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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

This past Wednesday, the Student Veterans Affairs Committee hosted a great assembly for Veterans Day. **Ms. Marcotte** and **Mr. Kline** advised the students, and **Mrs. Cormier** led the Chamber Choir in a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. A great Founders' tribute to all Veterans.

Yesterday, parent/teacher conferences were in full swing. Simultaneous with those conferences was a teacher appreciation breakfast/snack buffet provided by volunteer parents. THANK YOU to our fabulous teachers and volunteers!

Have a great, long weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

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

Students in History 3 and 4 will be taking their end of quarter assessments. Students will also spend some time discussing the honor due our veterans, as we will celebrate Veterans' Day at the school on Wednesday. I hope students are able to celebrate Veterans' in their own communities in some way on Friday, and I will be sure to mention the election and its outcome to the students along the way!

Veterans Day Assembly

This past Wednesday, November 9th, Founders had a Veterans Day Assembly hosted by the Student Veterans Affairs Committee, advised by Ms. Marcotte and Mr. Kline. Our Chorus teacher, Mrs. Cormier, also let the chamber choir in a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Students invited their family members who are veterans to attend, and we had a great turnout! Thank you to all those who have served our country!



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

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

- COPIER PAPER
- Scotch Tape

- Paper towels
- Lunches and snacks for the food pantry

- Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner
- Cough drops

- Tissues

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

Thank you very much!

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations our Teacher of the Month for October, Michael Gaumont!



“I am standing before you all today to announce the October Teacher of the Month. As you may know, each month we recognize a teacher that has shown outstanding leadership qualities in the classroom as well as through school activities. This teacher is inspiring and makes learning fun which encourages my classmates and I to try harder at our assignments. This teacher also brought five students to Concord, NH for a leadership summit. Additionally, this teacher is also very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about his subject. And, did I mention, he likes the Boston Bruins? I am proud to announce the Teacher of the Month: Mr. Gaumont!”

~ Fiona H.

Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to our Students of the First Quarter, Deanna M. and Rachel S.! This year, we have one for Middle School and one for High School. First is Middle School, Deanna M.:

“She is smart, kind, and never gets in trouble. She is always helpful and will stand up to bullying. I think Deanna M. should be student of the quarter.

She is a high spirited, upstanding student. She does many deeds for our school. If she sees someone sitting alone, she’ll sit with them and be their friend. Deanna is a loyal friend and deserves to be recognized for what she does.

She behaves in class and always raises her hand. She has good sportsmanship. She shows herself as a great leader.

She is hardworking, nice, helpful, funny and much more. She is a really good friend and she’s always been nice to me.

I nominate Deanna because she is always respectful, kind, and responsible. Deanna always seems to include everyone and is never rude.



She once sat with me instead of her friends because I was alone. She always smiles at me and says hello, and that brightens my day.”

Next is High School, Rachel S.:

“Because of blue. Blue means when people don’t want to talk about something, they say blue. That means we completely drop it. She is also very respectful, helpful and thoughtful, polite, responsible, and makes everyone feel safe, happy, and secure.

She is always supportive and is willing to help everybody.

I had a broken necklace that was really important to me. She was very considerate and replaced it. I have also witnessed her comforting other students when they were in need.”



Admissions Information Night - November 17

On Thursday, November 17, 2016, Founders Academy will have an Admissions Information Evening to learn more about our school and have a tour. The evening starts at 6:00pm. Prospective students and families are welcome!

Applications are now open for academic year 2017. Applications can be found at this [web page](#).

See you on the 17th!

Art Supplies Needed

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)

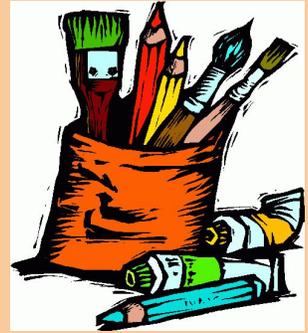
Bottles of Tempera paint (red, white, blue, yellow, black, brown, purple)

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

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Food Order Forms Now Available

Order forms for Pizza Monday and Fun Food Friday are available for the months of November and December. Forms can be printed from the parent drop down on our website under [forms](#).

