



# Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

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>**

Saturday, November 13:

**SynerG's 3rd Annual Fall Ball; 8:00 - midnight; Weatherspoon Art Museum at UNCG; proceeds to benefit the Teacher Supply Warehouse; tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door; [http://synerg.org/index.php/initiatives/fall\\_ball/](http://synerg.org/index.php/initiatives/fall_ball/)**

Sunday, November 14:

**"Celebrating America's Educators" Reception and Panel Discussion; 4:00 - 5:30; International Civil Rights Center & Museum, 134 S. Elm Street, Greensboro; Free & Open to the Public  
Sponsored by the Guilford County Association of Educators, International Civil Rights Center & Museum and Guilford County Schools**

Dear Jennifer,

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

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Education is the Building Block to



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](#)



### Guilford Education Alliance Thanks American Express for Their Support of the Education Leadership Academy 2010

from left: Margaret Arbuckle,  
Executive Director, with Bob  
Garinger, Senior Vice President/  
General Manager of American  
Express and Jarvis Harris, Chair of  
Board of Directors.

Congratulations to our 2010  
Education Leadership Academy  
graduates!

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| Kendra Britto        | Susan  |
| Culp                 |        |
| Skip Crowe           | Kay    |
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| Anne Embrey          | Amy    |
| Fisher               |        |
| Paul Gibson          |        |
| Wendy Green          |        |
| Kathy Haddox-Hill    | Will   |
| Hall                 |        |
| Mary Henbenick Toole | Lisa   |
| Ingle Clapp          |        |
| Mitch Johnson        | Robin  |
| Lane                 |        |
| Ayisha Lewis         | Kerry  |
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| Karen Midgett        | Rich   |
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| Cindy Thompson       | Susan  |
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See more pictures from the  
2010 Education Leadersip  
Academy [online](#).

### Race to the Bottom

"Career and College: Ready, Set, Go," the  
Governor's education initiative, received a major  
boost when North Carolina was one of only eleven  
states to receive a Race to the Top grant. Winning the  
competition will mean roughly \$400 million over the  
next four years. [Read more...](#)

### Study: Half of Teens Admit Bullying Last Year

LOS ANGELES -- Half of high school students say they've bullied someone  
in the past year, and nearly half say they've been the victim of bullying,  
according to a national study released Tuesday. [Read more...](#)

### Early Grades Become the New Front in Absenteeism Wars

While many think of chronic absenteeism as a secondary school problem,  
research is beginning to suggest that the start of elementary school is the  
critical time to prevent truancy-particularly as those programs become  
more academic... [read more..](#)

### Youth Health Program Honored

GUILFORD COUNTY - A county youth awareness and education effort  
spearheaded by the Guilford County Department of Public Health and a  
coalition of local adolescent health organizations has been recognized  
with the Kathy Kerr Outstanding Health Education Project Award.  
... [read more.](#)

The 2008 Guilford County [Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#) was a project of the Guilford  
Education Alliance.

### Challenges Seen in Moving to Multimedia Textbooks

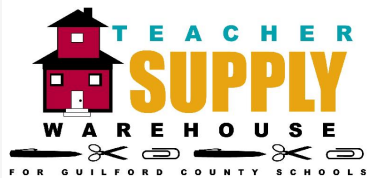
Most school districts have the technical infrastructure to support the  
basic digital textbooks of today. But as far as supporting the kinds of  
textbooks tech-savvy educators would like to see-multimedia-rich,  
interactive, Web-based materials-schools have some serious catching up  
to do in increasing network speed and connectivity, providing professional  
development for teachers, and persuading lawmakers to revisit state  
textbook-adoption policies.

[Read more.](#)

### Do Your Homework with NC School Report Cards

As a former principal and superintendent, some of the most productive  
relationships I had were with informed parents, business leaders and  
community members. While these people did not work with students in  
the classroom every day, they did their homework, and asked important  
and targeted questions about district and school data, and made good  
suggestions for improvement. As a result, they were some of our  
strongest school partners and most effective student advocates.... [read](#)

[more.](#)



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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## US Found to Recruit Fewer Teachers from Top Ranks

Countries with the best-performing school systems largely recruit teachers from the top third of high school and college graduates, while the United States has difficulty attracting its top students to the profession, a [new report finds](#).

Singapore, Finland, and South Korea draw 100 percent of their teachers from the top third of the academic pool, write the authors, Byron Auguste, Paul Kihn, and Matt Miller, of the management-consulting firm McKinsey & Co., based in Washington. But only 23 percent of U.S. teachers come from the top third of college graduates-and in high-poverty schools, that rate drops to 14 percent...[read more](#).

## Teaching Teachers

As educators struggle with the issue of teacher improvement, a program in Tennessee shows that struggling teachers can gain a lot from watching great teachers in action....[read more](#).

## 4 Ways to Get Kids with ADHD to Read

My sixteen-year-old son Haley recently came into my office and announced that he'd finished a six-hundred-page manuscript. I suppose that would be unusual coming from any sixteen-year-old, but given my son's background, it's especially stunning. [Read More...](#)

## An Offer They Wouldn't Refuse: How One District Lured Top Principals to Rescue Its Failing Schools

A new principal with no experience seems an odd choice to turn around a long-failing school. But that's exactly whom most superintendents around the country end up hiring-largely because no one else applies for what seems like a thankless job. It's no surprise that most don't succeed. The obvious solution, concluded Peter Gorman, the school superintendent in Charlotte, N.C., was to persuade skilled educators to take on these rescue missions. But how could he get the district's most effective principals, already ensconced in successful schools, to agree to transfers to the worst-performing ones? And what about the inevitable howl of protest from the communities they'd have to leave behind? [Read more...](#)

## Obama Administration Targets 'Disparate Impact' of Discipline

Federal officials are getting the word out that addressing racial disparities in school discipline is a high priority, and they plan to use "disparate-impact analysis" in enforcing school discipline cases-a legal course of action that some civil rights lawyers contend was neglected under the administration of President George W. Bush...[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  
classroom to present a fascinating  
program!  
\*Programs meet Standard Course

## A Challenge to Our Nation: Improving the Economic Well-Being of Latino Kids

Hispanic children are tomorrow's workers and taxpayers. Investing in their education and well-being is investing in America's future. The Census's most recent data, however, reveal that of all racial and ethnic groups, Latinos experienced the largest one-year increase in poverty in 2009. The number of Hispanic families with children in poverty has been exacerbated by the current recession and disproportionately high unemployment among Latino workers who are concentrated in the hard-hit industries, such as construction. [Read more...](#)

To make a contribution to support the valuable programs of Guilford Education Alliance, visit  
<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/index.php>

Sincerely,

Guilford Education Alliance

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)