



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

I hope you had a great Spring Break and are now ready to complete the school year!

This morning there was a continental breakfast for teachers as this is TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. At Founders, we consider every week TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.

With growth comes expansion of our faculty. In fact, we are right on target with projections for new faculty positions and enrollment for next year. Each year the piles of resumes from applicant teachers grows taller and taller. We have been busy interviewing and observing guest teaching to add to current staff in the 2017-2018 school year. Please be aware that each month I deliver a "Dean's Report" which makes it into the Board of Trustees' minutes found online [here](#). It is another interesting read related to our great school and its growth.

Please remember that the **parent/guardian survey** which was emailed earlier this week must be filled out by May 12th. We appreciate your input, feedback and suggestions.

See you at the **Spring Fling tomorrow (5/6/17) from 10-2pm**. The students and advisers have worked very hard on this event!

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

NECAP Test in Science

8th graders are taking the NECAP Science standardized test. Dates are **May 9, 10, and 11** at various times. For more info visit this link: <http://education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/>.

For questions and more information, please contact the test coordinator Ms. Griffin at k.griffin@tfanh.org.

Teacher Sets Sail on Gulf of Mexico Research Cruise

Science teacher Kimberly Scantlebury has been accepted to the prestigious NOAA Teacher at Sea Program. The program provides teachers hands-on, real-world research experience working at sea with world-renowned NOAA scientists, thereby giving them unique insight into oceanic and atmospheric research crucial to the nation. She is spending two weeks in May aboard the research vessel Pisces as a science crew member with the SEAMAP Reef Fish Survey while also creating educational material for the United States. This is also a fantastic opportunity for Founders Academy to gain National exposure. Ms. Scantlebury will participate in this professional development from May 1-12, 2017. In her place, Ms. Ames is covering her classes.



Teacher of the Month - Ms. Mote



This month's teacher of the month is one of the most deserving of the title. Ms. Mote has been a great teacher to students all month, maintaining her patient mindset to help students in their academic excellence, and teaching us new terms every week. She is dedicated to her work and makes the learning experience fun. As many of you probably already know, she is also the theater director and is definitely deserving of the position, as she had been in numerous plays both onstage and backstage throughout her school years. Ms. Mote devotes hours of her time after school, before school, and even one weekend to our theater program. She constructs entire castles for fun and creates homes as a pastime. For every single play The Founders Academy pulls off, she is right there in the middle of it. Just recently, her devotion to the high school plays Little Women had caused the play to go to states at a drama festival. From all that she does, Ms. Mote really is an excellent teacher, and director. Her amazing abilities, from teaching, directing, and being able to drink coffee slowly put Ms. Mote up as an overly deserving candidate for teacher of the month.

- Trent M.

Upcoming High School Drama Club Production: Little Women

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The Founders Academy High School Drama Club's award-winning production of Little Women is coming soon!

The time has finally arrived for our High School Drama Club production! Come and see this adaptation of the classic story of "Little Women."

Performances will be at the Derry Opera House on Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th at 7:00 PM. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students (18 and under). Purchase at the door or fill out [this form](#) to reserve your tickets now. We hope to see you there!

Semi-Formal Dance by Mrs. Roy

The semi formal dance will be Friday May 12th 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The admission to the dance is \$5.00, which also includes a snack and a water. Formal dress is preferred but not mandatory. Please see the school handbook for dress code rules for the dances. We will also have a free unlimited photo booth for the kids during the dance! A fun time to be had by all!

-Mrs. Roy and Dance Committee

From A Founders' Parent- Angie Forest

Hello fellow parents! My name is Angie and I have a child in 7th grade here at Founders. Along with my good friend Melanie who has a child in 6th grade, we are curious if there are other parents out there like us?

Being involved in our children's school is important. Understanding how healthy the school is (financial and enrollment), having input as processes are developed and sharing in our parenting experiences allows us to play a role in the success of our school and ultimately our students.

Are you interested in getting more involved? Are you a parent who'd like to play a role in assisting administration and faculty as they develop Founders into the best school it can be? Let us know! We want parent feedback so we know the best next step to take in developing this informal group.

Send your emails to angie.forest@tfanh.org.

Kindly,
Angie Forest & Melanie Lord

Volunteer of the Month - Mrs. Burke

Mrs. Burke is Volunteer of the Month for April.

"She is a very dedicated woman to volunteering for The Founders Academy. Mrs. Burke has been volunteering to support The Founders Academy mission. Every Friday she sacrifices her own time to volunteer here at The Founders Academy. We are proud to announce that Mrs. Burke is the volunteer of April, 'We are very proud of our Mother, to be the volunteer of the month.' - says Mrs. Burke's kids Patrick and Olivia. Thank You Mrs. Burke."

-Patrick B.



8th Grade Painted Chair Project

Mrs. Strub's 8th grade students will be working on a fabulous artist inspired painted chair project. Each student will research an artist or artists that they will be inspired by in transforming an old discarded chair into a beautiful piece of Art!

We are looking for wooden chairs that you no longer want to be donated for this project. If anyone is Spring cleaning and would like to donate chairs, we would love to take them off your hands! Mrs. Strub has 12 students in her 8th grade class. If you need assistance in transporting the chairs to school, please email Mrs. Strub (t.strub@tfanh.org) and she can pick them up.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair - June 2 (with vouchers)

Start your summer reading list shopping at The Founders Academy Barnes & Noble Book Fair, **Friday, June 2, 2017**. Shop either at the Manchester Barnes and Noble Store (1741 South Willow Street, Manchester) or online at BarnesandNoble.com. Please tell them you are a part of The Founders Academy Book Fair. A percentage of the net proceeds will be donated to Founders. At checkout please give the cashier The Founders Academy code 12143681.

