



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Guilford Education Alliance is dependent on donations from the community for its operating expenses. Please consider making a donation to support our initiatives and work to promote quality education in Guilford County. Together, we can motivate our entire community to promote and support education for our

Welcome to the Guilford Education Alliance newsletter. We hope you find this informative and helpful!

Also, be sure to join our [Facebook page!](#)

Guilford County Schools Focuses on Building

Guilford County Schools officials are getting a good jump on more than \$400 million in new school construction that voters approved in 2008. Work on projects - six new schools and 13 renovations and additions - is beginning to pick up with planning, design and land acquisition... [read more](#)

GCS Recognizes Educators Who Achieved National Board Certification

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) announced that 69 educators from Guilford County Schools (GCS) have earned the profession's top recognition by receiving the prestigious National Board Certification. With 592 teachers total, GCS ranks third among all school districts in the state for its number of National Board Certified educators... [read more](#)

Guilford County Schools 2010-2011 Calendar

[Click here](#) for the approved 2010-2011 Guilford County Schools calendar.

NC Virtual School 5th in National Enrollments

A new report "2009 Keeping Pace with K-12 Online Learning" lists North Carolina's Virtual Public School (NCVPS) the fifth largest virtual school in terms of enrollment. In just two and a half years, the school has become one of the fastest growing virtual schools in the nation, topping 20,000 in enrollment by the fall of 2009... [read more](#)

State Ranks #4 in School Suspensions

students and our future.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday January 7: Guilford County Dept. of Public Health will hold a flu vaccination clinic for Guilford County Schools staff, students and families at Northern High, Smith High and Southeast High from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; for more info, call 641-7777; the vaccines are free and are on a first come-first served basis

Tuesday January 12: Guilford County Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro; [click here](#) for an agenda

Thursday January 28: *Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Health Care Workshop for Youth with Special Needs and their Families*; 6:30 to 8:30 pm; GTCC Jamestown Campus; Medlin Center Rooms 41 and 45; for more info call 334-5601 x 217 or [email](#)

Thursday January 28: Guilford County Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro; [click here](#) for an agenda

Thursday February 18: The 2010 National Smart Start Conference Online, *From Vision To Reality: Essential Elements of State Early Childhood Systems*; [click here](#) for more info

Guilford County Schools Regions

[Click here](#) to view map of the new regions of GCS

[Click here](#) to view the organization chart of superintendents

Guilford County Schools Yahoo

Ricky is among the 10 percent of North Carolina public school students booted out of class for some period each year, either for serious offenses, such as fighting and making threats, or for infractions such as ignoring the dress code.

Only three other states suspend a higher percentage of their students each year, according to the National Center of Education Statistics... [read more](#)

Duncan Aims to Make Incentives Key Element of ESEA

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said that he envisions a significant new emphasis on federal incentives for high-performing schools, districts, and states in the renewal of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, expected to be taken up by Congress as early as 2010... [read more](#)

Poor Children Likelier to Get Antipsychotics

New federally financed drug research reveals a stark disparity: children covered by Medicaid are given powerful antipsychotic medicines at a rate four times higher than children whose parents have private insurance. And the Medicaid children are more likely to receive the drugs for less severe conditions than their middle-class counterparts, the data shows... [read more](#)

'Race to Top' Driving Policy Action Across States

As governors and state legislators gear up for a new year of budget action and policymaking, the federal Race to the Top competition is helping to drive a flurry of measures nationwide aimed, at least in part, at making states stronger candidates for a slice of the \$4 billion in education grants... [read more](#)

'Race to Top' Viewed as Template for a New ESEA

Educators hoping for a glimpse at the next rendition of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act may want to take a close look at the rules for the Race to the Top program, which pushes states to adopt education redesign principles that federal officials say are likely to be the cornerstone of the Obama administration's plans for a new ESEA... [read more](#)

