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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Founders families! I am thankful to be a part of such a special community. Each and every one of you makes our school what it is. Thanks for everything you do!

As a reminder, there is no school this week. We will return to a regular schedule on Monday November 28th.

On Tuesday, November 29th, Founders will participate in the 2022 Day of Giving. This is a day where you can show your support for Founders and make a donation to our school. We appreciate your support in anyway you can represent it. Please see the details below.

-Cassie Hayes
Dean of School

The Founders Mission Statement

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 5 - 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

PLEASE SUBMIT BACK TO SCHOOL FORM

The back to school form was due on September 16. If you haven't yet, **please fill it out ASAP**. The information is important to keep your student safe. You should have received an email with another link this week, if you haven't submitted a form yet.

Please do not use your phone to fill out the form; it will not work unless you're using a computer/laptop. If you have difficulty attaching the immunization records, you can send in a hard copy to school with your student.

If you have any questions or issues, please email jayda.ragas@tfanh.org.

CALL LIST FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

When The Founders Academy has to make very important announcements - such as school delays, unplanned early dismissals, or cancellations - we use an automated dialing system.

Please fill out [this form](#) to be added to the Call List. You are able to enter which phone numbers are called. If you have more than one student, please fill out a separate form for each. **We begin each school year with a blank call list, so if you do not fill out this form, you will not receive any phone notifications when we have school delays or cancellations (even if you filled this out last year).**

ABSENCE PROCEDURE

If your student is going to be absent, please email attendance@tfanh.org or call (603) 952-4705.

BELL SCHEDULE

BELL SCHEDULE (2022-2023)

| | <u>NORMAL DAY</u> | <u>BELLS</u> |
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| A | 7:45 - 8:40 | 8:40 |
| B | 8:40 - 9:25 | 9:25 |
| C (Rnd Tbl) | 9:25 - 9:55 | 9:55 |
| D | 9:55 - 10:40 | 10:40 |
| E | 10:40 - 11:25 | 11:25 |
| F | 11:25 - 12:10 | 12:10 |

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| G | 12:10 - 12:55 | 12:55 |
| H | 12:55 - 1:40 | 1:40 |
| I | 1:40 - 2:25 | 2:25 |
| J | 2:25 - 3:15 | 3:15 |

| | <u>Delayed Opening</u> |
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| C (Rnd Tbl) | 9:45-10:25 |
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| B | 10:55 - 11:25 |
| D | 11:25-11:55 |
| E | 11:55-12:25 |
| F | 12:25-12:55 |
| G | 12:55-1:25 |
| H | 1:25-1:55 |
| I | 1:55 - 2:25 |
| J | 2:25 - 3:15 |

LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTES

The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the 2022-2023 school year!

Subjects covered can vary. Full day and half day opportunities available. hours are 7:30 AM until 3:30PM. The rate is \$75/per day.

If interested please contact Jackie Meilleur at j.meilleur@tfanh.org.

2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendar

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Your source for calendars

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| December 2022 | | | | | | |
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| January 2023 | | | | | | |
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| June 2023 | | | | | | |
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Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/28; Q2 - 1/20; Q3 - 3/30; Q4 - 6/9

Graduation - 6/17

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

Updated 4/20/22

Federal holidays 2022/23

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| Sep 5, 2022 | Labor Day | Dec 25, 2022 | Christmas Day | Jan 1, 2023 | New Year's Day | May 29, 2023 | Memorial Day |
| Oct 10, 2022 | Columbus Day | Dec 26, 2022 | Christmas Day (obs.) | Jan 2, 2023 | New Year's Day (obs.) | Jun 19, 2023 | Juneteenth |
| Nov 11, 2022 | Veterans Day | | | Jan 16, 2023 | Martin Luther King Day | Jul 4, 2023 | Independence Day |
| Nov 24, 2022 | Thanksgiving Day | | | Feb 20, 2023 | Presidents' Day | | |

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SAVE THE DATES

| What: | When: |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| No School - Thanksgiving Break | November 21-25 |

School News

Founders Apparel Store

Have you checked out the new Founders Academy Apparel Store? Show your school spirit with the latest Founders swag! The holidays are right around the corner so place your order TODAY! The store is set to close Sunday, November 20 with orders available the week of December 12.

https://stores.inksoft.com/the_founders_academy/shop/home

TFA Ski/Ride Club Registration Open!

Lessons are at McIntyre Ski Area, Manchester, NH on FRIDAYS starting January 6, from 4-6pm.

