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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

This week, I was welcomed back to school from bereavement leave by students, faculty, parents and staff. Thank you all for your thoughtful sentiments. My family and I are truly touched by the support of the Founders' family during this difficult time.

This week, numerous field trips took place. **Mr. Gaumont** took five students to the Student Leadership Summit in Concord ([see](#) the feature in this parent newsletter), **Mr. Waterbury** took 6th and 7th graders to the Museum of Science in Boston, and **Ms. Henry** took 10th graders to a college fair hosted by Scholars NH. The students had a great time at each!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

This Week in U.S. History By Mr. Van Ewyk

History 3:

This week students will delve deeper into the causes of the American Revolution. They will analyze "Common Sense," and learn about how the French and Indian War, debt, taxation, and the question of representation led to revolutionary fervor.

History 4:

This week students will compare the Confederate States' justification for secession to the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Students will be asked to consider the question of whether secession is legal, and think about attempts by the southern states leading to the Civil War, Texas' secession from Mexico, Alaska, Vermont, and New England during the War of 1812. They will also compare the secession of the southern states to the American Revolution, as secession from the British Empire.

Founders' Teacher Presents Workshops at UNH

On October 20th, Kevin Tellier, part-time Band Director at The Founders Academy, presented professional

development workshops at the University of New Hampshire. Approximately 80 current music educators from across the state participated. Mr. Tellier's presentations were on Music Learning Theory. Music Learning Theory manifests the paradigm that learning music is a sequential process analogous to learning a language. Mr. Tellier will present a similar workshop on March 17th at The Founders Academy.

Founders is proud to call Mr. Tellier one of our teachers, and we applaud his efforts!

New Founders Board Member - Sean Thomas

Sean Thomas is a native of Framingham, Massachusetts and a longtime political activist in his adopted home of Manchester, New Hampshire. A 1992 graduate of St. Anselm College with a degree in Mathematics, Thomas has served as a political advisor to former Manchester Mayors Raymond Wieczorek and Frank Guinta, as the Property & Contracts Manager at Boston-Manchester Regional Airport and currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to US Congressman Frank Guinta. His service to his community extends beyond the political realm being an active member of St. Raphael's Church in Manchester and as a former Board Member of New Horizons for New Hampshire. He was named as one of 40 Under Forty for the Class of 2009 and his personal interests include ice hockey, golf, mediaeval history, Gregorian chant, cooking and reading.



From the School Counselor

The Founders Academy has grown in many ways since its opening in 2014. We now have several ninth and tenth grade high school students, with eleventh and twelfth grades to come. With that comes particular needs that differ from the needs our middle school-aged population of students. One area of need was the focus of this week's School Counseling Department meeting, and that is the topic of college, including all post-secondary options such as trade schools, community colleges, the military, employment, etc.

Mrs. Williams had students develop binders last year where they could organize and keep track of classes taken, credits earned, career interest ideas, test prep info, etc. This initiative will expand this year as we look to offer more supportive services for our students in regard to their future after Founders, including becoming a registered testing site for PSATs and SATs, coordinating college fairs, practicing college essay writing, locating scholarships, financial aid information, etc. There are many apps and websites available that students will be able to utilize, and many of them registered on www.collegeboard.org last year and have begun their planning. Discussions will be held during high school Round Tables to hear from students what they would like to see in regard to this process and the supports that will be offered.

It's exciting to watch our students grow and become unique, independent, and productive future leaders who will flourish in college and beyond!

Colleen McInnis
School Counselor

From the Curriculum Coordinator

It is hard to believe that the end of the first quarter is upon us. As the new curriculum coordinator for the school, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you as to what we are doing to improve instruction here at Founders. In addition, I would like to also highlight some of the great activities your students are participating in.

One of the first tasks that we are addressing as a faculty is creating detailed curriculum maps of the content we are teaching in our classes. As our school grows it will be important to allow teachers the means to communicate, and work together to produce the best educational experience possible for your students. These curriculum maps serve a few purposes. First, it gives us an indication as to what themes, skills, and content is being taught in our classes. Second, it helps us to make informed decisions in the future regarding quality instruction. Lastly, these curriculum maps can also be great ways to communicate to parents as to what content will be offered to your student over the duration of a course. We are hoping to have these maps done by the end of the year, and published to our website under the curriculum page.

Your students have been participating in great activities and classes lately. Last week, the level 2 science students were able to participate in an egg drop with the assistance of the Manchester Fire Department. Ms. Scantlebury will have more on that in her own blog. In some of the level 3 and level 4 history classes, your students were permitted and even encouraged to argue with their teachers. Of course, it was debating the various subject matter they have been learning in U.S. History. We as a staff are proud of what we are doing here, and are enjoying these early interactions.

Should you have any questions about curriculum, or what we are doing as a staff here at Founders, please contact me at c.kline@tfanh.org

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Kline
Humanities/Curriculum Coordinator
The Founders Academy

Sign Up for Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 10

Parent-teacher conferences are being held on **Thursday, November 10th, from 8:00AM to 3:30PM**. Please sign up here in ten minute increments with the teacher(s) you would like to meet. The full time teachers are arranged by last time here:

A-E: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-conferences>

F-H: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba5ae2da4fb6-parent>

K-S: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9aa23a1f94-conferences>

T-Y: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9a92aa6fb6-conferences>

Part-Time Teachers, and Mrs. Linda Blakeney: COMING SOON.

There are no classes on this day (November 10), so students do not come to school. If you cannot sign up with a teacher you wish to speak with (because the slots are full), please contact that teacher directly to arrange another time.

