



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

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.

Mo Green: Schools Put Achievement Gap at Top of Game Plan

As the article, "Closing the Achievement Gap: A Matter of National Survival," which ran in the News & Record on Oct. 18, made clear, the number of minority students in the nation who do not graduate is troubling. The article also pointed out that black students across the nation are "four years behind their white peers in math, English and science by the time they reach 12th grade." This is even more alarming...[read more](#)

Voices. Choices. Greensboro's Human Service Study

Join the United Way of Greater Greensboro in one of their open community meetings for a conversation about human services and quality of life in Greensboro. Your contribution in a small group discussion will help chart directions and develop actions to make Greensboro a better place for all of us. Your ideas and insights are valued.

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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Upcoming Events

Wednesday Nov. 4th: *Violence Against Women and Children: Public Health and Human Rights Perspective*, Dr.

Jacqueline White at Greensboro Public Library, Central Library, 219 N. Church St., Greensboro; 5-7 pm; for more info, go to CFRN.UNCG.EDU; free and open to the public

Friday Nov 6-Saturday Nov 7: UNCG's 20th Annual Conference on African American Culture and Experience; for an agenda and to register, [click here](#)

Saturday Nov. 7: *Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership & Learning Conference*; 8 am to 5 pm; Dudley High School, 1200 Lincoln St, Greensboro; to register call 379-5001 or [click here](#)

Saturday Nov. 7: Free Training for mental health advocacy; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Mental Health Association, 330 South Greene St., Greensboro; for more info, [email](mailto:) or call 215-6422

Tuesday Nov. 10:

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

Saturday Nov 14: *Parent Empowerment Summit*; 9:00 am to 12:30 pm; Southwest Guilford High School

Tuesday, November 10

Aycock Middle (school cafeteria), 811 Cypress St

Thursday, November 12

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (fellowship hall)
1301 Alamance Church Road

Tuesday, November 17

Smith High (school cafeteria), 2407 S. Holden Road

No registration required, everyone welcome, snacks will be provided

For special needs assistance, please call United Way of Greater Greensboro -- (336) 378-6600.

Go Green and Donate to Santa's Workshop

The Greensboro Youth Council calls on the community to clean out closets and toy chests and donate gently used toys for children, ages newborn to 13 years old. Santa's Workshop is one of the few toy drives that accept used toys. All donations will be collected between November 16 and December 7.

Donation Sites for Santa's Workshop include:

- All SunTrust Bank Branches in Greensboro, High Point and Summerfield
- The Children's Museum; 220 N. Church St.
- GYC office at the Greensboro Farmer's Curb Market (501 Yanceyville Street)

All City of Greensboro Recreation Centers:

- Brown Center, 302 E. Vandalia Road
- Craft Center, 3911 Yanceyville Street
- Glenwood Center, 2010 Coliseum Blvd.
- Leonard Center, 6324 Ballinger Road
- Lewis Center; 3110 Forest Lawn Drive
- Lindley Center, 2907 Springwood Drive
- Peeler Center, 1300 Sykes Avenue
- Smith Senior Center, 2401 Fairview Street
- Trotter Center, 3906 Betula Street
- Warnersville Center, 601 Doak St.

For more information on Santa's Workshop or GYC, please call the GYC offices at (336) 373-2733 or 373-2734 or email gyc@greensboro-nc.gov.

Surrogate Parent Training

Guilford County Schools Exceptional Children Services needs volunteers for surrogate parents. A surrogate parent is assigned to a student when no parent can be identified. The trained surrogate parent shall represent the child in all matters relating to the

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 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.

identification, evaluation and educational placement of the child and the provision of a free and appropriate public education to the child.

If you are not employed by Guilford County Schools or Guilford County DSS and have experience in education or would like to train for this opportunity, please call the EC Department at 370-2319 xt. 722112 or e-mail Stephanie Antkowiak, EC Parent Liaisonantkows@gcsnc.com.

The next training will be Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 9am-11am in the EC Training room at 134 Franklin Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Education News Parents Can Use

Education News is a TV series that focuses on schools, learning and student success. On the third Tuesday of each month during the school year, Education News airs live via satellite, offering parents and anyone else with an interest in education vital information about getting involved in children's learning...[read more](#)

Dept. of Ed Launches \$650 Million Program to Spur Innovation in Schools

The U.S. Department of Education has announced the priorities of its \$650 million Investing in Innovation Fund, which is part of the \$5 billion set aside for school reform in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act...[read more](#)

Community Colleges to Create New Accountability System

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Lumina Foundation for Education have announced two-year grants totaling \$1 million to advance development of an accountability system that enables community colleges to improve their programs and graduate more students on time and at lower cost...[read more](#)

Education Chief: Overhaul Teacher Training

The Obama administration is calling for an overhaul of college programs that prepare teachers, saying they are cash cows that do a mediocre job of preparing teachers for the classroom. Education Secretary Arne Duncan called for "revolutionary change" in these programs, which prepare at least 80 percent of the nation's teachers...[read more](#)

STEM Defection Seen To Occur After High School

Despite popular opinion, the flow of qualified math and science students through the American education pipeline is strong—except among high-achievers, who appear to be defecting to other college majors and fields...[read more](#)

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Teachers Putting Texting to Use

Texting, beloved by teens, has long been a source of friction with parents and educators. But now some teachers in Charlotte are seeking to harness its power. Researchers back this approach with new evidence that texting teaches some positive language skills, and pragmatists argue that a war on texting is unwinnable...[read more](#)

The Next Generation of School Accountability

Although high school graduation rates have significantly improved across the sixteen Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) states since 2000, there is still much work to be done. That is the message from a recent SREB report entitled The Next Generation of School Accountability: A Blueprint for Raising High School Achievement and Graduation Rates in SREB States. The study calls on state leaders to take part in the solutions phase of improving student achievement in high school and beyond...[read more](#)

Pre-K Funding Up, Despite State Budget Woes

Despite declining revenues and budget shortfalls, state funding for prekindergarten is expected to increase by about 1 percent, or \$5.3 billion, nationally in fiscal 2010, says a report from a group that advocates high-quality early-education programs...[read more](#)

NCES Finds States Lowered 'Proficiency Bar'

With 2014 approaching as the deadline by which states must get all their students up to "proficient" levels on state tests, a study released last week by the U.S. Department of Education's top statistics agency suggests that some states may have lowered student-proficiency standards on such tests in recent years...[read more](#)

Gates Foundation Investing Millions to Sway Federal Education Dollars

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which already awards about \$200 million a year in grants to support elementary and secondary education reform, is now spending millions more to influence how the federal government distributes \$5 billion in grants to overhaul public schools, the Associated Press reports...[read more](#)

More Kids Have Diabetes, Fewer Schools Have Nurses

Christopher Rodriguez should have started kindergarten last year at PS 28 in the Bronx, but he's starting a year late. When his mother, Marileida Rojas, tried to enroll him in 2008, she was told Mount Hope Elementary School did not have the resources to care for Christopher, who has type 1 diabetes and was too young to

recognize when his blood sugar was slipping dangerously low...[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 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

Big Read Program Offers Grants to Support Community Reading Projects

Deadline: February 2, 2009

The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to conduct month-long community-wide reads between September 2010 and June 2011.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=270500012

ING Unsung Heroes Program Offers Grants for K-12 Educational Projects

Deadline: April 30, 2010

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=271300029

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation Invites Nominations for Inclusion Champion Award

Deadline: May 1, 2010

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation works to help young people with physical, mental, or learning disabilities to lead full and productive lives.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=257400015

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Sincerely,

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