A couple points to note:

1. There's a typo on the McIntyre website. Registration is open for ages **6-16** (not 6-12). All skill levels are welcome. We LOVE having teens try out skiing/riding for the first time and this is a great place to learn!
2. Siblings are welcome to sign up using our TFA link. They do not need to be TFA students.
3. Transportation is not provided.
4. Students who are at Level 4+ can opt OUT of lessons and get an "Open Ski" pass for only \$100.
5. Chaperones are needed. You'll get a free lift ticket and rentals for each session. Requirements are to simply help guide students to their proper starting places for lessons, and as needed - riding as a "chair buddy" for younger skiers. Then you get to ski freely down the slopes. With an older group of students, it's a really easy job.

The registration link has answers to most other questions. If not, please reach out to me by DM, text 603-315-1947, or email jacqueline.lianos@tfanh.org.
<https://www.mcintyreskiarea.com/product/foundersacademy/>

Drama Club Wreath Fundraiser

Our Holiday Wreath Fundraiser has started! The Founders Academy Drama Club is partnering with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer you fresh and fragrant Balsam Fir Wreaths, Garland, and Swags for holiday decorating and gift-giving! Items can be picked up at the school on Saturday, November 26, or you can pay to have them shipped directly to you!

Visit our landing page and enter our group code below to begin shopping!

Group code: E29B65

<https://threeriversfundraising.com/fundraiser/fahs-wr22>

2022 Angel Tree Program

The National Junior Honor Society, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and school administration, is proud to sponsor The Founders Academy 2022 Angel Tree Program for the upcoming holiday/winter season. There are two ways that families can participate - as a donor, or as a recipient.

For recipients: We are currently accepting requests for the 2022 program. Please fill out this [form](#) if you would like to be considered for assistance. Participation is confidential and gift delivery will be coordinated through school administrators and the student services department. Your privacy will always be respected. The deadline to get the information from parents is November 17.

For donors: For every item requested from the recipients in our community, an “ornament” will be placed on our Angel Tree in the front lobby of the school. Please sign up here to indicate your interest and ability to be a donor Angel and Ms. Robichaud will contact you.

If you are interested in helping families on the NJHS Angel Tree this Holiday Season please contact Kate Robichaud (k.robichaud@tfanh.org) to set up a time to come and get an Angel from the tree. At that time you are able to pick an Angel or two from the tree, you will be given the specific instructions as well as your name and tag number will be logged so that we are aware of which families have taken Angels.

Ms. Robichaud will be available at Founders on Tuesday, November 22nd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM if you are interested in picking out an Angel that morning.

Together, we can make this upcoming holiday season and winter a little brighter, and warmer, for those in need. Now is the time to come together as a community to show our children that citizenship and service are alive and well at The Founders Academy!

If you would like to pick up an Angel Ornament from the tree in the front lobby then Ms. Robichaud will be available Tuesday, November 22 at Founders from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM for families to come and pick up a tag and be given instructions.

Prepare for the Book Fair!

Founders is having a book fair from December 12-16! Click on [this link](#) to learn more.

Recruiting Parent Board Members

Dear Founders Families,

The Founders Board of Trustees is eager to welcome **two new parent members** to the board to increase our effectiveness and efficiency. Since its inception, our Board has put a great deal of effort into writing/approving policies, developing a strategic plan, and planning for the future of the school, and we need more parents' volunteers for the Board in order to succeed in reaching our goals.

As our board will attest, charter school board service is a personally and professionally rewarding opportunity to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend an excellent school.

If you are interested in sharing your business, grant writing, fundraising, financial or education expertise as a volunteer member of the Founders Board, our community would be very grateful.

Read on to learn why you should consider and how to join our board of trustees. We hope you'll join us!

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Robert Best

The Founder Academy Board of Trustees, Chairman

Why become a member of the Founders Academy board? Charter school boards play a critical leadership role in supporting and determining the quality of the education delivered to its students and the long-term sustainability of the school. Every charter school board is the governing body of a

publicly-funded nonprofit organization with a multi-million-dollar budget. As with all charter school boards, Founders board is responsible for ensuring that the school has strong leadership, sound finances, effective fundraising, and high academic achievement.

Need further incentive? Here's a recent an article highlighting how joining a non-profit board can boost your career,
<https://diversitymbamagazine.com/career-development/how-serving-on-non-profit-boards-can-boost-your-career/>

Who can apply? Any parent or guardian of a Founders Academy student

What are the duties of a Founders Board member? We set policies, hire and evaluate the school director, work with our parent organization (the PTSG), oversee the budget, fundraise, community relations, and other tasks, as needed to ensure the continued strength and success of the school. We ask that you participate in monthly board meetings, join a minimum of one committee and attend as many community events as possible

Who is on the board today? Angela Seggie (parent representative), Frank Weiss, Kimberley Lavallee (co-founder and vice-chair), Kyle Fox (treasurer), Patricia Humphrey (co-founder and secretary) and Robert Best (chairman).