Please note: Part time teachers, and Mrs. Linda Blakeney have different hours, the link for their appointments is coming soon. Thank you.

In the Classroom

Future Leaders in Action



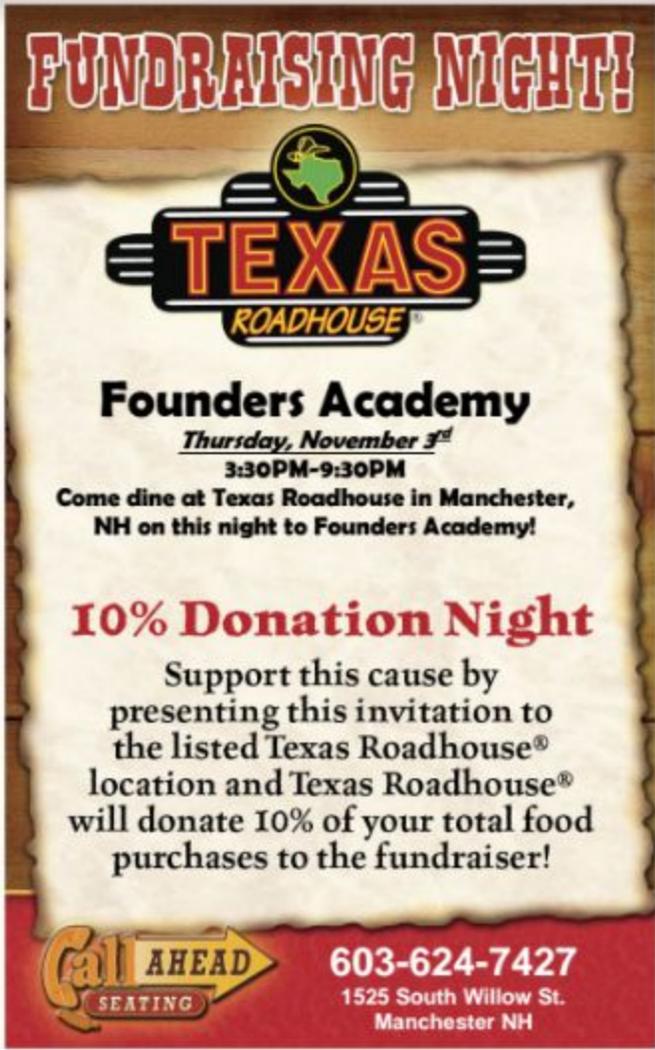
This week, The Founders Academy had the great honor of participating in the 9th Annual Northeast Delta Dental Leadership Summit in Concord, New Hampshire. The two day event involved five teams from four area schools. This year marked the first time ever that a public charter school was invited to participate.

The five student team consisted of ninth graders Lauren T. and Drew S., eighth graders Fiona H. and Jamie H. and seventh grader Sophia B.. The students were accompanied by their faculty advisor Mr. Mike Gaumont. The students learned valuable leadership skills from author John Jay Bonstingl. They collaborated with students from the other schools in attendance to create a list of leadership characteristics. They used those characteristics to craft a service project designed to make their already great school even better.

The two day event culminated with each group presenting their project proposals to local community leaders including Thomas Raffio, CEO of Northeast Delta Dental and Chairman of the State of New Hampshire Board of Education. The Founders Academy team had a strong showing and earned high praise from the board of experts as well as Professor Bonstingl. We look forward to seeing them take the next steps in implementing their project and passing on the leadership skills they've acquired.

Events

Texas Roadhouse Fundraising Night



FUNDRAISING NIGHT!

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Founders Academy
Thursday, November 3rd
3:30PM-9:30PM

Come dine at Texas Roadhouse in Manchester, NH on this night to Founders Academy!

10% Donation Night

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

Call AHEAD
SEATING

603-624-7427
1525 South Willow St.
Manchester NH

Fundraisers

Bird Seed Wreaths for Sale

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

Admissions

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

<https://appro.rediker.com/apwebonlinereg/index.aspx?schoolid=0075BFD66E3E4EA0A7C23AA580B0F762>

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.

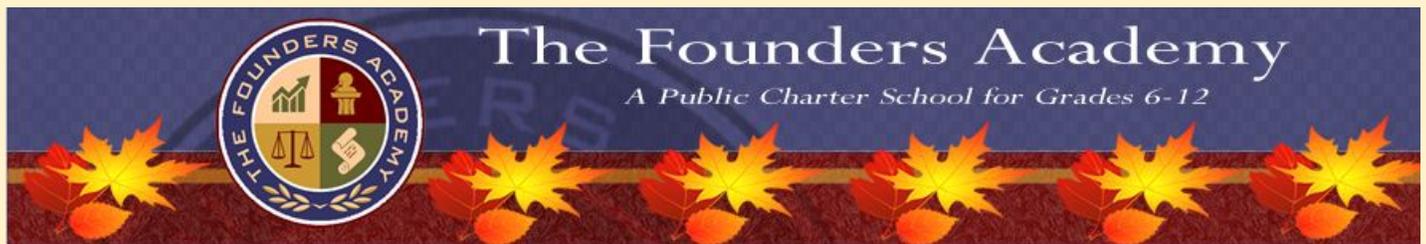
"Most Needed" Items at Founders: A few urgent requests

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

- Copier paper
- Scotch Tape
- Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner
- Wall/classroom clocks
- Cough drops
- Paper towels
- **LUNCHES AND SNACKS FOR FOOD PANTRY**
- Paper cups to heat water in
- Tissues
- **PLASTIC FORKS**
- AA batteries

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

Thank you very much!



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