



# The Founders Academy

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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Today ends the third quarter. Please be aware that teachers finalize their third quarter grades next week. Report cards are set to be emailed to students, and primary parents/guardians next week.

The state requires that public schools administer the Smarter Balanced Test to grades 6-8 at Founders. Testing at Founders begins next week. Information on this Smarter Balanced Test can be found [here](#). Students not taking the exam will proceed with their regular classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### U.S. History

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This week US History students are completing our End of Quarter 3 assessments. All classes are writing essays about the Constitution.

### Entrepreneurial Fair: Mrs. Lopez

Last week we had our annual Entrepreneur Fair. All grade 6 students worked for the whole month of March to prepare products to sell to their fellow students. They had to come up with a plan of what is needed in the market, what they would sell to bring them profit, and figure out an appropriate price for the products. They also had to create a unique advertisement for their products and worked with Ms. Marcotte to do that.

We had a great turn out during the event. Many students, their parents and other family members came to check out what our students had to offer and bought many items. Some of the students made very good profit, and the most fun part of all – they got to keep the money they made!

Thank you to all who participated and helped out!





## Poster Contest and Letters to Belgium: Ms. Barlow

In recognition of the recent tragedy that occurred in Belgium, Mme Barlow's French classes have been spending some time brushing up on letter-writing skills, to write letters to students in Belgium. As we talked about in class, at Founders we are trying to develop leadership skills, and it is important for leaders to be able to show sympathy to those who are suffering. Because of the terrorist attacks, many citizens of Belgium are currently suffering greatly. Writing these letters to students is a way to show our solidarity and support at this very difficult time for them. Mme Barlow will be



sending the letters next week to the town in Belgium where she used to live. We are hoping that we might even receive some responses back from the Belgian students.

## Students Lead Pledge of Allegiance at City Hall

Mayor Gatsas invited Founders Students who live in Manchester to lead the Pledge of Allegiance before his budget address. Mr. Greg Van Ewyk accompanied the students on March 29th to City Hall. The students were Hannah S., Mia S., Ethan P., Garrett O., and Leah M. The students were also invited to a photo op with the Mayor in his office. This was a great experience for Founders!



## Enterprise City: Ms. Efraimson

On Wednesday both 8th grade Entrepreneurship classes and Ms. Henry's math classes went on a field trip to Enterprise City located in Dover, NH. Students worked their assigned jobs and learned just how much hard work goes into running a city, a business, and completing their own daily tasks at their own job.

There were job titles such as the Mayor, Judge, and Police Officer who distributed fines to those that broke the law. We had a snack shop where students made real food like popcorn. We had DJ's playing music and making announcements and ran a dance contest. There were also news reporters who conducted interviews throughout the day, mailmen working hard in the delivery center, shop owners, accountants, bank tellers, sign shop makers, a wellness center and a manufacturing center, along with several other stores, businesses and shops.

Students worked hard and had a lot of fun. With lots of preparation leading up to the field trip, the students had a very successful day. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers, teachers, and Ms. Henry for helping me put together this incredible day for the students at The Founders Academy.



### Upcoming Drama Production Ticket Info

The Founders Drama Club is returning to the stage with their production of "Anne of Green Gables" on **April 15th and 16th!** Both shows will begin at **7PM**. Tickets purchased in advance will cost **\$5** each. When purchased at the door, they will cost **\$7** each. Please return ticket order forms and money in a sealed

envelope to the front desk. Please use the ticket order form attached to the email. Checks should be made out to TFA. Make sure to let all of your friends and family members know!

## Smarter Balance Testing

The Smarter Balanced Test is soon upon us for grades 6, 7 and 8. The Smarter Balanced Subcommittee has spent considerable time working very hard to plan the scheduling and arrangements.

The testing window for the state required Smarter Balanced Test is as follows:

- March 29, 2016 – May 6, 2016: Smarter Balanced Math/ELA Summative Assessment Testing Window (Grades 5 and 6)
- April 12, 2016 – June 10, 2016: Smarter Balanced Math/ELA Summative Assessment Testing Window (Grades 7 and 8 )

**The schedule has been finalized. Testing starts next week.** Those students that are not taking the exam will proceed with their regular schedule of classes.

If you have questions, please contact Dean Mooney directly. Please notify the Dean directly if your child is not taking the exam.

For general information on the Smarter Balanced Test, go to:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/smarter-balanced-assessments/> AND  
<http://education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/sbac/students-parents.htm>

## After School Art Session

Dear Founders' Parents,

Founders will be continuing with the after-school art program with our next session on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30-4:30PM. Mrs. Alesia Dopson, owner of a pottery studio, To Your Art's Content, will be teaching a variety of projects for students. Check out her website at [www.toyourartscontent.com](http://www.toyourartscontent.com).

Our next session starts on April 13th. This will be our last session for the year. The cost for the 4-week session is \$80. The permission slip is attached to this email. Please turn in both the permission slip and

payment to the front desk **by April 12th**.

Space is limited to 20 students, so sign up soon!

-Ms. Mote

## Fundraisers

### Popcorn Fridays

A group of parent volunteers will be selling bags of popcorn for **¢.75** every Friday starting next week on the 8th. They'll be using the popcorn maker that was so generously donated to the school last December. This is a great snack and a great fundraiser for the school! Students will be able to submit orders for bags of popcorn during the morning Round Tables soon.

Special thanks to all the parent volunteers for helping to make this happen!

### Drama Club Donations Project

Dear Founders Community,

I want to let you know about a new [DonorsChoose.org project](https://www.donorschoose.org) that I have created to help raise the funds needed for our Drama Club!

