



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 to promote quality education in Guilford County. Together, we can motivate our entire

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Education Summit on November 12th! We hope you enjoyed the program and are inspired to continue supporting education in Guilford County. Our speakers, Dennis Bega from the US Department of Education, June Atkinson our NC Superintendent for Public Instruction and Mo Green our Guilford County Schools Superintendent, all stated how important it is for the entire community to be involved in education, not just those who are directly involved via employment or having public school students in the family.

If you were unable to attend, a pdf of the 2009 [Education Matters Report](#) that was distributed at the Summit is available on our website.

Education Summit Challenges Leaders to Get Involved

Local, state and federal educators issued a challenge to community and business leaders to make education one of their top priorities during the 2009 Education Summit in Greensboro, hosted by the Guilford Education Alliance...[read more](#)

Grant May Play Role in Teacher Pay Issue

As the debate about linking teacher salaries to student achievement gathers strength in North Carolina, Washington is throwing its \$4 billion dog into the fight. The U.S. Department of Education announced Thursday it will begin accepting applications from states for its "Race to the Top" grant...[read more](#)

Education Summit on WFDD

community to promote and support education for our students and our future.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday November 19: Career Exploration Fair for middle and high school students hosted by Guilford County Schools; 4:00 pm until 7:30 pm at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center West Wing B

Monday November 23: Public Forum About Strategic Compensation hosted by Guilford County Schools; 11:30 am at Southwest High School; [click here](#) for more information

Monday November 23: Public Forum About Strategic Compensation hosted by Guilford County Schools; 5:00 pm at Smith High School; [click here](#) for more information

Tuesday December 8: An Overview of the North Carolina State Budget, Economic Forecast and Issues Affecting Your Community; hosted by the United Way of Greater Greensboro; 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the Girl Scouts, 8818 W. Market Street, Colfax

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

[Click here](#) to listen to a radio broadcast from 88.5 WFDD about the Education Summit hosted by Guilford Education Alliance on November 12th.

Northeast High Receives Hugh Humphrey School Improvement Award

Northeast High is the recipient of the fifth annual Hugh Humphrey School Improvement Award for its efforts to improve student achievement during the 2008-09 school year. The award was presented at the 2009 Education Summit hosted by the Guilford Education Alliance...[read more](#)

GCS to Hold Public Forums About Strategic Compensation

Guilford County Schools (GCS) is hosting four forums to discuss the idea of paying employees additional incentives based on performance and other strategic compensation issues. The forums are part of the district's efforts to inform the community about new research showing the relationship between teacher quality and compensation. During the forums, participants will talk about how to ensure GCS recruits and retains high-quality employees, and how to ensure employees are rewarded for improving student achievement.

Public forums for community will be held at Southwest High Nov. 23 at 11:30 a.m. and at Smith High Nov. 23 at 5 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information

Voices. Choices. Greensboro's Human Services Study

This fall, United Way of Greater Greensboro is partnering with local foundations to conduct a human services study called "Voices.Choices." This study is the first in over five years, and is designed to identify and assess the most urgent human services needs in our community today. Results from this study, which will be completed by year end, will be used to help local human service organizations, including United Way, determine their investment priorities for the next several years.

[Click here](#) for more information and to take the online survey

Governor Talks Up College Applications

Gov. Bev Perdue stopped in Greensboro on Monday to kick off a statewide push to get high school seniors to apply for college. Perdue spoke briefly to a group of Grimsley High School students gathered by the school in the computer lab to apply for college as part of College Application Week, a statewide initiative sponsored by the College Foundation of North Carolina...[read](#)

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.

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Local Schools Join Push for Community Involvement

A day after Gov. Bev Perdue toured the Triad touting education initiatives, local leaders have their own ideas on how to strengthen the area's schools -- starting with more community involvement. This week, they've joined a national push for quality education for every child...[read more](#)

NCLB Updates

[Click here](#) to view the November 2009 NCLB Newsletter from the NC Department of Public Instruction. Included in this issue are many topics such as:

- How ARRA funds change the usual federal/state funding mix for public schools
- Updates on School Improvement Funds, LEA monitoring and new SES procedures
- The NC School Report Cards recently launched for 2009

After Criticism, the Administration is Praised for Final Rules on Education Grants

Three months after provoking an outpouring of criticism with preliminary plans for the nation's largest competitive education grant program, the Obama administration has added flexibility in the final rules, released Wednesday, drawing praise from a state governor who was initially critical and from leaders of the national teachers' unions.

But the Race to the Top program, which will reward some states undertaking bold school improvement initiatives with awards totaling \$4 billion, retains politically volatile elements...[read more](#)

Rules Set for \$4 Billion 'Race to Top' Contest

For a good shot at the \$4 billion in grants from the federal Race to the Top Fund, states will need to make a persuasive case for their education reform agenda, demonstrate significant buy-in from local school districts, and develop plans to evaluate teachers and principals based on student performance, according to final regulations set for release Thursday by the U.S. Department of Education...[read 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

Cemala Foundation, the Weaver Foundation, the Tannenbaum Sternberger Foundation, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, and Duke Energy Corporation, Lincoln Financial Group Foundation, Allen Tate Realtors, and The News & Record, as well as many individuals.

Please join in thanking them for their support!

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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

Guilford County Teen Grantmaking Council

Deadline: November 30, 2009

Get up to \$2,000 for a youth-led project! For an application, contact Traci Poole via e-mail (tpoole@cfgg.org) or by calling 336.379.9100

The project must have a positive impact on youth in Guilford County.

- Youth project must be completed by July 1, 2010.
- Your project must be planned by youth and/or adults & carried out/ led by youth only. We define youth as 11-18 years of age.
- Each group must have an adult advisor and a sponsoring organization. This sponsor organization can be a community group affiliated with a school, church, or other nonprofit organization.

Clorox Announces New Grant Initiative to Fund Youth Programs

Deadline: November 29, 2009

Clorox Clean-Up, a product of the Clorox Company, has announced that its new Power A Bright Future program will award five grants of \$10,000 each to kids' programs in hopes of enriching the lives of youth across the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=272300028

Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation Invites Grant Applications for Music Education Programs

Deadline: February 5, 2010

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation, a nonprofit public charity established by Muzak LLC, works to redefine and expand the scope of music education. The foundation's Music Matters Grants for 2010 program will focus on educational reform in school music programs and independent music programs across the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=273300034

Western Union Foundation Announces New Scholarship Program for Immigrant Families

Deadline: February 5, 2010

The Western Union Foundation's Family Scholarship Program is a new educational initiative for migrants, immigrants, and their families in the United States.

The Family Scholarship Program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Scholarships may be used for tuition for college/university education language acquisition classes, technical/skill training, and/or financial literacy.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=273300038

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

Sincerely,

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