From Ms. McInnis, Guidance Counselor: Social Media

Dear parents/guardians of students of The Founders Academy,

Living in a digital age has brought about many positive and once unfathomable changes to the way we live and work together each day. We are now constantly connected as a true global society through a variety of outlets including the internet and social media. Every individual, from young children all the way to grandparents who had never before touched a computer now interact through this instant means of communication.

As with all things our children become involved with, we must be watchful, especially when the boundaries are so open and what is available to them is so accessible. Adults must practice particular and careful vigilance as their adolescent children become engaged in social media use. In some instances, young people are unable to maintain proper boundaries, filters, and dialogue when engaging with their peers on various social media sites. Cyberbullying is a genuine and serious issue that occurs regularly and commonly leads to investigations performed by school administration as well as law enforcement. Cyberbullying has been defined by the federal government website www.stopbullying.gov as, "...Bullying that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones,

computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites." The website lists examples of cyberbullying, including "...mean text messages or emails, rumors sent by email or posted on social networking sites, and embarrassing pictures, videos, websites, or fake profiles." As a result of cyberbullying, victims often begin to:

- Use alcohol and drugs
- Skip school
- Experience in-person bullying
- Be unwilling to attend school
- Receive poor grades
- Have lower self-esteem
- Have more health problems

www.stopbullying.gov

Adults can actively help prevent cyberbullying from occurring. Continuing to be engaged and involved in all aspects of a child's life, especially their use of social media, is crucial. As listed on www.stopbullying.gov, adults are encouraged to be aware of what their children are doing online, to establish rules about technology use, and to understand school policies regarding bullying. This continued vigilance, increased awareness and involvement, and open dialogue with young people will help educate them about online safety and empower them to make informed and safe decisions when utilizing it.

Events

Food Drive

The Random Acts of Kindness Committee is organizing Founders Academy Annual Food Drive to benefit the Liberty House. The Liberty House provides safe, supportive, substance free housing community for American veterans transitioning out of homelessness in Manchester. Please bring in non perishable items from **November 7 - 18**. Thank you for your support!

Fundraisers

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

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.

New Donors Choose Project (FULLY FUNDED - THANK YOU!!)

I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so I just created a request for my classroom at DonorsChoose.org: [Chiseling Our Way to Printmaking](#).

*Give to my classroom by **November 7** and your donation will be doubled thanks to DonorsChoose.org. Just enter the code **LIFTOFF** on the payment page and you'll be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50).*

If you chip in to help my students, you'll get awesome photos and our heartfelt thanks.

*Thanks so much,
Jennifer Fortier, Art Teacher*

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my classroom, please pass this along!

Other News

Admissions

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

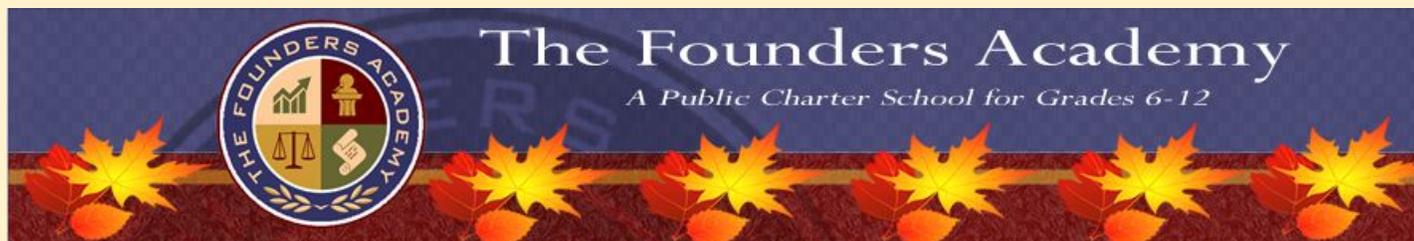
<https://appro.rediker.com/apwebonlinereg/index.aspx?schoolid=0075BFD66E3E4EA0A7C23AA580B0F762>

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.



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