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Happy Friday!

Enjoy the long Winter Break (no school next week, February 25-March 1). I hope you can spend time together as a family and return to school refreshed in March.

Have a great break!

With gratitude,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

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Students learn about digital citizenship throughout computer science courses. In addition, they focus on development of apps, 3D printed models, and inquiry based iterative design which are all technology based entrepreneur skills.

~Ms. Marcotte, Chair of Business and Technology Department

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Congratulations to Students! The Second Quarter Honor Roll is now up on the website. See it here: [Honor Roll](#)

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Dear Founders Community,

Founders high school students attended an assembly Wednesday morning where they heard about changes to the morning routine (specifically, high school students will begin their day in the upper cafe and middle school students will begin their day in the lower cafe) which will begin on Monday March 4, when we return from break. They also heard about the updates to course scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year. High school students will be hearing more about this in their Round Tables. The changes mean that all high school students will have their schedules for next year prior to the end of this school year. Finally, student driver privileges were discussed and all student drivers were given new forms to fill out. Please check with your student and remind him or her to return the forms as soon as possible. If you have already paid for your parking permit and submitted the required insurance information, we just need the forms returned.

Here at Founders we have some amazing students. Every day I see examples of empathy and leadership, kindness and caring. Despite the overwhelmingly positive makeup of our student body, there are times we have to address disrespectful or unkind behavior. Our staff have been given guidance on how to prevent, identify, and respond to bullying. Parents play a role in the prevention, identification, and response to instances of bullying. Bullying is a significant act or pattern of incidents that involve written, verbal, or electronic communication, or a physical act or gesture directed toward an individual that physically harms the individual or property, causes emotional distress, interferes with education, creates a hostile environment, or disrupts the orderly operation of the organization. Bullying typically involves an imbalance (actual or perceived) of power or status between individuals and may be based on personal characteristics or beliefs.

This definition of bullying includes both behaviors that occur at school, during the school day, and outside of school but impact a student's education. Bullying taking place outside of school might include communication via email, chat, or social media. For more information about how adults can help, refer to [What You Can Do](#) on [stopbullying.gov](#). This may help you to start a conversation with your own child.

Founders Academy has a Bullying Policy that can be found in the handbook. According to this policy, a school administrator will handle allegations of bullying, investigating the situation, meeting with students (and parents) and providing serious and appropriate consequences when allegations are substantiated. Students, parents, and staff are urged to report instances of bullying or perceived bullying to administration as soon as possible to prevent further harm.

We can teach our children to treat each other with respect and dignity, and empower them to speak up when they or their friends are being bullied. As the adults in their lives, we send them a powerful message about how to treat each other by the interactions we have with each other, both in person and on social media. We must model appropriate interpersonal interactions if we expect the young people to do so.

There is an upcoming Parenting in the Digital Age workshop on Sunday March 24, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the meeting rooms at Sainte Marie Church 133 Wayne St., Manchester. In this workshop, parents will learn about the statistics & effects of pornography use and be taught how to have effective conversations with their children about what they may see online." It is open to all. If you are interested, see the links below.

The organization giving the seminars is:  
Integrity Restored <https://integrityrestored.com>

The link for the parents to register is this:  
<https://parentingthedigitalage.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions, concerns, or information you want to share, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,  
Paula Stewart, Director of Student Services  
[Paula.stewart@tfanh.org](mailto:Paula.stewart@tfanh.org)

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Dear Parents,

We will be entering our state-mandated standardized test season when we return from vacation. If your child is in 6th, 7th, 8th or 11th grade, they will be taking one or more standardized tests. We are required to administer the [SAS](#) test as well as the [College Board SAT](#). Please see the letter below, related to your child's grade level, for more information about the tests. For testing dates, please see the school's online calendar.

[Letter to 6th Grade Parents](#)

[Letter to 7th Grade Parents](#)

[Letter to 8th Grade Parents](#)

[Letter to 11th Grade Parents](#)

Mrs. Hayes

Director of Faculty and Chair of Standardized Test Subcommittee

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Junior meetings have begun! An email has been sent to all juniors to set up a time to meet with me to discuss senior year and beyond. We'll go over credits, course and post grad planning, NH Scholars requirements, SATs, etc. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these meetings! I'm looking forward to helping to plan for the future.

My email is [angela.parent@tfanh.org](mailto:angela.parent@tfanh.org).

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The next Calendar Raffle to benefit the school's Annual Fund is coming up soon. The raffle will be held April 1st thru April 30th with total cash prizes to be awarded of \$2,500. To make this fundraiser a huge success, we need all of our Founders families to get involved. Each student will be sent home with a packet containing a letter explaining the raffle and 10 raffle tickets to be sold or purchased. Tickets are \$10 each and the sales period goes through April 30, 2019. Beginning April 1st, one ticket will be drawn daily and the winner will be awarded that day's prize of \$50, \$100 or \$250. The great part is the winning ticket is re-entered into the drawing and is eligible to win all month long. Extra tickets (in multiples of 10) are available at the front desk to those willing and able to sell more. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 students who sell the most. Winners can be viewed online [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email Lauren Brouillette at [lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org](mailto:lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org).