When does the board meet? Every third Wednesday of the month at 6PM at our school. We encourage interested members to attend a Board of Trustees Meeting to observe what type of issues are discussed and how important decisions affecting The Founders Academy are made. **The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, starting at 6:00 PM in the room to the left of the hallway after you pass through our main entrance.**

What is the process to become a board member? Interested parents apply by sending their resume/CV to Angela Seggie angela.seggie@tfanh.org or Kimberley Lavallee kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org by November 11th. The Parent Advisory Committee formed by the board, will invite the interested parents to meet with our parent advisory committee November 14th and/or 15th to learn more about you and answer your questions. On November 16th we invite all nominees for a parent board seat to the board meeting to meet current board members and participate in a short question and answer period. The board will conduct a vote that evening and the new term will start at the January board meeting.

Calendar Raffle

Three Words: Daily **Ca\$h** Prizes!



Need we say more?? Daily Ca\$h Prizes!

Make sure your student turns in those blue raffle tickets for your chance to win some \$Green\$ starting November 1st when a winner will be drawn daily! \$50, \$100, and \$250 winners all month long!

Need more tickets? No problem! Have your student drop by the front desk!

Thank you to all the students and families that have already started returning your tickets!

Family Portal for SAS Testing

There is now an electronic portal for parents to see state testing results. Families need a unique ID-stay tuned for more information on how to get yours!

Please review this [link](#) for more information about the portal

Day of Giving

During this month of giving thanks, I want to take a moment to personally thank each family for choosing The Founders Academy for their children. I know that you have many choices when making the ultimate decision of where to send your child—your most precious gift—to school. Your choice in schooling shows you value The Founders Academy's mission of developing leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example and for that, I am grateful.

The Founders Academy is celebrating GivingTuesday on November 29, 2022. On this global day of giving thanks held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, I'm asking for your help in reaching our goal of

raising \$5,000.

The Founders Academy, like all charter schools in New Hampshire, receives NO funding from local districts. We are funded by the state and receive approximately \$7,300 per pupil which is considerably less than the statewide expenditure of \$15,000 per pupil.

Your gift to The Founders Academy on this day demonstrates your belief that your choice to send your children to The Founders Academy is important and worthy.

Everyone has something to give. Every act of generosity helps. Thank you for your help.

