



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

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

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

Happy Holidays!

The Guilford Education Alliance would like to thank you for all you do to support education in Guilford County. We wish you and your family happy holidays and a great new year!



Southeast High Student Wins U.S. Department of Education Video Contest

Alex Hughes, a junior at Southeast High, is a winner in the "I Am What I Learn" video contest sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. His video and two others received the highest number of votes from viewers... [read more](#)

[Click here](#) to watch the video

Education Summit on GCS News Break

[Click here](#) for a link to a Guilford County Schools News Break video that includes a story about Vandalia Elementary and the Education Summit hosted by Guilford Education Alliance on Nov. 12th!

The Junior League of Greensboro Volunteers at the Teacher Supply Warehouse

Thank you to the Junior League of Greensboro for all their work at the Teacher Supply Warehouse! The Guilford Education Alliance and Teacher Supply Warehouse are excited about

[Click here to donate](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday December 16: NC Dept. of Public Instruction Public Forum to receive public comment on amendments to "Policies Governing Services for Children With Disabilities"; 5:30 to 7:00 pm; [click here](#) for more info on how to participate

Thursday December 17: Guilford County Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro; [click here](#) for an agenda

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

partnering with the Junior League for the 2009-2010 school year.



United Arts Council Awards Teacher Art Grants

The United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro (UAC) has invested \$10,000 to eight local schools through Teacher Art Grants (TAG), designed to emphasize arts in education

2009-2010 TAG recipients include:

- McIver Education Center for the project Clay, An Avenue to Community Involvement.
- Northern Guilford High School for two programs: "Urban Griot" and "Dancing through the Decades."
- Lindley Elementary School for the program, "Let Freedom Sing," a Colonial journey.
- Sumner Elementary School for a World Music and Drumming program.
- General Greene Elementary School for the program "String Celebrations: The Sounds of Science."
- Jones Elementary School for student art boxes.
- Reedy Fork Elementary for the program "Fishing for Artistic Expression."
- Wiley Elementary School for the program, "Twist, Roll, Coil and Pinch."

To learn more about each of these programs, please contact the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro. Those interested in applying for a Teacher Art Grant for the 2010-2011 academic year may download an application at www.uacARTS.org or call the UAC at 336-373-7523, ext. 256.

NC Family/School/Community Engagement Summit

[Click here](#) for a link to the *Report and Recommendations from the North Carolina Family/School/Community Engagement Summit* that was held on September 12, 2009 at Dudley High School in Greensboro. The overall objective of the state-wide Summit was to dig more deeply into the barriers to parent, family, and



Learn how you can help fund projects in Guilford County Schools' classrooms through donations on DonorsChoose.org.

[Click here to learn more](#)



To donate materials to Guilford County Schools Teachers visit the Teacher Supply Warehouse

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Our Sponsors

Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, High Point Community Foundation, the 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!

To become a sponsor of the

caregiver engagement in schools and to develop recommendations for the people who have the power to make changes to policy and practice.

2010 Arts Education Teacher of the Year

The United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro (UAC) in partnership with Guilford County Schools (GCS) is pleased to offer the 2010 Arts Education Teacher of the Year Award. The award, established in 2006, recognizes an outstanding arts educator in the Guilford County School System. This year's award will be presented at the Guilford County School Board Meeting on Thursday, April 22nd and at OnStage! on April 29, 2010 at War Memorial Auditorium.

Nominations must be submitted to the UAC no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010. Nominations forms are available at www.uacARTS.org.

New School Board's Critics Make a Stand

Wake County's new school board majority heard impassioned pleas Tuesday (December 15th) from dozens of their opponents, then backed off a campaign promise: acting immediately to stop the growth of mandatory year-round schools. Members of the new coalition won their seats this fall by commanding margins in low-turnout district races, but the meeting's public comment period skewed heavily toward their critics. Students, parents and teachers spoke against their plans... [read more](#)

Time Warner Cable Commits \$100 Million to Science, Math Education

Time Warner Cable has announced a five-year, \$100 million commitment in conjunction with a White House-sponsored campaign to improve math and science education in the United States. Using its media assets, the cable giant will work to build awareness of the need for better science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education while inspiring students by connecting them with hands-on afterschool opportunities to experience STEM in non-traditional ways... [read more](#)

Business Plans in Education

With support from Penn's Wharton School and Fels Institute of Government, the Milken-Penn GSE Prize for Business Plans in Education program will solicit submissions from around the world that offer innovative solutions designed to boost student achievement and strengthen school effectiveness at all levels, from pre-K through post-graduate. The program will offer a first-place prize of \$25,000 and a second-place prize of \$15,000... [read more](#)

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index.php](http://www.GuilfordEducationAlliance.org/support/index.php)

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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

Sprint Character Education Grant Program Seeks to Support Positive Development of Young People

Deadline: February 5, 2010

The program awards Sprint Foundation grants to school districts and individual schools in support of resources that facilitate and encourage character education among K-12 students. The program is open to all U.S. public schools (K-12) and U.S. public school districts.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=276300009

Starbucks Foundation Offers Support for Young Social Entrepreneurs

Deadline: Open

A program of the Starbucks Foundation, the Starbucks Shared Planet Youth Action Grants program is designed to help young people realize their natural potential to reinvent their local communities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=275400038

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Announces Digital Media and Learning Competition

Deadline: TBA

The competition seeks designers, inventors, entrepreneurs, researchers, and others to build digital media experiences - the learning labs of the 21st century - that help young people interact, share, build, and explore in new and innovative ways.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=276400021

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Invites

Nominations for 2010 Annual Award

Deadline: February 1, 2010

The CCPH Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that build on each other's strengths to improve higher education, civic engagement, and the overall health of communities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=277200027

President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities Invites Nominations for Coming Up Taller Awards

January 29, 2010

The Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people and provide them with learning opportunities and chances to contribute to their communities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=277000023

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
