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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Our teachers are keeping busy this summer. If you'd like to see what they've been up to since June, be sure to view the slide show called "What Have Teachers Been Doing Over the Summer 2017?" [here](#).

For those with scheduling questions, the Scheduling Committee will meet on Monday to review your concerns.

Department Chairmen Orientation is this Tuesday. The school year nears! Teacher Orientation is throughout the week of August 28. Both orientations are teacher coordinated and led. We continue to welcome the new faculty who are beyond excited to start the year. Additionally, we wish Dr. Yellin well as he pursues a new opportunity in education at a different school.

I was heartened to see so many interested attendees at last Wednesday's Board Meeting. A special thank you is extended to those parents, teachers and a student who spoke, as well as the volunteer Board Members who care so much for our school. It's amazing the hours that our teachers, volunteers, staff, students and parents contribute to make our school mission-centered.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## From the Assistant Director of Student Services: Student Services



### Student Services

Looking for information about college? Not sure what careers are out there? Just need general student services information? Then look no further! The Student Services department will have it's own page on the school's website soon. This web page will contain a variety of information related to student services with contact information, links to websites and more. Please be on the lookout for our new web page soon!

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services  
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## School News

### Solar Eclipse Viewing, by Ms. Scantlebury

#### Solar Eclipse Viewing

Monday, Aug. 21 the Earth will experience a total solar eclipse, which is when the moon completely covers the Sun's disc. This has not been experienced coast to coast in the US since 1918! In NH the eclipse will reach a maximum of 63% coverage of the sun at 2:45 pm.

From 1:30-3:30 come view the solar eclipse at Founders Academy! We will have 50 glasses to safely view this event.

You can learn more about the solar eclipse at: [eclipse2017.nasa.gov](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov)

Update Solar Eclipse 2017: The glasses are first come, first serve & no need to sign up in advance.

## Introduction: Natasha Hyde

Founders is pleased to welcome Ms. Natasha Hyde as a math teacher! Ms. Hyde will be a member of the Math and Science Department. Her office will be #171, and her email address is: [n.hyde@tfanh.org](mailto:n.hyde@tfanh.org). Welcome, Ms. Hyde!



B.A. Chemistry, Suffolk University

M.Ed., Southern New Hampshire University

My name is Natasha Hyde and I am excited to be teaching mathematics this year.

Following the completion of my bachelor's degree in chemistry in 2003, I worked as a chemist and veterinary nurse before becoming a stay-at-home mother to my identical twin daughters and a small business owner in 2009. I then completed my master's of education from Southern New Hampshire University.

Through my experiences and love of mathematics, science, and animals I have developed a teaching philosophy that includes project-based learning with real-world connections.

As a shy elementary student myself, I am passionate about creating a learning environment that provides experiences that build students' confidence and life long love of learning.

When I am not teaching math, I enjoy doing crafts and puzzles with my daughters, gardening, and tending to my flock of chickens.

I am excited to be a part of The Founder's Academy community and sharing my love of mathematics with my students. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

## Recommended Devices for Students, by: Ms. Marcotte

Recommended Devices for 2017/2018 for students BYOD: At The Founders Academy, we recommend that students have a personal devices to use to support academic learning across all content areas. Students are asked to access academic work digitally in Google Classroom on a regular basis. It is our recommendation that students have a base level Chromebook device to support their academic learning. Students can have a traditional laptop, however, the battery doesn't last a full school day and these are typically heavier to transport. In addition, they should also have a wired headset with recording capabilities to support their learning in computer science classes. The computer science department highly advises selecting one that has a battery life of 6 or more hours so it will last students through the school day.

If you have multiple children enrolled at the school we are recommending that each child have their own device to use. Please keep in mind the weight of the device when purchasing as your child will need to transport their device from each class in their bag along with their binders and textbooks.

This will run between \$130-\$200 for a new Chromebook from Amazon. If you shop around for sales, you can purchase them for less.

## Poets Laureate Wanted, by Ms. Mote

As students know, a Poet Laureate is an individual who is chosen to write a poem to honor a special occasion. The Founders Academy is looking for its own Poet Laureate to create a poem for the opening of the 2017-2018 school year. The Poet Laureate will be given the privilege of reciting their poem to the school in our first week of school activities.

Guidelines: The poem should be no longer than 20 lines and can be in any style except for shape poems. It should reflect upon the themes of the school and the occasion of the start of a new school year. Poems will be judged based on creativity, originality, and how closely they reflect the themes of the school. Submissions should be turned into Lauren Brouillette by email ( [lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org](mailto:lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org) ). The deadline for this competition is September 1, 2017.

## DonorsChoose for Drama Club

Dear Founders Community,

I want to let you know about a new DonorsChoose.org project that I have created for the supplies needed for our Drama Club!

In the words of one of our students: "Theater is very important in student lives because it gives them more confidence and self respect, which is a very important feature in a future leader." By contributing to our project you will be supporting these young actors and technicians as they practice important skills and grow in confidence which will stay with them throughout their school years and beyond!

Last year our high school theatre group advanced to the NHETG State Festival. We want to build on that experience to generate more growth for both our high school and our middle school! Donations of any size will help my kids. Your donation will brighten my students' school year, and you'll get heartfelt thank yous from the Founders Drama Club and photos of your gift in action.

Here's my classroom request:

[All the World's a Stage- Help Us Build It!](#)

If you know anyone who is passionate about education and the performing arts, please pass this along. My students and I greatly appreciate your support!

-Ms. Mote

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## Other News

### 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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