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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Good luck to the students at the annual "Great East Festival" today! The students and chaperones are so happy when this event comes around.

This morning, Mr. Theriaque's Round Table led a moment of silence for Memorial Day. The text is contained in this newsletter.

There is no school on Monday in order to observe Memorial Day. Let's remember the men and women of the U.S. Military, now deceased, who have gallantly served our nation. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

With gratitude,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will hold the annual organization meeting on June 20, 2018. Please watch the calendar for public meetings to be held for the Personnel Committee and Policy Committee. Several committees may meet during the summer and the date and time will be posted on the school calendar. The email to contact the board is clerk@tfanh.org.

School News

Memorial Day Moment of Silence

This was read Friday morning during Round Table by student Keyshaun S., a member of Mr. Theriaque's Round Table:

Good Morning,

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The date of [Decoration Day](#), as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the Uniform **Monday** Holiday Act, which **moved** four holidays, including **Memorial Day**, from their traditional dates to a specified **Monday** in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. ¹

This year, Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29th. Now a federal holiday, it has expanded to remember all those brave men and women in the United State Military who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

On Memorial Day, parades, grave decorations, and other ceremonies take place to remember our American heroes. A wreath is placed by the President or Vice President of the United States at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. ²

I ask you to stand now for a moment of silence.

Thank you and may all our deceased veterans rest in peace.

Citations:

1. <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>
2. Dean Maureen Mooney, The Founders Academy

Step-Up Ceremony:

The 8th Grade Step-Up is on **June 1st at 5 o'clock PM**. See you there! Please contact Mrs. Goodrich-Bundy with questions.

Teacher of the Month - May

Mrs. Hyde is the Teacher of the Month for May. Mrs. Hyde is teaching in her first year at Founders. She is dedicated to math and her students. When she arrived at Founders, she "hit the ground running" by preparing her classroom and lessons for the school year. Students are fortunate to have Mrs. Hyde here. Congratulations, Mrs. Hyde!



"Peter Pan"

This was a big year for our Middle School Drama Club! Most of last year's MSDC consisted of 8th grade students, so I knew this would be a year of recruiting and building. We have had about 30 new Middle School students involved in Drama Club through either acting or technical work, which is a huge number! It also means we've spent most of our time training and building up these students new to our productions, which was a great way to get my High School leaders involved! With all of the interest we drew at all of the Admissions Open House nights, I can only imagine that we will continue to see huge growth in our MSDC!

Thank you for your support of our Drama Club. I am sad/relieved to see our Drama season come to a close, but look forward to seeing what we will be able to offer next year!

-Kate







STEM Fair: June 1st

Friday, June 1 the STEM Fair will be on display from 8:15-2:15 in the lower cafeteria. Students in Science Levels 1, 2, and 3 have been working hard for months on their experiment or research projects and are excited to share their work with you!

Please contact Kim Scantlebury with any questions (k.scantlebury@tfanh.org).

Middle School Yearbook Ordering Info

Hello! You can easily purchase your The Founders Academy (MS) yearbook directly online.

Here are a few reasons we chose TreeRing: * TreeRing plants a tree in our school's name when you purchase a book. * All yearbooks are gorgeously printed in full color on recycled paper. * Ease of purchasing online or via iPhone/Android apps.

PLEASE NOTE: * Your yearbook only costs \$15.83. * You'll need to purchase by **TODAY, May 25**. Get started by clicking on this link:

<http://www.treering.com/purchase?Passcode=1015266444493125> Enjoy putting your year in The Founders Academy (MS) yearbook. All payments go through the website.

Thanks, Joanna Marcotte

P.S. If you need help, please contact support@treering.com

Club Feature: Founders Foundations

Founders Foundations is a Community Service Club at Founders that volunteers in the surrounding community. Below are some pictures from their first event at ROCA KIDZ CLUB in Manchester on Wednesday. As the students said, "It was a blast!" They plan to go again in the future. A special thank you to Mrs. Burke for accompanying the club members!







Barnes & Noble Book Fair!

Start your summer reading list shopping at The Founders Academy Barnes & Noble Book Fair, **Friday, June 1, 2018**. Shop either at the Manchester Barnes and Noble Store (1741 South Willow Street, Manchester) or online at [BarnesandNoble.com](https://www.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 12363776.

