



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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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

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

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

2009 Education Summit November 12th!

Register now to attend the 2009 Education Summit!

Education Matters...What Schools Need to Be and How Do We Get There?

Featuring Keynote Speaker Dennis Bega, US Department of Education Assistant Secretary

The Summit will be held on Thursday November 12th, 7:30 am at the Koury Convention Center. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

County's Top Principal, Teacher Named

When a student asked a classmate what a principal does, the girl replied: "She just runs the school and goes 'La dee da' through the halls."

Everyone laughed at the student's answer in a special video for the ninth annual Celebrating Excellence in Education on Monday (Sept. 28th). But the many Guilford County Schools staff, teachers and administrators gathered at War Memorial Auditorium could tell her that principals do a bit more than walk aimlessly down school corridors...[read more](#)

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Gifted Kids Often Ignored, Group Says

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.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday October 8 - Friday October 9: The NC Society of Hispanic Professionals Conference at Meredith College; [Click here more info and to register](#)

Thursday Oct. 22: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm at 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Monday Oct. 26: 2009 Teen Summit "Dating, Drugs and Other Dilemmas"; 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center; for more info call 373-2934

Mondays Oct. through Nov. 2nd: Win-Win Resolutions Conflict Resolution Training Workshops for families, parents and students of all ages in Greensboro; dinner and child care provided; [click here](#) for more info

Tuesday Nov. 3rd through Dec. 8th: Win-Win Resolutions Conflict Resolution Training Workshops for families, parents and students of all ages in High Point; dinner and child care provided; [click here](#) for more info

Tuesday Nov. 12: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm at 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Thursday Nov. 12: 2009 Education Summit hosted by Guilford Education Alliance; 7:30 am to 12:00 noon, Koury Convention Center; [click here](#) for more info

A local education advocacy group says Guilford County Schools is not doing enough to reach academically gifted students. The Guilford Education Alliance released a report Thursday (Sept. 24th) that outlines how students who are academically gifted are being overlooked in the classroom...[read more](#)

Lincoln Financial Group Praised for Its Support

Guilford Education Alliance would like to thank Lincoln Financial Group Foundation for its support and funding of the "Education Matters" report series, which included the recently released "Report on Gifted Education"...[read more](#)

Editorial: Nurturing All Learners

Are Guilford County's public schools doing right by their very brightest students? And with so many other concerns to address -- a rising tide of poor students, the racial achievement gap, surging numbers of children who arrive in local classrooms speaking not one syllable of English -- should we even care? Absolutely we should...[read more](#)

Looking Through a Teens Viewfinder

The photos are telling. Look at them and you'll see things you'll recognize around our city. There's the familiar, like the frozen figures of Bicentennial Gardens. But there's also the vice and violence of any city, any town...[read more](#)

Proposed Elementary School Hot Topic at Forum

A proposed elementary school was the hot topic of a Southeast Guilford community education forum on Sept 29th. The location of a proposed Southeast area elementary school was foremost on the minds of the hundred or so people who turned out for the forum held at Southeast Guilford High School...[read more](#)

Gang Threat in Schools Overstated, Group Says

The issue of gangs in schools may be less of a threat than some people believe, according to one group's findings. The School Safety Committee, formed and led by Guilford County Board of Education member Deena Hayes, has spent the past two years collecting information about gangs and safety issues in schools...[read more](#)

GCS: Merit Pay Plan Succeeding, but Expansion Not Definite

Guilford County Schools administrators say their three-year-old "Mission Possible" pilot program in merit incentives for teachers is succeeding, but it won't necessarily be the basis of any future district-wide reform in pay structures. Meanwhile, some teachers

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 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](#)

remain unconvinced that changes are needed...[read more](#)

Give Kids Good Schools Week: Oct. 11-17

The fourth annual Give Kids Good Schools Week will take place October 11 - 17, 2009!

Sign a pledge to Give Kids Good Schools, download web buttons or screensavers, review suggested questions for candidates in Public Education Network's voter guide, or send a letter to your local newspaper about how important public education is to you.