Your support and participation is much appreciated!



**Calendar Raffle**  
**To Benefit: The Founders Academy**  
Public Charter School - 501 (c)(3) Charitable Org.  
5 Perimeter Road, Manchester NH 03103

**April 2019**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 \$250	2 \$50	3 \$50	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$100
7 \$100	8 \$250	9 \$50	10 \$50	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$100
14 \$100	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$100
21 \$100	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$100
28 \$100	29 \$50	30 \$250				

\$10.00 donation

**\*\*all winners will be re-entered into the raffle daily**

Winners will be posted daily at [www.thefoundersacademy.org](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org)

Winners will receive their winnings via check in the mail

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The PTSA is pleased to be taking over coordinating and putting on the dances. The first dance will be held on Friday, March 8th for the High School Students. It will be held from 7-9 PM we will be rolling out the Red Carpet with a Hollywood Theme. The cost will be \$5.00 and include a drink and a snack. We will also be offering digital photography.

The next dance will be planning is the Middle School Dance and it will be held on Friday, April 12th from 7-9.

We will be looking for parent volunteers to assist with the set up for the Dance on Friday, March 8th starting after school at 3:15. Students may stay after school that day as well to assist with setup. Please see me in order to sign up or pop an email to one of the members of the Dance Committee.

Penny Wars ran from February 4-15th and raised \$1,091. This money will be used for Field Day and Recess and PE Equipment. The winner of Penny Wars was Mr. Gaumont's round table and he was presented with the Lincoln Bust on Tuesday, 2/19/19.

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

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## Fundraiser

PARTNERSHIPS WITH A PURPOSE

**Wednesday, March 6th • 4pm-Close**

Present this to your server to have  
20% of your dinner bill donated to

**The Founders Academy**

**Parent Teacher Student Association**



**1037 Elm St, Manchester • (603)647-7717**

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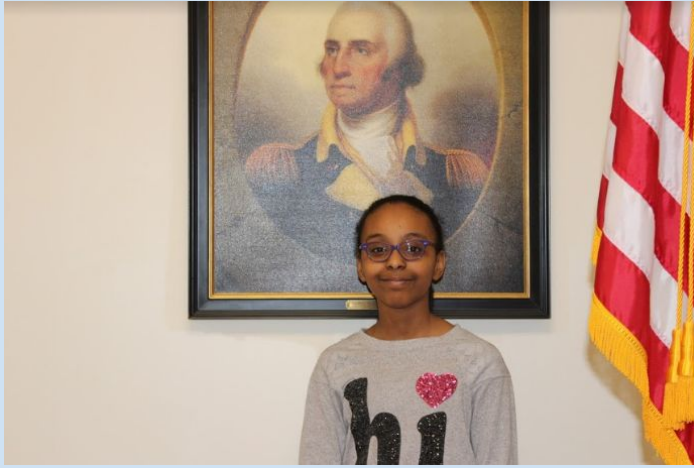
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Congratulations to Yara A. and Aidan M., our Middle School and High School students of the Second Quarter! Below are a few of their respective nominations.

Yara A. (Middle School)

"Yara is such an amazing person. She is very smart, fun, and sweet. She's a great friend and cares about others."

"She is a hard worker and helps people when they need help. She is very kind, loyal, and trustworthy. She is a leader."



Aidan M. (High School)

"Aidan is a very funny and entertaining person. He follows the code of conduct. Aidan is always helpful in our math class when I don't understand something. He is very confident and determined and doesn't let things people say get to him. He always tries his hardest in school and always has a good attitude about it."



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After a long battle, Mr. Gaumont's Round Table came out as the winners of the Penny Wars! His Round Table now houses the bronze "Lincoln Bust." Congratulations to all. Thank you to the PTSA and those that counted last Friday and Saturday!



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The Volunteer of the Month for February is Jennifer Nelson. Jennifer is a Founders' parent who substitute teaches at Founders, helps with PTSA and open houses. Wherever there is an opportunity to help Founders, she and her son Evan are there ready to help. Jennifer supports charter education and school choice. We are appreciative of all the time Jennifer and her family lends to Founders. Congratulations, Mrs. Nelson!



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"The Founders Academy Public Charter School is offering a program for its high school students to be recognized for volunteerism and exploration of their perspective careers. Students will record all activities on the provided 'Career Pathways and Community Engagement Log' which must be signed off by a supervisor. After or during participation students may be asked a few questions about the activities they completed and how it affected them. These questions will seek to gauge how effective the activities were to the student overall, and if there needs to be an adjustment in the future as well as giving students an opportunity to offer feedback on the program."

