



# Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 17:

Touch a Truck; 12:00 - 4:00pm; Junior League of Greensboro; \$5 tickets; [www.juniorleagueofgreensboro.org](http://www.juniorleagueofgreensboro.org)

Monday October 18:

Candidate Forum; 7:00 - 9:00pm; Jamestown Town Hall; candidates for Guilford County Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners

Monday October 25:

Kids Voting Marching Band Festival; 5:00 pm; Southeast High School; tickets are \$8 at the gate

Exceptional Children's Town Hall Meeting; 6:30pm; Kernodle Middle School; contact Connie Bruffey [cbruffey2@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbruffey2@bellsouth.net) with questions.

Friday, October 29:

Youth First Teen Summit - Making the Right Choices; 8:30 - 4:00; Greensboro Coliseum Complex; <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Parks/programs/youthfirst/summit.htm>

Dear Jennifer,

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

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

## Candidate Forum

Give Kids Good Schools

2010 Candidate Forum on Education Issues

Monday, October 18

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Ragsdale Civic Center, Jamestown Town Hall  
301 East Main Street, Jamestown

If you have any questions, contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 841-4332 or [GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org](mailto:GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org).

## 2010 Education Summit on December 2nd!



Keynote Speaker

**Ron Clark**

North Carolina Native

Disney American Teacher of the Year

Making a Difference in the Lives of Children

[Click here](#) to learn more about Ron Clark!

Thursday December 2nd, 7:30 am

Koury Convention Center

To register call 841-4332, email [GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org](mailto:GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org) or [register online](#)



The Teacher Supply Warehouse is open for shopping! New hours for the 2010-11 school year are 2:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Now Guilford County Schools teachers can register to shop one of three days per week.

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

[Click here to learn more](#)

### Support Guilford Education Alliance

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 students and our future.

[Click here to donate](#)



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

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## When Should I Start Kindergarten?

In 2007 the cut off date for beginning kindergarten was changed from October 15 to August 31 in order to remove the youngest children from entry into kindergarten. Since the implementation of the legislation there have been several studies that have examined the impact of kindergarten start date on children's success in school. They are:

[New York Times](#)

[USA Today](#)

[North Carolina State Study](#)

[Michigan State Study](#)

[House Bill 150](#)

## Guilford County Schools enrollment is up

Guilford County Schools' (GCS) enrollment on the 20th day was up 389 students from last year and 88 more students enrolled than expected. On Sept. 22, 71,853 students were enrolled while the district had projected a population of 71,765 students... [read more](#)

## Lauded Harlem Schools Have Their Own Problems

President Obama created a grant program to copy his block-by-block approach to ending poverty. The British government praised his charter schools as a model. And a new documentary opening across the country revolves around him: Geoffrey Canada, the magnetic Harlem Children's Zone leader with strong ideas about how American education should be fixed... [read more](#).

## Why gifted children are just as likely to fail in life

Exceptionally talented children are just as likely to fail in life as succeed according to a new study.

Professor Joan Freeman, said that of 210 children in her study, 'maybe only half a dozen might have been what we might consider conventionally successful.'... [read more](#)

## Wake County School Board's move will delay big changes

RALEIGH -- With the Wake County school board now operating with no majority bloc, massive changes in the way students are assigned to schools are unlikely to occur for nearly two more years... [read more](#).

## State Ends Student Accountability Gateways

The State Board of Education today voted to end the state-required performance gateways that have linked promotion and graduation to end-of-grade and end-of-course tests for the past several years. This move is a part of the state's greater emphasis on early diagnostic assessments that can pinpoint student learning needs before the end of the school year. This change will be effective with the current school year, 2010-11... [read more](#).

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## Guilford County Council of PTAs newsletter

[Click here](#) for the September/October 2010  
edition of the newsletter

## Grant Opportunities

Prudential Spirit of Community  
Awards Announces Annual Search  
for Top Youth Volunteers

Deadline: November 1, 2010

The Prudential Spirit of  
Community Awards program  
annually honors middle and high  
school students across the United  
States for helping the less  
fortunate, promoting health and  
safety, protecting the  
environment, and serving their  
communities through many other  
volunteer activities.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/  
rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=307900033](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=307900033)

Keepers in the Classroom - NC Zoo  
\*Bring a NC Zookeeper to your

## NC Board of Education Approves Components of New Accountability Model for Students and Schools

The State Board of Education yesterday approved a new student and school accountability model to begin in 2013-14 that focuses on college and career readiness. These changes are part of the state's Career & College: Ready, Set Go! plan for education in North Carolina...[read more](#).

## Court Ruling Bids Farewell to "Highly Qualified Teachers"

No Child Left Behind's Highly Qualified Teachers provision deserves to die. I felt this way even before this week's surprise ruling by the (oft-overturned) Ninth Circuit. The court invalidated a Bush Administration-era regulation that allowed Teach For America participants (and other alt cert teachers) to be considered "highly qualified" while they worked toward full state certification...[read more](#).

## How Much Does it Cost to Educate a High School Graduate in Your County?

Approximately 37 percent of the North Carolina state budget is devoted to K-12 public education. This year North Carolina will spend approximately \$7.1 billion on public elementary and secondary schools, the single biggest expenditure in the state budget. While North Carolina taxpayers have certainly demonstrated strong support for education, citizens also have a right to expect our children are learning the skills they need to earn a living and to contribute to society. One fundamental question that emerges out of this discussion is; how much does it cost to educate one high school graduate?...[read more](#).

## Lottery Funds to Educate are being chipped away

According to an investigation by NC Policy Watch, the NC Education Lottery has steadily decreased the cut of money that goes to education. The share of total revenue that the state's educational programs receive has dropped by 29 percent, pushing aside a formula written in state law that calls for 35 cents out of every dollar to benefit North Carolina schoolchildren. That formula change meant a difference of nearly \$80 million in 2009-10 that might have gone to the college scholarships, More at Four, school construction and class size reduction programs that the lottery is intended to help fund...[read more on page 5 of the Friday Report](#).

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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. [Click here](#) to learn more and fill out an application.

**Nominations Invited for Award in School Library Humanities Programming**

**Deadline: December 15, 2010**

The American Library Association Public Programs Office is accepting nominations for the 2011 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=308100031](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=308100031)

## How to fix our schools

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<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/index.php>

Sincerely,

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