



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 25:

Thanksgiving Day Feast; 11am - 1pm; Genesis Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; A free meal will be served and the public is invited. Genesis is located at 2812 E. Bessemer Avenue in Greensboro. Contact Lena M. Chapman formore information at 299.7772 or murrill2001@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, December 7:

Tough Topics: Drugs, Sex & Violence; 5:00 - 6:00pm or 6:00 - 7:00 pm; McGirt-Horton Library; Black Child Development Institute is hosting a parent workshop. For more information, contact Niah White at 336.230.2138.

Friday, December 10:

Guilford County Gang Assessment; 12:30 - 1:30 pm; Old Guilford County Courthouse Commissioners Room. If you are interested in youth gang activity in our community, you are invited to join us for a presentation of the Guilford County Gang Assessment. Contact Chuck Hoderne at Youth Focus for additional details, 274.5909.

Dear Jennifer,

As the holidays approach, we would like to thank everyone who has supported Guilford Education Alliance this year. We appreciate all you are doing to make education the TOP priority in Guilford County! We welcome you to the Guilford Education Alliance newsletter and 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 or [register online](#)



PENC (Professional Educators of North Carolina), a professional association that serves as *THE Voice* for educators in policy-making, the forum for developing professional relationships and the advocate for improving the learning environment for every educator and student, is currently accepting electronic entries for its 5th annual Young Artists Competition. The goal of this project is to highlight the hard work of North Carolina's visual art teachers and their students. For more information, [click here](#).



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.

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State's Education Department Details Big School Cuts

RALEIGH -- North Carolina could lose more than 5,300 teachers and all public school classes would be larger under a proposal for education cuts prepared for Gov. Bev Perdue's budget office.

The state Department of Public Instruction was the first large state agency to release its budget cut proposal in response to a request by The News & Observer last week. Funding for public education through 12th grade consumes about 40 percent of the state's budget. [Read more...](#)

Potential Budget Cuts Would Hurt Teachers and Students

Teacher layoffs, larger class sizes, fewer courses and less help for struggling students are some of the consequences if North Carolina's public school funding is cut by 5 or 10 percent, according to information released last week. The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) required government agencies to identify budget cuts at these two levels in anticipation of the 2011-12 fiscal year. Department of Public Instruction Chief Finance Officer Philip Price submitted the Department's list of possible cuts to the OSBM this week. [Read more...](#)

National Education Technology Plan

On November 9, Secretary Duncan released the Department's plan for transforming American education through technology, a process that would create an engaging, state-of-the-art, cradle-to-college school system nationwide. The [National Education Technology Plan](#) was written and refined over 18 months by leading education researchers, with input from the public, industry officials, and educators and students from across the country. [Read more...](#)

Fifth Grade Math Whiz Represents North Carolina

CHARLOTTE -- Zack Lee reads physics books in his spare time.

"For fun," explains the 10-year-old. "There's really a lot of humor in it." He's an even bigger fan of math, a fact underscored by his recruitment into the new World Mathematics Team Championship, Nov. 25-28 in Beijing.

[Read more...](#)

Summit Held Concerning Suspension Issues in Schools

Raleigh, N.C. - North Carolina has the fourth highest suspension rate in the country according to the latest research.

Statistics show that one in 10 North Carolina students experienced a suspension during the last academic year. On Friday November 12, nearly 150 educators, experts and policymakers attended a statewide summit in Raleigh to address the issue. They're working closely with the juvenile justice system to keep teenagers in school and out of the courts. [Read more and view video.](#)

Schools Want Pupils to Excel

RALEIGH -- North Carolina is injecting a heavy dose of Microsoft into its technical education courses by becoming the first state to introduce the company's IT school curriculum statewide. [Read more...](#)

It happens every year: your neighbor gives you a fruitcake; your crazy aunt gives you an even crazier sweater; your devouring-of-pie gives you an extra five pounds. This year, be the one to give a gift that's sure to please.

With the DonorsChoose.org gift cards you've given in the past, you helped spread the joy of supporting classrooms in need. We hope you'll [give gift cards](#) again this winter. Who needs a seasonal sweater when the joy of helping others warms you right up?

Happy holidays from all of us at DonorsChoose.org!



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Schools Integrate Dance Into Core Academics

The Infusion of the Arts Appears to be Gaining a Stronger Foothold at a Time When Advocates Are Struggling to Ensure Time and Support for Their Disciplines

PIKESVILLE, MD:

Photosynthesis may be an unlikely topic to inspire an opera or ballet, but in a 2nd grade classroom here recently, the children were asked to use dance to help them learn about that process. [Read more.](#)

Momentum Builds to Restructure Teacher Education

WASHINGTON - With conversations about the best ways to evaluate teacher performance already proliferating across the nation, preservice preparation could be the next stop on the teacher-quality continuum to receive a similarly high level of scrutiny. [Read more.](#)

12th Grade Students Still Below '92 Reading Scores

MIAMI - A national education assessment released Thursday shows that high school seniors have made some improvement in reading, but remain below the achievement levels reached nearly two decades ago. [Read more...](#)

Project BARK Takes a Bite out of Winter for Local Animals

Teachers and students at Ragsdale High are making sure chained animals in Guilford County have a warm, dry place to stay this winter season. Teachers Libby Scandale, Sam Bays, Julie Herchock, Christie Murphy and about 20 students are sponsoring Project B.A.R.K., which stands for Bringing Animals Relief and Kindness. The team will be constructing simple, sturdy shelters and using hay for insulation.

"I have been moved by the condition of chained animals who have no 'choice' in their environment," says Scandale, who initiated the venture. "Chained dogs are completely at the mercy of what humans provide." Project B.A.R.K. has the support of Ragsdale principal Dr. Kathy Rogers, Guilford County Sheriff B.J. Barnes and the Triad SPCA. The completed shelters could be distributed as soon as next week. At least one student, junior Zach Reck, has made the project an official GCS Service-Learning opportunity, and Scandale anticipates more participation. "The care and compassion we give to animals translates and extends to how we treat each other," she says.

For more information on how you can help Project B.A.R.K., call Ms. Scandale at 706-7172 or e-mail scandae@gcsnc.com.

Seniors' Reading and Math NAEP Scores on Rise

Twelfth graders' reading and mathematics scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress have improved only modestly in the past four years, according to [results released today](#), prompting renewed recognition that too few students leave high school well equipped for a promising future. [Read more.](#)

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Corporate Education Council
and how you can become involved in education
today!

Guilford County Council of PTAs newsletter

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Grant Opportunities

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

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

Deadline: December 31, 2010

The foundation makes grants of up to \$6,000 to
update, extend, and diversify the book collections
of the libraries that receive them.

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<http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/web2/index.html>

Kenan Fellowships

Available online beginning December 15

<http://www.ncsu.edu/kenanfellows/>

Middle College Proposed at UNCG

GREENSBORO - UNCG could be home to the Guilford County Schools' next innovative high school if a proposal by the school system and university is approved by the Guilford County Board of Education.

[Read more...](#)

Students May Get iPads from Durham Schools

DURHAM -- Durham school leaders are hoping they can get an app for underperforming students.

On Tuesday, November 16, Superintendent Eric Becoats announced the system wants to buy Apple iPads for teachers and students at two low-performing schools. [Read more...](#)

Happy Thanksgiving,

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