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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

As we continue to move closer to the start of school, we are actively working on our back to school plan. I will be presenting my plan to the board of trustees on August 18th at the regularly scheduled meeting which starts at 7pm.

Parent feedback is important in this process. Below is an anonymous form for all stakeholders to share their opinion. Please know a google login is required to fill at the form but names/email addresses will not be collected.

[Here](#) is the link to the feedback form. The form will close on Sunday 8/15 at 5pm.

Thank you for your understanding during this process and your continued support.

-Cassie Hayes
Dean of School

THE FOUNDERS MISSION STATEMENT

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 6 - 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. The Academy recognizes the importance of balance in the development of the whole person, and respects each student's journey.

Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

Link: http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission__vision

Need to Know

PARENT EMAIL OPTIONS

This year Founders will allow parents the option of using a Founders email address or a personal email address. The Back to School form (which will go out next week) will ask parents to specify preference. Please know if you choose not to have an @tfanh.org email address, you must type your email address in accurately to get emails from our school. Additionally, you will not be able to communicate with your student through his/her Founders email address. All students will have Founders email addresses and students are only allowed to receive emails from the @tfanh.org domain. If a parent already has their portal account set up with their @tfanh.org email address and chooses to use a personal email address instead, the portal will need to be reactivated, which we

will do throughout the month of August.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED



The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year!

Subjects covered can vary. Both day by day and permanent positions available: hours are 7:30 AM until 3:30PM. The rate is \$75/per day.

Please send resume and recommendations to Jackie Meilleur, The Founders Academy, 5 Perimeter Road, Manchester, NH 03103 or j.meilleur@tfanh.org.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

[Here](#) is a compiled list of school supplies your student will need for the upcoming school year. Please keep in mind that this is not a complete list and you may have to check the syllabus for specific teachers if you don't see a particular course on this list. Check back periodically as more may be added throughout the next couple of weeks.

6th graders are **required** to purchase the \$5 agenda book provided by the school. 7th and 8th graders are **required** to have an agenda book but have the option of purchasing the one provided by the school or one of their choice.

SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
New Family Picnic	Friday, August 27; 12-1pm
Incoming 6th Grade Locker Painting	Friday, August 27; 1-4pm

First Day of School!	Wednesday, September 8
Picture Day	Thursday, September 23
Back to School Night	Thursday, September 23

2021/22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar for the 2021/22 school year.

2021/22 School Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

September 2021						
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Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/29; Q2 - 1/21; Q3 - 3/31; Q4 - 6/10

Graduation - 6/18

PC = Parent/Teacher Conferences; TW = Teacher Workshop Days

Federal holidays 2021/22

Sep 6, 2021	Labor Day	Nov 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day	Dec 31, 2021	New Year's Day (obs.)	Feb 21, 2022	Presidents' Day
Oct 11, 2021	Columbus Day	Dec 24, 2021	Christmas Day (obs.)	Jan 1, 2022	New Year's Day	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Nov 11, 2021	Veterans Day	Dec 25, 2021	Christmas Day	Jan 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4, 2022	Independence Day

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School News

Expansion Grant

On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, Cassie Hayes, Dean of School at The Founders Academy Public Charter School in Manchester, NH received word from the New Hampshire Department of Education that Founders was selected to receive \$600,000, the highest amount possible for an expansion grant, from the federal public charter school grant program. The Founders Academy's grant proposal was reviewed and scored against 14 other programs in the state vying for the 7 available grants. Expansion grants provide funding for schools to expand enrollment, grade levels and educational programming.

"We're excited to expand our program and welcome 5th graders into our community for the 2022-2023 school year. Founders students are the leaders of our future and starting this journey in 5th grade will give students more opportunities for character development and academic success," said Cassie Hayes, Dean of School.

On July 8, 2021, the New Hampshire Department of Education granted The Founders Academy's request to amend its charter to expand its program offerings to include 5th grade. The Founders Academy will use this expansion funding to open 5th grade to New Hampshire families beginning in September 2022. Preparations for 5th grade will begin in the next few months using the funding available through this grant award. "This funding will be used to develop the high-quality academic rigor our families expect when they enroll their children in The Founders Academy," commented Deb Gauvin, Assistant Dean at The Founders Academy.

"We are excited to be able to award these grants for these innovative public education programs," stated Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "It was a robust competition with 14 programs applying for the funds. The expansion of high quality public education programming across our state serves our students and our families well."

In total, the New Hampshire Department of Education awarded \$6.8 million in funding in this first round of grants. The grants are for new public charter schools as well as expansion and replication grants for existing schools and are part of a \$46 million federal public charter school grant the Department of Education in New Hampshire was awarded in a 2019 grant proposal.

"Having worked in public charter schools for the last two decades, I know the positive influence that an education program that fits the child can be," stated Tal Bayer, state charter school administrator. "We are working with all our programs to bring excellent and innovative education opportunities to all students."

New Student Orientation

Hi new Founders families! On Wednesday, September 1 your student is invited to attend The Founders Academy 6th Grade/ New Student Orientation. 6th Grade Orientation will be from 9 -11 am and grades 7-12 Orientation will be from 12 - 2 pm.

Orientations will consist of a welcome and introductions with Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Staff, and Administration. A tour of the building, some general information for students and a school-wide scavenger hunt to wrap up the event. Upon arrival you will be instructed to drop off and pick up in the front of the building.

Masks **are** required for this event.

This event is not mandatory for students! Please fill out [this form](#) at your convenience to gauge attendance at the events.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jackie Meilleur at j.meilleur@tfanh.org.