Unlike many other school productions, we work with a very small budget. The cost of the sets, stage, costumes, and royalty fees need to be raised by our own ticket sales and donations. One of the larger costs that we face is the cost of renting lighting equipment, which is the cause for this Donors Choose project.

In the words of one of our students: "Theater is very important in student lives because it gives them more confidence and self respect, which is a very important feature in a future leader." By contributing to our project you will be supporting these young actors and technicians as they practice important skills and grow in confidence which will stay with them throughout their school years and beyond!

Donations of any size will help my kids. Your donation will brighten my students' school year, and you'll get heartfelt thank yous from the Founders Drama Club and photos of your gift in action.

Here's my classroom request: **Actors Need Light to Shine!**

If you know anyone who is passionate about education and the performing arts, please pass this along. My students and I greatly appreciate your support!

Kate Mote  
English Teacher

## Student Life

### Summer Camp Programs 2016

Information has been posted about Summer Camps 2016! Enrollment has begun!

The programs are set to run the weeks of July 11, July 18 and July 25.

Information about some of the camps being offered can be seen on the school website; go the [www.thefoundarsacademy.org](http://www.thefoundarsacademy.org) and click on "students/summer camp program," or click [here](#).

Check the site often for updates as the summer gets closer!

### Student Receives Sports Awards

John Stark High School had their winter athlete's award ceremony last week. **Jaimason L.** received his Scholar Athlete Pin for maintaining good grades during his basketball season. He was also chosen to receive the Sportsmanship Award for exhibiting the qualities of good sportsmanship during NHIAA competition. One player is chosen from each team for this award.

Congratulations to Jaimason for this distinction!

### Student's Hockey Team Wins Championship

**Ben H.** is goalie for the Granite State Select Moose ice hockey team. They participated in the March Madness Tournament in Marlborough, Massachusetts over the weekend. They were undefeated and took the championship!!

Congratulations to Ben and all his team-mates!



## Karate Classes at Founders

The first session of classes from the House of the Samurai has started. Sessions go for six weeks with three classes a week. While it's too late to sign up for the current one, if you want to sign up for classes in the next session use the link for the registration form below. The next session starts soon!

Watch for information and the registration form [here](#). The number for the House of the Samurai is [\(603\) 434-2265](tel:6034342265).



## Miscellaneous

### Manchester South Jr. Soccer League Sign-Ups

Manchester South Jr. Soccer is a non-profit organization serving the youth of Manchester. Fall soccer sign-ups are coming up soon! Team sports are a great way to build character and foster friendships, so sign your students up for this great opportunity! (See the attached flyer for more details)

### Food Pantry Needs

We're running very low on supplies for our food pantry!! This is where we grab lunch for students who forgot theirs. If anyone has extra nonperishable food items (cup mac & cheese, cup ramen, crackers, etc), we'd appreciate any donations!

### Fun Food Friday and Pizza Monday Forms

The lunch forms for February are up on the website! To print out the form for D'Angelos, click [here](#). To print out the form for pizza, click [here](#).

If school is closed on Mondays, we have arranged for pizza to be delivered on the following Tuesdays instead.

## Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Just in time for Mother's Day...CheeseCake Factory Sweets! Please use the attached order form. Submit your completed form and payment by Friday April 22 at The Founders Academy. Cheesecakes and cupcakes will be available for pickup at the Manchester Barnes & Noble Cafe on Saturday May 7, 2016. The Founders Academy will earn Book Fair Credit for your purchase. Thank you for your support!

[B&N Order Form](#)

## Wanted: Substitute Teachers, Lunch & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, study hall monitors, and lunch monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Deb Waitt at 603.952.4705 or [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org). We'll add you to the list!

## Club/Committee News

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## Important Dates

School calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

April 1, 2016	Third Quarter grades close.
April 8, 2016	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
April 12, 2016	Barnes and Noble "My Favorite Teacher Essay Winners" reception at 3:45pm, B&N 1741 S. Willow Street, Manchester, NH
April 15, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Drama Production Play Preview

April 15, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 16, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 18, 2016	Gen. John Stark Day at Founders
April 20, 2016	Assembly: Opera NH to perform for students ( <a href="http://www.operanh.org">www.operanh.org</a> ).
April 21, 2016	Spirit Day: Career Day
April 21, 2016	Geography Bee at 6:30pm.
April 22, 2016	Field Trip: Shakespeare Folio at the Currier Gallery of Art. More details to come.
April 23 - May 1, 2016	Spring Break. No School.
May 6 - 7, 2016	FUNDRAISER: Barnes and Noble Book Fair, 1741 S. Willow Street, Manchester, NH. Watch for the CODE.
May 9 - 10, 2016	Science and Inventors Fair.
May 12, 2016	History Bee at 6:30pm.
May 13, 2016	Field Trip: 8th, 9th grades on a lake cruise.
May 13, 2016	Semi-Formal Dance.
May 16, 2016	Field Trip: 6th, 7th grades on Field and Forest Trip.
May 17, 2016	Spirit Day: Historical/Literacy Figure Day
May 18 - 21, 2016	Trip to Washington DC for grades 7, 8, 9. For more details, contact Ms. Mote at <a href="mailto:k.mote@tfanh.org">k.mote@tfanh.org</a> .
May 27, 2016	Great East Music Festival Field Trip.
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day. No School
May 31 - June 3, 2016	Final Exams.
June 6, 2016	Field Trip: Walden Pond
June 6, 2016	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
June 7, 2016	Band Concert at 7pm.
June 8, 2016	Founders Field Day (all day).
June 10, 2016	Last Day of School.