Please stop by to meet authors Gardner Goldsmith and Civil War historian Greg Ahlgren!

NAEP Testing - Letter from Commissioner Edelblut

Founders recently received a letter from Commissioner Edelblut regarding the selection of Founders "to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress" testing. The window for the additional testing is January 28, 2019 through March 8, 2019. A specific date for Founders' testing will be forthcoming. The Commissioner's letter is attached here and please note he mentions a "goal of 100 percent participation."



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner

Christine Brennan
Deputy Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Director Maureen Mooney
The Founders Academy Charter School District
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Dear Director Mooney,

I am pleased to notify you that a school in your district has been selected to participate in the 2019 administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education. Selected schools represent schools across New Hampshire and the nation, and their participation provides an accurate picture of student performance. The school will play an important role by participating, and I am thankful for your support to make this a meaningful experience for your schools and students.

Selected schools are notified in advance so that principals can place the assessment window (January 28 to March 8, 2019) on their calendars and incorporate NAEP into the planned school program. A few additional schools within your school district may also be selected at a later date; your NAEP State Coordinator will contact you should this happen. Starting in June, each school will receive its assessment date. Schools may work with the NAEP State Coordinator if there is a conflict with the scheduled assessment date.

The NAEP 2019 administration will include two main assessment programs. The attached list of district schools selected for NAEP shows the assessment program for each selected school.

- State-level assessments
 - Grades 4 and 8: Mathematics and reading
- National and pilot assessments
 - Grades 4 and 8: Science assessments; mathematics and reading pilots
 - Grade 12: Mathematics, reading, and science assessments

For the state-level assessments, NAEP will administer mathematics and reading assessments to students in grades 4 and 8. Students will take the assessment on tablets provided by NAEP representatives. National and state-level results will be released as The Nation's Report Card. If applicable in your district, American Indian and Alaska Native students participating in the NAEP mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8 will also be included in the National Indian Education Study (NIES). The NIES describes the condition of education for American Indian and Alaska Native students in the United States.

For the national-level assessments, NAEP will administer science assessments to students in grades 4, 8, and 12. In addition to science, grade 12 students will take mathematics and reading assessments. Most students will take the assessment on tablets provided by NAEP representatives, while a small subset of students will take paper-and-pencil versions. NAEP is administering these assessments via both tablets and paper booklets to evaluate any differences in student performance between the two types of administration. National results will be released as The Nation's Report Card.

NAEP will also administer pilot assessments on tablets. Students in grades 4 and 8 will also participate in mathematics and reading pilots. Results from these pilots will not be released but will be used to ensure that future NAEP assessments continue to be a reliable measure of student achievement.

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Selected high schools will participate in the High School Transcript Study, which involves the collection of student transcripts and course catalogues. This information will be used to examine course-taking patterns of students and the relationships with educational achievements through the link to NAEP data. Other special studies may occur in some schools as well. As in previous years, NAEP representatives provide significant support to schools: they bring all necessary materials and equipment, including tablets, and administer the assessment.

In addition, please be aware that there is a voluntary survey included with the NAEP assessment. Per RSA 186:11, IX-d, school districts are required to adopt a policy governing non-academic surveys or questionnaires to students. The policy requires school districts to notify a parent or legal guardian of a non-academic survey or questionnaire and its purpose and make the surveys or questionnaires available, at the school and on the school or school district's website, for review by a student's parent or legal guardian at least 10 days prior to distribution to students. **The policy also must allow a parent or legal guardian to opt in to the non-academic survey or questionnaire either in writing or electronically.**

Please include the NAEP assessment window (January 28 to March 8, 2019) on your district test calendar. Information about NAEP can be found in the enclosures listed below and at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. Donna Dubey, our NAEP State Coordinator, will contact your staff with additional information.

Thank you for supporting this important assessment and for helping accomplish our goal of 100 percent participation.

Sincerely,



Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of education

Enclosures: List of district schools selected for NAEP:
The Founders Academy Charter School

CC: Julie Couch, Assessment Administrator
Donna Dubey, NHDoe NAEP State Coordinator

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). The information each student provides will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws, student responses will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed in identifiable form to anyone other than employees or agents. By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about students. Electronic submission of student information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.