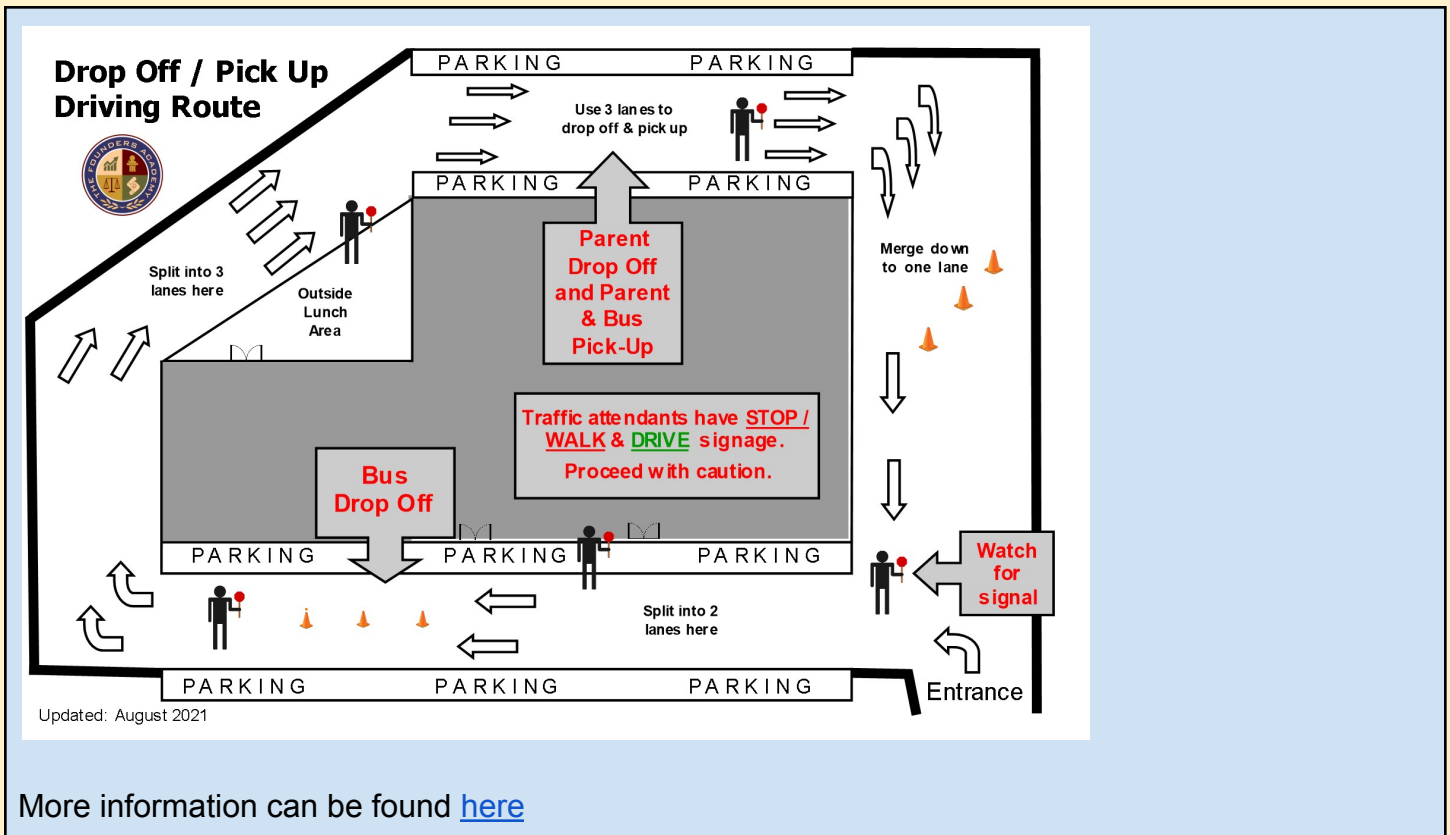
Can't wait? Donate now at https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=63KELM8TCPM52

Traffic Pattern

1. Do not let your child out of the car until they see a traffic attendant with the "walk" sign showing. Safety is a top priority.
2. Students should be dropped off and picked up in the back of the building only, except for 2:25 dismissal.
3. All cars should pull up as far as possible in the back of the building. Do not stop until you cannot go any further.

Please review this graphic for more information:
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Let us know if you have any questions!



SASS Consent to Testing

Convenient MD offers free, asymptomatic COVID testing to our students and staff. Click [here](#) to fill out the consent form if you would like your student to participate in the bi-weekly testing. **Even if you registered last year, you need to register again!**

From the Registrar: Important Dates/Schedule Adjustments

Here are some important dates and class schedule adjustments that are happening in October and November.

- Monday 11/21 through Friday 11/25 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Vacation! 🐔)

Admissions

2023-2024 Admissions Info Nights

Mark your calendars and join us at one of our upcoming Admissions Info Nights to learn more about The Founders Academy! No RSVP is required.



