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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! Please remember that the Thanksgiving break for students includes November 23 through 28. November 28 is a professional development day for teachers so there is no school that day for students. Students return to school on November 29. Founders is thankful for the outpouring of support from its parents!

There will be no parent newsletter next Friday, which means reading this one is all the more important!

Due to life circumstances, we'll soon be saying "goodbye" to two teachers (see within this newsletter for details), but also saying "hello" to more. Please keep on top of the [job opportunities page](#) of the web site to refer careers at Founders to your networks.

Congratulations to the Volunteers of the Month for October - **Kylene Normandin** and **Robin Gage!** Founders is consistently grateful for its volunteers.

Have a great weekend, and a good Thanksgiving break!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

Thanksgiving Break Schedule

Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday Nov. 23 through Monday Nov. 28; we will return to school on Tuesday the 29th.

Chorus News

November is a busy month for Chorus at Founders Academy.

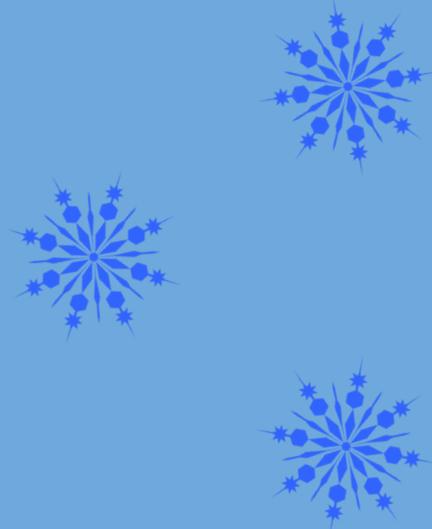
Thanks and congrats go out to all the students who helped with our first Cafe Le Temp. We had a great house and our students not only performed wonderfully, they kept the drink and food flowing. A great time was had by all! Our next cafe will be on **Dec. 15**.

Special recognition goes to Madeleine G., Jessica B., and David B., who traveled to Memorial High School on Saturday to compete with over 700 students from all over New Hampshire for the All State Chorus Competition. This competitive event culminates in a concert in April 2017. Congratulations to our choral students who participated in this very special event!

School Cancellation Notifications & Snow Packets

In the event school is cancelled (or delayed) due to weather, the cancellation (or delay) will be announced by the following means of communication:

- Email to parents,
- Facebook,
- www.thefoundersacademy.org,
- ch 9 - WMUR,
- 90.7FM WLMW
- 610AM WGIR,
- 95.7FM WZID,
- 96.5FM WMLL,
- 1370AM WFEA,
- NECN
- Automated call system.



When school is cancelled, each student is responsible for completing work that is posted on the portals and emailed from the teachers. School work (i.e., "snow packets") will be posted by teachers on snow days by 8 AM.

Additionally, teachers will be monitoring the portals and their emails throughout the day. It is a *requirement* that students (contingent on having electricity and internet) log into the portals and complete assigned work on snow days.

It is essential that all students complete the work during the snow day. If we demonstrate participation from our students we will avoid having additional days added at the end of the school year in June. If less than 80% of our students choose not to login and perform the assignments the day counts as a snow day and may result in the school needing to extend the year.

From the Registrar

Parents -

A new feature has been added to the parent Portal which allows parents to receive automatic updates about your child's grades by email. There are a number of different options you can use including the frequency of the updates, what information will be sent, and what email addresses they will go to.

To access this feature, follow these steps:

- Log in to your Portal
- At the top right, you should see your name - click on it
- A dropdown box should appear - click on "E-Mail Notifications"
- Look through the various options and change the settings to what you want. Be sure to change the first option to "Yes" to actually receive the emails and remember to save the settings with the button at the bottom of the page.

That's it! You will now receive the automatic email updates. If you choose the Weekly, Every Two Week, or Monthly options, they will be sent on Mondays. (The Monthly option will send it on the 1st Monday of every month.)

You should still check in to the Portal frequently to see information about specific assignments and have the most up-to-date information, but this feature should make it easier to see where problems might be arising.

Greg McKenzie
Registrar

Art Supplies Needed (and Thank You for Recent Donations)

Sending a big shout out to The Bisson Family for donating new student brushes and tempera paint to our Art Classes! We are so thankful for your generosity!

Also, big thanks to all the parents and students that have been bringing in magazines, paper towel tubes and newspapers for our Art classes! Keep them coming!

I am continuing to compile a complete list of materials we are in need of. Some that we could really use are:

Large White Drawing Paper, Watercolor Paper, Small Metal Manual Pencil Sharpeners, Rulers, *Bottles of Acrylic Student Paint, Boxes of Elmer's Paper Mache Powder Mix. (*If you would like to donate Student Acrylic Paint, email me and I'll share with you what type/colors we can order.)

I have ordered extensively online through Dick Blick for my student's Art Supplies in the past. They have great discounts on bulk and can usually get free shipping too! If you have any questions or if you would rather have me place your order, I would be very happy to assist you! You can email me at: t.strub@tfanh.org

Thank You so very much for your support and generosity! Mrs. Strub

Art Wish List, from Mrs. Strub

Here is a list of things that you can collect from home to bring into Art Class for our projects!

Magazines

Newspapers

Paper Towel Tubes

Rinsed-out Plastic Yogurt Containers

Throughout the year we will also be sharing lists of supplies that we would love to have donated to our Art Classes.

Some items that we are hoping to use in upcoming projects are:

Rubbermaid containers with covers (to be used to store paper mache)

Sketch paper (white - small and large)

Newsprint

Paper Mache Powder (can be found at Michaels and Amazon in small boxes)

Bottles of Tempera paint (red, white, blue, yellow, black, brown, purple)

Bottles of acrylic paint (same colors as Tempera)

Large drawing paper (white)

An electric pencil sharpener

Paint brushes (small, medium, large)

We totally understand that purchasing extra art supplies may not work into your budget at this time. We thank you for whatever you can share with our class!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions!

