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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Today's assembly was the kick off to the food drive for Liberty House. Please send canned goods to school with your students between November 7 - 18.

I want to congratulate **Deanna M.** and **Rachel S.** on being Students of the Quarter; and **Mr. Gaumont** for Teacher of the Month of October! More features on them to come.

The first quarter ends today and report cards are scheduled to go out on November 14.

If you are stopping at Staples this weekend, please pick up an extra ream of copier paper for Founders as we are extremely low now.

There is lots to read in today's newsletter edition. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

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

History 3:

This week students will continue their study of the American Revolution. They read Common Sense last week, and this week the class will analyze that primary source more closely. Also, students will create a timeline of the causes to grasp the cause and effect relationships from event to event as the colonies made the collective decision to pursue independence. Students will also begin preparing for the End of Quarter Assessment.

History 4:

This week students will watch the Ken Burns documentary "The Civil War," and the class will discuss how photography affected the war and the public. We will also read and analyze Lincoln's House Divided Speech. Students will also begin preparing for the End of Quarter Assessment.

Student Raises Funds for Music Department



Zoe B. participated in the craft fair we had at the school on October 22. She set up a donation table to raise money for the music department to help buy sheet music. Over the course of the day she raised over \$100.

We would like to thank Zoe for her time and effort to help the music department, it is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Zoe!

FIRST Tech Challenge Team Scrimmage

The Founders Academy FIRST Tech Challenge team competed in their very first scrimmage last Saturday at UNH Manchester. During the morning workshops the team was inspired to finish off their design with a "particle" harvester which successfully scored points into the corner goal during their matches. The team is looking forward to their next event on November 19, which also happens to be the day that the school's two FIRST Lego League teams will be competing in their qualification tournament at Hillside School in Manchester. The FTC team will work until February to prepare for the NH State Tournament. For more information on cheering our teams on email first@tfanh.org. Good Luck to our teams.



Welcoming New Faculty: Nathan Manna



Please join us in offering a warm welcome to our newest math teacher, Mr. Nathan Manna! He begins teaching at Founders on November 14.

Mr. Nathan Manna comes to the Founders Academy after completing a four year degree at New England College, where he studied Secondary Mathematics Education. He completed his first year of teaching at Bow High School, teaching Algebra I and Geometry courses. Mr. Manna has had several years of experience at Weare Middle School and has enjoyed working with students in the middle school age group ever since his teaching career began.

Mr. Manna enjoys creating interactive math games; but when he is not teaching he likes to play and coach soccer, hike, snowboard, and spend time with family and friends. He is excited to begin this journey at The Founders Academy and hopes to create a dynamic learning experience for all students.

He can be reached at n.manna@tfanh.org.

Welcoming New Faculty: Traci Strub



Please join us in welcoming our new part-time art substitute, Mrs. Traci Strub!

Mrs. Strub is excited about beginning to teach Art at The Founders Academy. Her experience includes teaching Art for eight years to 6, 7, and 8th grade students in Derry, NH. While there, Mrs. Strub served as the Unified Arts Team Coordinator, ran the after school Art Club, was a teacher mentor, stage crew director, coach for the boys track and field team, along with serving on a variety of school committees.

Last year, Mrs. Strub entered back into the world of education, after taking time off to be a stay at home mother for her two daughters. She worked at Windham Middle School as an IA for students in the 7th grade.

Mrs. Strub's philosophy of teaching Middle School Art is that every student can benefit from exploring the world of Art. The middle school years are the perfect time to learn techniques to constructively critique artwork. Students can acquire ways to become insightful observers of Art, learn how it connects with different time periods and is influenced by historical events. But, most importantly, Art should be celebrated as something that can invoke emotion, express our feelings, and a tool to connect us with each other.

Mrs. Strub is currently working on reactivating her NH certifications in both Elementary Ed and Art Education. She enjoys taking classes at The Currier Museum of Art and educational workshops at UNH, Manchester. Mrs. Strub lives in NH with her husband, two wonderful daughters, their adorable Jack Russell named Calli and Luna the goldfish. She loves going to the beach with her family, trying new foods and listening to a wide variety of music.

She can be reached at t.strub@tfanh.org.

Sign Up for Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 10

Parent-teacher conferences are being held on **Thursday, November 10th, from 8:00AM to 3:30PM**. Please sign up here in ten minute increments with the teacher(s) you would like to meet. The full time teachers are arranged by last time here:

A-E: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-conferences>

F-H: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba5ae2da4fb6-parent>

K-S: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9aa23a1f94-conferences>

T-Y: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9a92aa6fb6-conferences>

Mrs. Linda Blakeney: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-linda>

Part-Time - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9a92aa6fb6-aathun>

There are no classes on this day (November 10), so students do not come to school. If you cannot sign up with a teacher you wish to speak with (because the slots are full), please contact that teacher directly to arrange another time.

Please note: Part time teachers, and Mrs. Linda Blakeney have different hours, the link for their appointments is coming soon. Thank you.

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!

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](#).

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

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

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!

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Thank you for all the help and support you give us! We are truly grateful to our wonderful community.

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.

"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
- Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner
- Wall/classroom clocks
- Cough drops

- Paper towels

- Lunches and snacks for the food pantry
- Paper cups to heat water in
- Tissues
- Plastic forks
- AA batteries

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

Thank you very much!



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