[Click here](#) for more info

Voters Have Chance to Transform System

Judging by the rhetoric of both sides in the high-stakes school board election Tuesday (Oct. 6th), Wake County students could be attending two different public school systems...[read more](#)

Secretary Duncan Says Rewrite of 'No Child Left Behind' Should Start Now

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said that the \$24.8 billion in federal funds available annually to the nation's schools should support reforms that prepare students for success in college and careers...[read more](#)

More School: Obama Would Curtail Summer Vacation

Students beware: The summer vacation you just enjoyed could be sharply curtailed if President Barack Obama gets his way. Obama says American kids spend too little time in school, putting them at a disadvantage with other students around the globe...[read more](#)

Revised Draft of 'Common Core' Standards Unveiled

A revamped draft of proposed common academic standards for states offers more detailed expectations than an earlier version, though the document also says that some decisions about specific curricula and lessons should be left to individual states and schools...[read more](#)

Critical Thinking? You Need Knowledge

The Latest fad to sweep K-12 education is called "21st-Century Skills." States - including Massachusetts - are adding them to their learning standards, with the expectation that students will master skills such as cooperative learning and critical thinking and therefore be better able to compete for jobs in the global economy. Inevitably, putting a priority on skills pushes other subjects, including history, literature, and the arts, to the margins. But skill-centered, knowledge-free education has never worked...[read more](#)



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Students Pass State Test, But at What Cost to Their Education

The school report cards came out in June. Rocky River Middle School passed the 2008 Ohio Achievement Tests, earned an Excellent rating from the state and met the requirements for Annual Yearly Progress. For all of those accomplishments, Principal David Root has only one thing to say to the students, staff and citizens of Rocky River: He's sorry.

[http://www.cleveland.com/brett/blog/index.ssf/
2008/07/students_pass_state_test_but_a.html#more](http://www.cleveland.com/brett/blog/index.ssf/2008/07/students_pass_state_test_but_a.html#more)

Grant Opportunities

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

Surdna Foundation Accepting Applications for Arts Teachers Fellowship Program

Deadline: November 13, 2009

The Surdna Foundation has announced the tenth year of a national initiative to support the artistic revitalization of outstanding arts teachers in public arts high schools.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=2667000
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Powered by Service Offers Funding to Seed Youth-Led Service Projects

Deadline: Open

Usher's New Look, a nonprofit organization founded by entertainer Usher Raymond IV that supports underprivileged youth in using their talents to become community leaders, has announced the launch of Powered By Service, a new initiative to encourage young people around the world to become involved in addressing the most pressing problems facing their communities - from preventing malaria and stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS to ending gang violence and increasing access to clean water.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=2676000

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**Do Something Awards to Honor Young Social Change Activists
Deadline: December 15, 2009**

Since 1996, Do Something has honored some of America's best young "world-changers" (age 25 and under) with the Do Something Awards.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=267600011

**Samsung's Four Seasons of Hope Offers Technology Donation Competition for U.S. Schools
Deadline: November 1, 2009**

Students, parents, and teachers across the United States are invited to help improve technology in classrooms by submitting a brief essay for the opportunity to receive a portion of over \$1 million in technology from Samsung Electronics America's Four Seasons of Hope campaign.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=267700020

**American Psychiatric Foundation Offers Grants for High Schools to Implement Mental Health Educational Model
Deadline: October 30, 2009**

Established by the American Psychiatric Foundation, a philanthropic and educational subsidiary of the American Psychiatric Association, the Typical or Troubled? School Mental Health Education Grant Program provides funding to implement the Typical or Troubled?

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=266700025

**Dominion Seeks Student Entries for Writing Contest Focused on African-American Leaders
Deadline: November 9, 2009**

Energy company Dominion is inviting high school juniors and seniors in its service area to participate in an essay-writing contest focused on the achievements of outstanding African-Americans as part of Dominion's 2009 "Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership" series.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=266700028

**Volunteer USA Foundation Announces Literacy Grants
Deadline: October 1, 2009**

The Volunteer USA Foundation's family literacy initiative has announced the availability of planning grants for existing literacy

programs interested in serving as a Volunteer USA Foundation family literacy academy.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=266500030

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