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Summer Camps at Founders!

Dear Parents,

Here is the [LINK](#) to the Summer Camp page on our website and to register for the different camps

named below:

Middle School Prep

Learn how to ace middle school! The transition to middle school can be a tough one -- Middle School Prep will help make it smoother. Through fun activities we will learn about time and work management, organizational skills, note taking, and study techniques.

Learn how to keep an agenda and prioritize tasks. Students will learn how to organize a notebook / binder for success in class as well as note-taking and studying techniques. Appropriate for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as well as high schoolers struggling with these skills.

Grammar Bootcamp

Grammar doesn't need to be an intimidating mystery! Through this course, students will become familiar with parts of speech, punctuation rules, and grammatical conventions so that they can take ownership of their own writing and communication as leaders.

This class will combine lessons with activities as we not only learn these important definitions and rules, but also apply them. This camp is appropriate for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Pre-Algebra & Algebra Skills Camp

In this camp, we'll focus on building and strengthening the math skills most important for the pre-algebra (Course 3) and algebra (Algebra 1) courses. A brief pre-test will be given to help identify which skills each student needs the most attention with, and then each day's lessons, discussions, and practice will be focused on them. As well, this camp will coincide with an entry-level arithmetic camp, so students can move to and from the two camps as needed (pending space availability) to focus on skills they need.

Students should be prepared with pencils, erasers, a basic scientific calculator (or better, but no phones/tablets), and any previous math work that shows which skills are needed. Anticipated topics are exponents and roots; substitution; graphing foundations; solving simple equations; mathematical inverse operations; and word-problem solving skills, though it will highly depend on students' needs.

Advanced Algebra Skills Camp

In this camp, we'll focus on mid- to high-level algebra skills most important to Algebra 1 and 2 courses. A brief pre-test will be given to help identify which skills each student needs the most attention with, and each day's lessons, discussions, and practice will be focused on them.

Students should be prepared with pencils, erasers, a basic scientific calculator (or better, but no phones/tablets), and any previous math work that shows which skills are needed. Anticipated topics are advanced graphing of linear equations; exponent and root rules and patterns, including negative and fractional exponents; solving, reporting, and graphing inequalities; rearranging formulae; direct and inverse variation; factoring and solving quadratic equations; and solving systems of equations. Other Algebra 2 topics may be covered if time permits, such as rational polynomials and radical equations.

Best of Broadway

Through "The Best of Broadway" will present a staged performance of songs from famous

Broadway musicals! All "campers" will sing (solos, duets, ensembles) and will work on stage movement even with some tap dancing! Some shows will be, "Forty Second Street"; "Cabaret", "The Phantom of the Opera"; "Carousel"; "Cinderella", and "All That Jazz".

Students are also welcome to bring in their own repertoire ideas!

The camp will run July 23 - 27 and a parent performance will be held on Friday July 27 at 3:00 pm. The class will be lead by Ms. Jane Cormier, and it will run 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each day. Campers should bring lunch, snack, and proper stage rehearsal clothes including stage shoes such as Capezio dance shoes. All ages are welcome (grades 6-12). For more information, contact j.cormier@tfanh.org.

Lucky Numbers

This math camp is an opportunity for middle-school students (Grades 6-8) to review and improve their math skills over the summer season.

Each day we will complete a fun and challenging activity requiring one of the major math skills needed for success in middle-school. These topics will be based on the needs of the students enrolled. Students who have mastered the middle school skills will be given the opportunity to experience algebra concepts.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Volunteers Needed for Yard Sale

The PTSA yard sale will be taking place on June 2nd from 8:00am - 2:00pm. We need volunteers for a variety of tasks, so check out the Signup Genius below to see if there is a way you can help out!

[Yard Sale Volunteer Signups](#)

Parent Volunteers Needed for Olympic Field Day

Dear Parents,

The House of Representatives will be hosting an Olympic Field Day on Thursday, May 31st for all Middle School Students. We are looking for any parents who would like to volunteer for any part of the day to help run the different events. Field Day will be held Rain or Shine, with indoor activities in the event of bad weather.