Follow this link to access the vouchers you will also need to present at checkout:

<http://bit.ly/2qozIN4>

Thank you.

Spelling Bee/History Bee Updates

Both the Spelling Bee and History Bee will be held on **Wednesday, May 24th**. the Spelling Bee is open to middle school students only. The History Bee will have middle school and high school divisions. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place finishers.

Please see Mr. Van Ewyk for more information and registration.

Thank you!

Events

Spring Fling - May 6

The Round Tables are busy planning a “Spring Fling” for **Saturday, May 6, 2017!** Be sure to come on Saturday, May 6th from 10am-2pm here at Founders for a day of FUN.

Multiple games and booths will be available to try including:

- Karaoke
- Face Painting
- Dodge Ball
- Tape a Teacher
- 3D Ring Toss
- Petting Zoo
- Basketball Tournament
- Cake Walk
- Ladder Golf
- Fortune Telling
- Minute-to-Win Games
- Lego Models
- Bottle and Balloon Games
- And much more!

The Round Tables, their advisers and the Spring Fling Student Committee along with Mrs. Humphrey have put tremendous effort into this fundraising event. Please plan on attending bring your friends and family!

Please consider volunteering for this occasion! If you are able to help volunteer, please contact Mrs. Humphrey at: patty.humphrey@tfanh.org. Please mark your calendars early! Thank you!



High School Information Night - May 22 by Mr. Kline

Dear Parents,

We will be having a High School information night on **May 22nd at 6:30 pm**. The instructors for upcoming electives, and **dual credit course** for 2017-2018 will be present and offering short presentations in their rooms. The instructors will be specifically detailing the content and themes that will be covered in those classes and allow for time to take questions from you as parents. Next week we will send out a much more detailed itinerary of the evening, and we look forward to seeing you here at Founders on the 22nd.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kline

Summer Academy 2017

Founders Academy is once again offering Summer Camps during the month of July!



We currently have over 16 offerings including academic, leadership, art and musical theater. There is truly something for everyone! The camps are open to any students so have your children invite their friends to come with them!

Camps will be held the weeks of July 10th and July 17th. There is a morning session from 9 - 12:30 and an afternoon session from 1-4:30. For full description and details on how to register please go to thefoundersacademy.org. Choose the link to summer camp under the 'student' tab in the main menu, or cut and paste link below. (<http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=1375149>). This is a great way for your students to reinforce learning over the summer or try a new area of interest. It is also an opportunity for new students to experience being at the school and make new friends before the start of the school year. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Henry at j.henry@fanh.org.

Link to the Summer Academy information web page:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/summer_camp_program

Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

Final Outreach Meeting of the School Year - May 11

Hello Parents:

Its hard to believe that the year is almost done, with only 6 more weeks of school left, the Outreach Committee is having its final meeting on **Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 pm** at the school. This meeting is very important to attend so that you can help plan next year's school fundraising events and we are in need of many volunteers to help organize, plan and chair various events.

All parents are welcome both current and new families to the school. The school needs your support through giving of your time and building community.

If you have any questions, or can't make the meeting but want to help, please feel free to contact me via email at brenda.lombardozzi@tfanh.org

Thank you for all of your support this year!

Regards,

Brenda Lombardozzi
Parent and Board Member

Other News

"Most Needed" Items at Founders

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

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| - Scotch Tape | - Paper towels |
| - Band-aids of all sizes | - lunches and snacks for the food pantry* |
| - White-out | - tissues* |
| - Disinfectant Wipes | - disinfectant wipes |
| - medical tape | - plastic spoons/forks |
| - Copy Paper* | - disinfectant/cleaning solution |

Please continue to monitor this web page of items too!:

<http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=13492624>

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

Thank you very much!

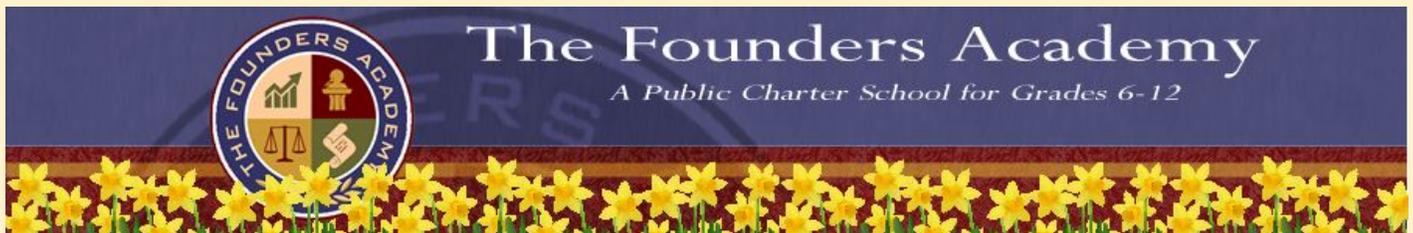
Food Order Forms

Pizza and Fun Food Friday Order forms for **May 2017** are available on the website under the parent drop down. If there is no school due to inclement weather on a Monday, pizza will be provided on Tuesday. Thank you for your support. Forms web page: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/forms>

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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