The complete Student/Parent Briefing Packet can be found on our website under "Students":  
<https://bit.ly/2BOM9Gv>



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Dear Parents,

My Round Table is gearing up for our next Exhibit Room display for March and April. The theme chosen by students is "Around the World."

We are looking for a variety of items from different cultures to create an "Around the World" display. Students are encouraged to bring in souvenirs from their past vacations, their upcoming trip over February Break or an item that represents their own family's heritage (or both!)

WHAT?: Items that represent different cultures from around the world

WHEN?: Items should be submitted by March 8th and will be kept until April Vacation

HOW?: Please have students label their items with their name AND the country/culture that their item is from

WHERE?: Items can be dropped off to Miss Brown in Room 148

You can send anyone with questions to me!

Thanks a bunch!

Best,

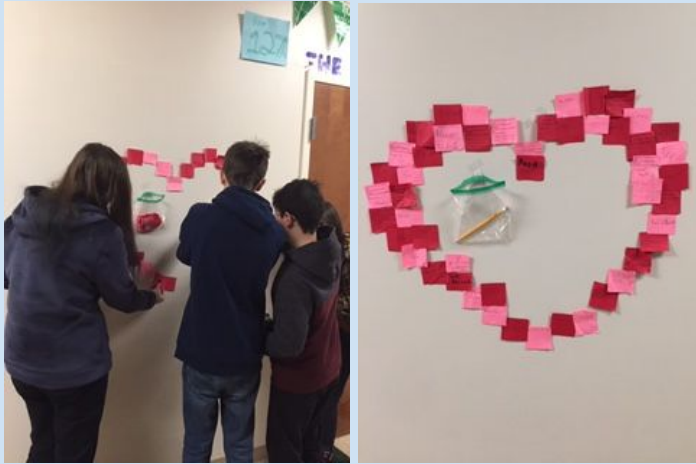
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The Random Acts of Kindness collected words of inspiration and made a heart on the wall. Students who wrote words were rewarded with a treat on Valentines Day.

~Mrs. Nichols



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On March 8th there will be a high school dance from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. It will be Hollywood themed; the colors will be silver, gold, white, and black. Admission will cost \$5.00 and will include photography, one drink, and one snack. Other refreshments will be offered for additional cost.

There is also an upcoming middle school dance on April 12th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

If you are interested in assisting in the planning of either of these events please reach out to either Rachel S. ([rachel.sanville@tfanh.org](mailto:rachel.sanville@tfanh.org)) or Allison O. ([allison.ouellette@tfanh.org](mailto:allison.ouellette@tfanh.org)).

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Our Yearbook Committee is working hard on putting out a great one this year! They are available to order!

Capture Your Memories in This Year's  
The Founders Academy  
Yearbook

Customize Your 2 Page Pages  
- Add photos, quotes and captions, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.  
- Choose the design (colorful, black & white, etc.)  
- The 2-page pages are 11x14 and are priced at \$12.99 each. Add shipping and handling for \$2.99 (total \$15.98).

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook  
Visit the yearbook website: [www.foundersacademy.org/yearbook](http://www.foundersacademy.org/yearbook)  
or call 800-848-8484  
Pricing: \$12.99  
Deadline: April 15

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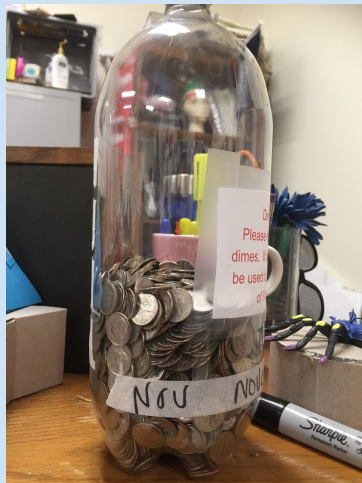
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Well the Dimes are adding up. We have filled the bottle 1/3 of the way and we didn't start until October. I think we can fill it by the end of the year. Bring in your dimes to fill the bottle. The funds will go to Random Acts of Kindness. Thank you.

Ms. Nichols



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Founders relies heavily on donations for some of our essential items needed around the school. Below are the most needed at this time:

Non-perishable chips/snacks and lunch items for the food pantry

Cup Noodles

Tissue Boxes

Paper Towels

Forks/spoons

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**Sewing Club Most Wanted Items:**

Thank you for your continued support. We are in need of small and large storage bins to help stay organized. Please check out [Sewing Club's Most Wanted Items](#). We are SEW happy for your support!

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Mrs. Fortier's Art Class Most Needed Items:

- \* **Rolling Pins**
- \* Empty Talenti or Sorbeto containers
- \* Hydrogen peroxide cleaning spray
- \* **Step-Ladder**



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Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers and study hall monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Lauren Brouillette at 603.952.4705 or [lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org](mailto:lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org) for more information.