If you are interested in volunteering for all or part of the day, please contact Lisa Moore (l.moore@tfanh.org) and Megan Brown (m.brown@tfanh.org).

Thanks in advance for your help!

Miss Megan Brown

PTSA Yard Sale!

The "Yard Sale / End of Year Event" will be on **June 2, from 8:00 - 2:00**. The Yard sale will run the entire time and we encourage people that want to stop by to have some food and play some games from 11:00 - 2:00. We are asking all families, teachers and administrative staff that want to help out to donate any items that they can for the yard sale. All proceeds will go to the TFA PTSA. We have 5 drop off times in front of the warehouse at the school, scheduled for **May 21, 22, 29 & 30 from 4:00 - 6:30**. This coincides with the Spring concerts and chorus performances. We also will have one Saturday drop off on May 26 from 9:00 - 12:00. Members of the PTSA are willing to go to people's houses within the Manchester area to help pick up items if people need help. We will be sending out an email to detail how they can let us know. We will also in the next week or so be emailing out a sign up genius for people that want to help participate in the set up, running and break down of the yard sale. Below are the details of which items we would like to receive and which we cannot accept.

~Tom Huot

Yard Sale Items

- Things we'll take – Clothes, shoes, handbags – , Jewlery, yard equipment, hand tools. Power tools, toys, games, cds, dvds, records, bikes, scooters, sporting equipment, books small kitchen appliances, video games, small furniture, yard furniture, misc house decorations- any other suggestions.
- Things we can't take – Tv's, computers, printers large furniture, ie beds, lazy boys, couches or love seats, no weapons.

DonorsChoose: Art Printing Supplies

DonorsChoose.org

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: [Making Your Mark with Printmaking Supplies.](#)

Give to my classroom by May 15 and your donation will be doubled thanks to DonorsChoose.org. Just enter the code RIPPLE 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,
Traci

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

DonorsChoose: 3d Printer

The "3D Printing a Design of Our Own" Donors Choose Project is on its way! Approximately \$885.00 has been raised towards a new 3D printer that will enable students to have print designs on a larger scale, in multiple colors, with better supports for complex objects. Our current printer can't handle all the amazing project students are creating! We still have a long way to go to achieve our goal though! Please consider donating and spreading the word so we can get this project funded: <https://goo.gl/pLJyWm>

Thank you!

Donors Choose: Connecting the World Through Chromebooks: FULLY FUNDED, THANK YOU!

This DonorsChoose project has been fully funded! We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated.

In today's world, students need access to technologies that will help enhance their understanding of the world geographically, politically, and socially. We need a class set of Chromebooks that will help connect my students to the geography and ancient history of cultures and places far away.

Chromebooks will give my history students the ability to complete WebQuests and research, engage in group interactive projects, and have access to the limitless supply of primary and secondary sources available through resources like the Library of Congress to enhance our understanding of past cultures and civilizations.

[Connecting the World Through Chromebooks](#)

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Hi Friends,

I want to make sure my students have what they need to succeed, so I just created a DonorsChoose.org classroom request.

[Ceramic Creation Station](#)

Give to my classroom by May 18, 2018 and your donation will be doubled thanks to Ripple. Just enter the code RIPPLE during checkout and you'll be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50).

In return, you'll get awesome photos of your gift in action and our heartfelt thanks.

*Thank you so much,
Jennifer*

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

Art Supplies Donations Still Needed

Dear Parents,

The art department is in need of a hot glue gun, hot glue sticks, and paper towels.

Thank you!

Most Needed Items at Founders: Updated for 5/18/18

As always, we rely on donations here at Founders for most of our school necessities; below are the latest needs:

Plastic forks and spoons

Paper towels

Disinfectant wipes and spray
tissues

Command strips
Paper shredder(s)
large manila envelopes - We need varying sizes - 8 1/2 x 11 (or larger) and expandable envelopes as well.
Mac & cheese and snacks for lunches *no nuts*
Sharpies/Expo markers
paper plates
Scotch tape
AAA batteries
Tissues

Thank you to all for your generosity!

Other

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.

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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