-Mrs. Strub

t.strub@tfanh.org

FIRST Lego League Teams Tournaments

We wanted to send an update on this weekend's competitions for the Founder's FIRST teams.

Our two FIRST Lego League teams did a great job in their qualifying tournament, each completing 3 matches, a robot design judging session, a project judging session, and a core values judging session. One of the two teams, FLL #12158, the Robotic Dogz, earned a spot in the State Competition, and the coaches could not be prouder of the team! The State Competition is on December 3rd in Windham, NH.

Our FTC team made some updates to their robot during their morning workshop, and competed successfully in the afternoon scrimmage at UNH in Manchester. The FTC team is working toward their state qualification tournament in February.



Events

Fundraisers

Founders Annual Fund

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to welcome all of the students and families to The Founders Academy. I hope that the year has started strong for all of our students! As we close the first quarter of the 2016-17 school year, this letter announces two exciting happenings: the kickoff for raising \$50,000 toward the Annual Fund and obtaining 100% Founders' families donation participation!

Goal 1: Raise \$50,000 for the School's Annual Fund

The Annual Fund was established to help bridge the gap between the school's operational costs (i.e. heating, lease, salaries, etc.) and those funds paid by the state for each student that attends. The annual campaign runs from September 2016 to June 2017. Most public charter schools are only funded by about 70% of what is needed to operate the school. Therefore, Founders relies heavily on parent support and donations to meet its annual expenses. Your donation will allow our students to receive an exceptional education and assist with operating expenses.

Goal 2: Get 100% Founders' Family Participation

This fall, the school welcomed an additional 100 students to the school! The growth that the school has made in three years is astounding. This continued growth can only be possible if all families of the Founders community pledge to support the Annual Fund. Last year, the school established The Founders Academy President's Club, which is a [pledge form](#) outlining commitment levels. On average, most families pledged to support the school with a donation of \$500.00. As a public charter school, it is important that the Annual Fund receive support by 100% of its families! This 100% commitment by all Founders' families will open doors to the school and allow them to become qualified for various grants. This qualification will enable the school to reach otherwise, untapped resources and provide more opportunities to its students. We understand some families are not able to contribute the average but ask everyone to donate what they can.

Please consider supporting the Annual Fund this year to support the school in achieving its two goals. I will be in touch with the Founders community again, to provide an update on the campaign's progress. Please contact me at brenda.lombardoizzi@tfanh.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Brenda Lombardoizzi
Parent, Board Member and Outreach Committee Chair

Outreach Committee Meeting - Dec. 8

Hello Outreach Committee: Just wanted to let you know that the next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing upcoming fundraising events for January / February and looking for some volunteers to help with holiday Scripts program.

Mark your calendar and have a wonderful Thanksgiving !

Thank you, Brenda Lombardoizzi

Bowling Night Fundraiser for the Lego League - December 3

ALL STUDENTS & PARENTS:

Please mark your calendar to attend a fundraiser on December 3 at Merrimack Ten Pins for bowling. Cost is \$20/person and we will be looking for baskets/items to be DONATED to FLL & FTC for silent auction/raffle (not sure which). All monies raised will support both FIRST teams.

Coaches will be setting up a signup page for you to signup for both donations and attendance.

Thanks for your support
Coaches, Amy Kari & Chris
first@tfanh.org

Bird Seed Wreaths for Sale (ONLY 20 LEFT!)

Bird Seed Wreaths are for sale at the Front Desk - \$15 - proceeds to benefit the school.



These hearty, handmade wreaths are made with fresh, dense and delicious bird seed -- using an exclusive blend from Duncraft Wild Bird Superstore in Concord, NH.

This blend will fully satisfy your feathered friends. The wreath is the perfect gift for bird lovers, that hard to buy for Christmas gift, or a unique Yankee Swap.

Made with the freshest black oil sunflower seed, whole sunflower hearts and safflower seed with no filler. So birds eat every bite. Trimmed with a red raffia bow ready to hang on your fence, tree, shed or post. Includes a natural jute hanger.

Check, cash or credit card will be accepted.

Other News

"Most Needed" Items at Founders: A Desperate Need!!

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

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| - Scotch Tape | - PAPER TOWELS |
| - Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner | - Lunches and snacks for the food pantry |
| - Cough drops | - Tissues |

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705. Thank you very much!

Admissions

The application for the 2017-2018 school year is now online here:

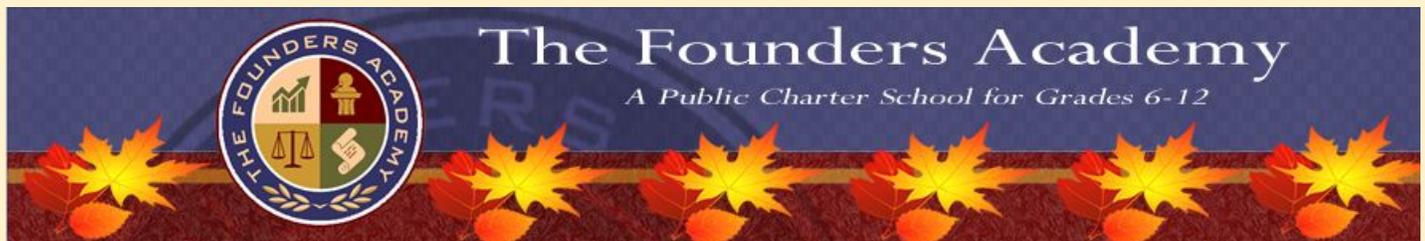
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Thank you!

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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