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From the Dean of School



Happy Summer!

Summer is a great time to catch up on reading. Here is my recommended reading list this year with an emphasis on rereading some classics:

- Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass, by Lewis Carroll
- The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris, by David McCullough

The "Moving Wall" is currently at Souhegan High School (24 hours a day at 412 Boston Post Road in Amherst) until July 23 at 8AM. This wall is a replica of the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#) in Washington, DC containing the 58,000 names who gave their lives for freedom. This dramatic exhibit is a great way to pay tribute to our fallen Veterans. See the website for more information here: <https://movingwallnh.org/>

I hope that you continue to have a great summer.

With gratitude,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Board of Trustees

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is August 15, 2018 at 5:30 PM. We hope to see returning and new families there! If you have any questions for the board please email clerk@tfanh.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

From the Assistant Director of Curriculum

Dear Parents,

In the last couple of weeks, we have posted summer assignments for History, English, and Math. For some of you, this is a new concept in which the school asks your student to complete work over the summer, outside of their regular courses. As a school community, we believe that learning is a lifelong, and continual process. It is also something that should not only be done between the months of September to June. We have found that students who engage in reading, numeracy, and other forms of continuing education in the summer, are far better prepared for the entire school year. I strongly encourage you to have your student do their summer work (as it is required) but also encourage them to pick up a book, do some basic math problems on occasion, and keep their

brains active throughout the summer. If you have any questions, or are looking for suggestions, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Mr. Chris Kline
Humanities Department Chair/Assistant Director of Curriculum
Email: c.kline@tfanh.org

Summer Assignments 2018

Summer assignments in Humanities and high school math are posted now. Please review each of your summer assignments for this fall. Don't forget to plan your time accordingly so you will not rush to hastily complete your work! Please contact Mr. Kline at c.kline@tfanh.org with questions. Thank you!

Summer Assignments are online at this site: "[summer assignments](#)".

School News

Geography Bee Plaque Presentation

Each year The Founders Academy hosts the National Geographic Geography Bee for students in grades 6-8. Our school winner in both 2017 and 2018 was Jackson Huot, who subsequently represented the school at the state competition each year. Remarkably, Jackson was the victor as a 6th grader and again as a 7th grader, competing against all middle school students. He and his parents, Tom and Stephanie, joined Mr. Van Ewyk for the presentation of a special plaque that will hang in the school's front office.



What Teachers Are Doing Over the Summer - Ms. Marcotte

Our teachers have been busy over the summer. The week after school got out Ms. Marcotte headed to Kansas City to grade AP exams with the college board for 9 days. During this time she became an expert on the Explore project for the Computer Science Principles exam performance task as she graded over 500 of the 75,000 responses for this exam. As a result of this experience, Ms. Marcotte has made wonderful connections with computer science teachers from across the country and has a better understanding of what the College Board raters for exam questions look for.

Middle School Yearbooks - Pick Up

The Middle School Yearbooks are in! Please plan to pick up your pre-purchased edition at the front desk on Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9-3pm.

Thank you!

Coming Soon: PTSA to host School Supply Drop Off

The PTSA is planning an "Operation Drop Off" for parents/guardians/friends to drop off much-needed school supplies at Founders. More details to come on items needed but the dates/times are:

Friday, August 24 - 5pm-8pm

Saturday, August 25 - 9am-12pm

New Student Orientation 2018

All Orientations for new students will take place on **Wednesday, August 29th**.

6th Grade Orientation will take place from 8:30AM - 11:30PM.

7th-12th Grade Orientation (for new students only) will take place from 12:00PM - 3:00PM.

This and other important events can be seen on our website calendar:

<http://thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

Parent/Teacher Business Spotlight Feature

Stone and Fire Pizza

NOTE: Please know that Founders would like to regularly feature the businesses of Founders' parents/guardians and teachers. If you would like your business featured, please email lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org with information. Founders' theme of entrepreneurship and the promotion of family businesses is important!

This week's feature: **Stone and Fire Pizza**

Kim Galambos (formerly Scantlebury) and Matt Galambos are the owners and operators of Stone & Fire Pizza. Stone & Fire is a mobile wood-fired pizza catering company based in Merrimack. We use the highest quality ingredients and cook our pizzas on-site at your event. With our two wood-fired ovens, imported from Italy and France, we have a fun catering solution for any gathering. Whether it's a small backyard party or a huge occasion, we can help make it more memorable and unique. It's not just great pizza, it's an experience! You can check us out at stoneandfirepizza.com and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



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Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Ms. Mote's Donors Choose: Getting Technical with Theatre!

My students need tools and resources (headsets, monitors and theater books) to improve their technical theatre experience in lighting and backstage communication!

[Getting Technical with Theatre!](#)

Ms. Fortier's Donors Choose - There's a Smock for That!

Ms. Fortier is looking for aprons in the Art Department for students to "fearlessly and messily create!"

Donate here:

https://www.donorschoose.org/project/theres-a-smock-for-that/3416071/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=sendFriend&utm_campaign=tpc_complete&utm_term=teacher_3912412&rf=sendFriend-dc-2018-07-tpc_complete-teacher_3912412&challengeid=20846896

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Robotics Exploration

My students need robotics kits to explore autonomous robotics through real-world inquiry of computer science principles in a tangible hands-on method.

Donate here:

https://www.donorschoose.org/project/robotics-exploration/3391482/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=sendFriend&utm_campaign=tpc_complete&utm_term=teacher_2955581&rf=sendFriend-dc-2018-07-tpc_complete-teacher_2955581&challengeid=20593531

Other

School Calendar

Regularly check the school calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

Grid format: <http://thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2018%20-%2019%20School%20Calendar>

NOTE: Dates are continuously added and possibly changed throughout the year. Please check the online school calendar regularly.

Founders on Social Media!

Be sure to follow Founders on **Facebook** here:



Founders' Facebook **Carpooling** Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Founders' Facebook **Volunteering** Parents Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1527282857342512/>

Be sure to follow Founders on **Twitter** here:



Check out Founders **Youtube** Channel here:





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