January 11, 2023

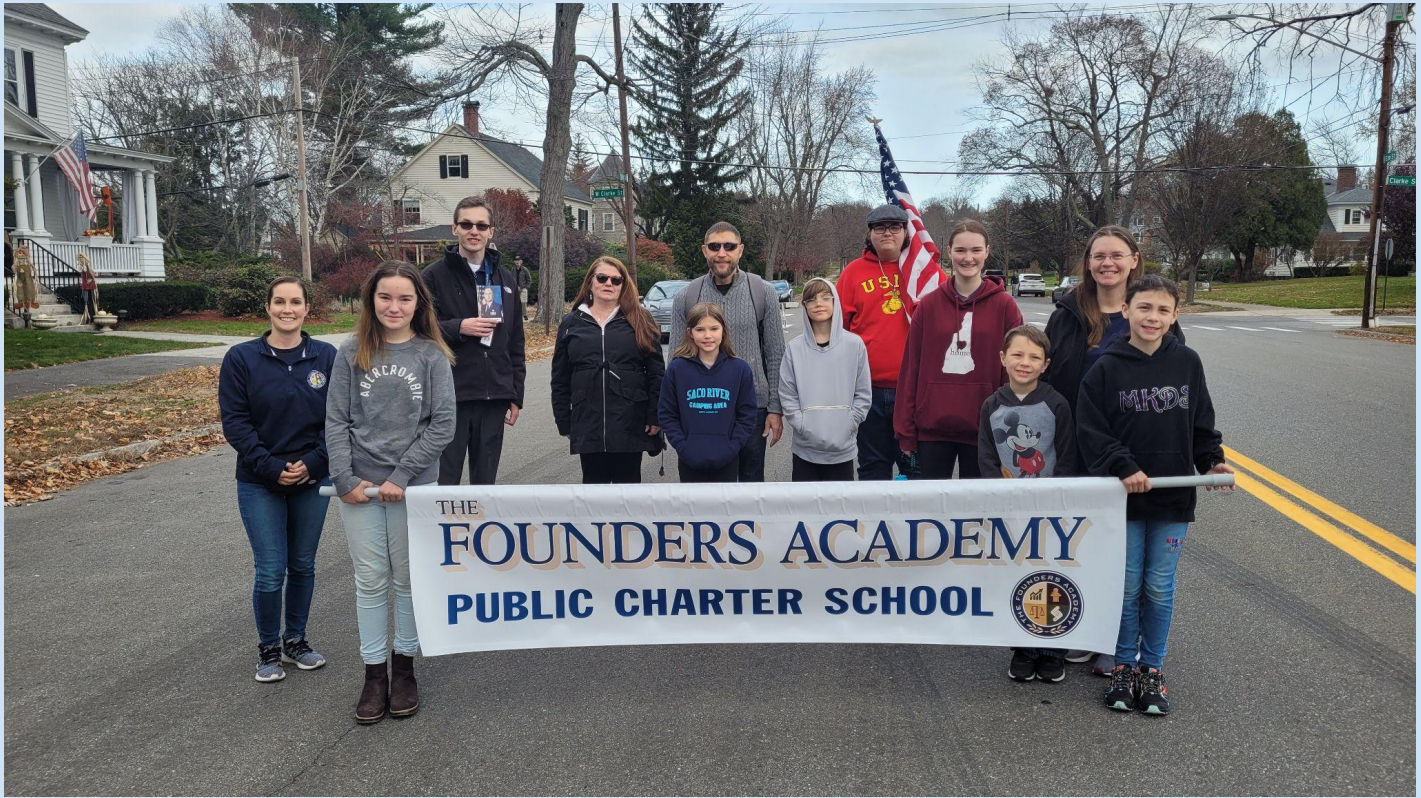
February 1, 2023

All info nights will be held in-person at The Founders Academy.
Self-guided tours from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Presentation 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm.
Everyone is Welcome!

Features

Veterans Day Parade 2022

Thank you to Founders students, staff, and parents who came out for the Veterans Day Parade!







Congrats to Founders Student!

Congratulations to Logan C., one of our 5th graders, for coming in Top 6 with his team at their robotics competition last Saturday! They also qualified for states in 2 weeks. We're so proud!

Other

Free Access to Tutoring

NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online tutoring for students in grades 6-12 throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students.

Hats for Sale

There is a limited supply of school hats for sale! \$15 per hat. Contact Dean Hayes at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org if you're interested in purchasing one to show your school spirit.



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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SUPPLY!**

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

Donations

Donations for PE

The 6th grade PE class is in need of some items for the upcoming winter months, when class won't be able to go outside for fun activities. We appreciate anything you are willing to get for these students. Thank you!

Amazon links:

[Ultimate Frisbee](#)
[Agility Dots](#)

[Traffic Cones](#)

[Rubber Chicken](#) (x4)

[Soccer Ball](#) (x4)

[Mesh Ball Bag](#) (x2)

[Disc Golf Set](#)

[Dodgeballs](#) (x4 sets)

[Parachute](#)

A Founders Family Could Use Your Help!

One of our 5th grade students and his family lost their house and their possessions to a fire. We are accepting any type of donation, big or small, to help this family out. Here is the link to the GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-relief-for-the-solis-family>. Thank you for your generosity!

Board Game Donations for 6th Grade

The 6th grade is looking for donations of gently used board games and card games for their Round Table fellowship days. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Playground Ball Donations

Our well-loved playground basketballs, soccer balls, and footballs have reached the age of retirement and could use some replacements to help the kids have fun during recess and to let out all of their energy! If you have any playground balls that are in good shape and would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it!

Highly Needed Items

We are currently in need of **ramen cups**, **mac and cheese cups**, **paper towels**, **paper bowls**, and **tissues**. Thank you in advance!

Bridge the Gap



Founders On Social Media

Follow Us!

Be sure to follow Founders on **Facebook** here:



Founders' Facebook **Carpooling** Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Be sure to follow Founders on **Twitter** here:



Check out Founders **Youtube** Channel here:

