



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

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

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

On Stage! 2010



On Thursday April 29, 2010 at 7:00 pm the Guilford Education Alliance will host the 4th annual **On Stage!**, a showcase of student talent in Guilford County Schools. Held at War Memorial Auditorium,

the show will feature more than 20 acts representing schools around Guilford County. Proceeds from On Stage! support arts education in Guilford County Schools and the day to day work of the Guilford Education Alliance.

Tickets are on sale now at the Coliseum Box Office, by calling 1-800-745-3000 or [click here](#) to purchase online!

Magnet School Earns Honor

Magnet Schools of America has named Johnson Street Global Studies in High Point and four other Guilford County magnet and choice schools as schools of merit for 2010. Johnson Street was among a select group named Schools of Excellence by the organization. Jones Spanish Immersion Elementary, the Early College at Guilford, Weaver Academy and Washington Elementary were named Schools of Distinction... [read more](#)

Students Take Part in "Teach In" Just Before Museum Opens

can motivate our entire community to promote and support education for our students and our future.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday February 18: The 2010 National Smart Start Conference Online, *From Vision To Reality: Essential Elements of State Early Childhood Systems*; [click here](#) for more info

Wednesday February 24: *Writing Effective Individualized Education Plans*; workshop from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm; GCS Administrative Offices PTA Board Room at 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [email Stephanie Antkowiak](mailto:Stephanie.Antkowiak) for more info or to register

Thursday February 25: Guilford County Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm at 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more information

Monday March 1: *Kickoff to Kindergarten Parent Days*; Greensboro Children's Museum 11 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm; 220 N. Church St, