh.org).

Thank you!

## **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](http://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/2qozlN4>

Thank you.

# Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

## Annual Fund Update

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been a few months since my last communication in March regarding the Annual Fund. This letter will provide the Founders' community with an update of the campaign's progress and a final plea *to contribute what you can to this year's Annual Fund!*

### **Progress**

The fund is making progress to reach its goal of \$50,000 for the 2016-17 school year and has received donations and pledges (to date) in the amount of \$27,214! Thank you to all who have given generously to this important campaign!

### **Help the School Achieve 100% Participation and Give What You Can**

As we approach the last few weeks of school, I encourage you to reflect on this past school year and all of the wonderful opportunities, friendships, and academic successes that your child has gained. This growth in your child is related to the learning environment that he/she is a part of and the Founders Academy strives to promote learning growth and building future leaders.

The school set a goal this year to achieve 100% participation from the Founders community. As a charter school, Founders Academy has a significant gap between government funding and operational expenses. Therefore the school relies on support from its families. Please help the school finish strong and reach its goal of ***100% participation and give what you can!***

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Lombardozzi  
Parent, Board Member and Outreach Committee Chair

**[ANNUAL FUND PLEDGE FORM](#)**

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

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

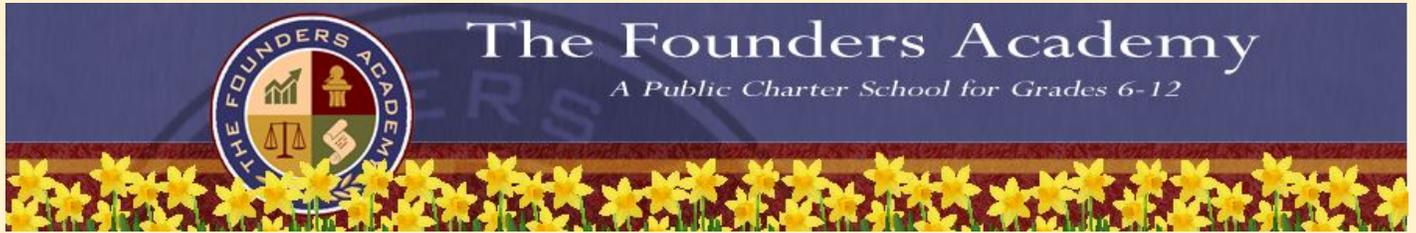
Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

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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