Picnic Painting

We're so excited to welcome all our new families to our school community with our New Family Picnic on **Friday, August 27** from **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm** here at The Founders Academy! Bring a bag lunch, a chair, and get the chance to meet and socialize with other new families!

After lunch, 6th-grade families that have chosen to participate in our [locker fundraiser](#) will have the opportunity to decorate and paint their locker from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. Your "purchase" of a 6th grade Founders Academy locker gives your family the opportunity to leave your mark at The Founders Academy! For \$75 per locker, you'll get to paint the locker door! Do you have inspiring words of wisdom for incoming students or would you like to make the locker door a canvas that best represents your artistic talents? These lockers will forever remain in the 6th-grade wing and incoming 6th graders that purchase a locker will use that locker for the upcoming school year.

Come for just the picnic or come for both events! We look forward to meeting you and your family and welcoming you to The Founders Academy! Questions? Email susan.forsyth@tfanh.org.

Yard Work and Picnic!

Calling all students and families! Come help us make the outside of The Founders Academy look picture perfect for the first day of school! Bring your work gloves, rakes, brooms, leaf blowers, lawn/trash bags, and your can-do attitude to come together to pitch in to help beautify the outside of our school!

Come with friends! Come make new friends! Many hands make light work!

Join us on **Saturday, August 28 from 11-1!**

11-12 Yard work around The Founders Academy

12-1 Pack a lunch and join us for a Community Picnic!

*Please note: This will be a recurring event so if you can't make it to this one, please consider another date available on the calendar of our website at www.thefoundersacademy.org.

Common Scheduling Questions

Click [here](#) for answers to some scheduling questions you may have.

Summer Assignments

Summer assignments will be optional for students this summer. If students would like to do summer assignments to continue their learning, the academic challenges are available [here](#).

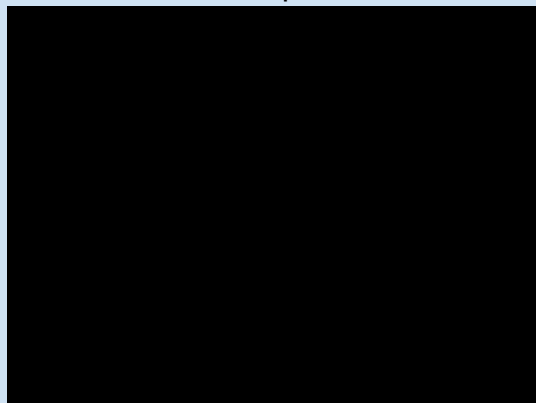
Students who turn in academic challenges to Mrs. Meilleur will receive recognition at the beginning of the 21/22 school year.

Other

NH SASS Program

The Founders Academy has signed up for the NH Safer at Schools Screening program. We have chosen to partner with Convenient MD. Asymptomatic screening is a covid mitigation strategy recommended by the state of New Hampshire. We are excited to offer this option to our families and keep our students safe.

To view a recording of the Convenient MD NH SASS Program webinar with Dr. Mark Pundt, double click on the black square below and click play.



Summer of Innovation

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Summer of Innovation powered by [YELLOW](#), a non-profit founded by Pharrell Williams to EVEN THE ODDS for all kids through education.

This Summer, we will cultivate creativity and entrepreneurship in children nationwide through our initiative, [Summer of Innovation](#). This is a call to action for children to become changemakers as they work to tackle problems or issues in their homes, schools, and communities through the creation of unique products or services.

Registration for the challenge is open at www.summerofinnovation.org.

Founders Academy Car Magnets

Love The Founders Academy? Display your school pride on your ride when you purchase a Founders Academy car magnet for only \$5.00! These make great gifts for students, parents, and grandparents. Purchase one for every vehicle! Supplies of these beautiful 4-inch round magnets are limited so...ORDER NOW!

Show Your Support!

Purchase a
Founders Academy
Car Magnet!

Only \$5 Each

4" x 4"

Get One For
Each Car In
Your Family!



**LIMITED
SUPPLY!**

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Remember:

- Never put your magnet on a dirty car (you could scratch your car's paint!).
- Clean both sides of your magnet whenever you wash your car (or more often!).
- Do not place on horizontal surfaces (such as automobile hoods!).
- Remove magnet by lifting entire magnet from surface (do not slide the magnet across the surface!).

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Magnets Ordered: _____ Payment by Check

Cash

Total Enclosed: \$

Make checks payable to The Founders Academy

Features

Founders Student Named “Kind Kid”

The Founders Academy Public Charter School is delighted to announce that student Aya A. was selected as a 2021 Nice Catch Winner by Northeast Credit Union! The “Nice Catch--Celebrating Kind Kids” initiative was created to recognize New Hampshire and Maine kids who consistently demonstrate compassion, empathy and kindness toward their peers, teachers, coaches, family and other community members and go above and beyond to make our communities kinder and brighter places.

“Aya’s school spirit and generosity represents the character of a Founders student. Aya consistently goes above and beyond to help her peers, creates cards for all her teachers, and goes out of her way to say hello to you in the hallway. These are only three examples out of many that I could give, in which Aya represents the Founders Mission,” said Emily O’Reilly, Founders Academy School Counselor who nominated the rising 7th grader.

To celebrate her accomplishment, Aya is invited to attend the Saturday, August 28 New Hampshire Fisher Cats Game where she will be celebrated on the field for a special recognition ceremony! On behalf of everyone at The Founders Academy, congratulations to Aya and thank you for being such a great role model!



Donations

Bridge the Gap

Information on the 2021-22 Bridge the Gap fundraiser is coming soon!



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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:



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