States Struggle to Stitch Together Pre-K - 20 Data

Spurred by the prospect of grant funding from the federal Race to the Top competition, as well as money made available from other parts of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, more states are taking strides to link K-12 data systems with postsecondary agencies to develop a more holistic picture of each student... [read more](#)

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Adds 12 Schools to

Groups

Parents of Current and Potential GCS **Advanced Learners** are invited to join the GCS Advanced Learner Yahoo Group by sending an [email](#) and including the school where your child is enrolled

GCS parents interested in improved **School Bus Safety** are encouraged to join the GCS School Bus Safety Yahoo group by sending an [email](#) and including the school where your child is enrolled



Learn how you can help fund projects in Guilford County Schools' classrooms through donations on DonorsChoose.org.

[Click here to learn more](#)



To donate materials to Guilford County Schools Teachers visit the Teacher Supply Warehouse

National Science Education Initiative

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chevy Chase, Maryland, has announced that it has invited twelve colleges and universities to join its Science Education Alliance, which is designed to engage students in scientific discovery on a national scale... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Thriving at Three Community Expansion Program

Letter of Interest Deadline: January 8, 2010

The United Way of Greater Greensboro is currently accepting Letters of Interest from community agencies that serve children and families that have the ability to hire, supervise, and support a community coordinator position that will be on-site at a designated housing community.

Submission of a Letter of Interest is the first step in the process. The organizations whose Letters of Interest are approved by the committee will be invited to join the Action Planning Committee and begin the process of hiring for this position. For questions, contact Stephanie Floyd at 336-378-6616 or via email at Stephanie.floyd@unitedwaygso.org.

Keepers in the Classroom - NC Zoo

*Bring a NC Zookeeper to your classroom to present a fascinating program!

*Programs meet Standard Course of Study objectives and the zoo pays all the cost!

*If you want to implement a classroom environmental project- ie: a butterfly garden, bird feeding station, arts display around nature themes, compost site, recycling program- we will pay up to \$500.00 to support your efforts if you have a Keeper program. Go to www.nczoo.org and click on the Education Link to fill out an application.

Toyota TAPESTRY - For Innovative Projects that Enhance Science Education in Schools

Deadline: January 18, 2010

A partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and the National Science Teachers Association, the Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district.

<http://www.nsta.org/pd/tapestry/guidelines.htm>

[Click here to learn more](#)

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Coming Up Taller Award

Deadline: January 29, 2010

An award for excellence in after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs for young people. Recipients receive \$10,000 each, a plaque and an invitation to attend the annual Coming Up Taller Leadership Enhancement Conference.

www.pcah.gov/cut/2010CUTNominationApplication.pdf

Music Matters- For Educational Reform in School Music Programs and Independent Music Programs

Deadline: February 5, 2010

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation's mission is to redefine and support music education. Through music education, a child can better achieve his/her full potential and stimulate personal and educational growth.

<http://heart.muzak.com/what/grants.aspx>

Intel Schools of Distinction Awards Open for Applications

Deadline: February 17, 2010

A program of the Intel Education Initiative, the Intel Schools of Distinction Awards program recognizes U.S. schools that demonstrate 21st century teaching and learning environments and implement innovative programs that inspire their students to excel in math and science.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=277800004

American Academy of Dermatology Offers Shade Structure Grants to Organizations Serving Children and Youth

Deadline: April 12, 2010

The American Academy of Dermatology's Shade Structure Program awards grants in the amount of \$8,000 each for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to provide shade and ultraviolet (UV) ray protection for outdoor areas.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=277700005

VSA Arts Playwright Discovery

Deadline: April 15, 2010

The VSA arts Playwright Discovery Program invites middle and high school students to take a closer look at the world around them, examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others, and express their views through the art of playwriting.

Playwrights may write from their own experience or about an experience in the life of another person or fictional character. Scripts can be comedies, dramas, or even musicals-be creative!

<http://www.vsarts.org/x244.xml>

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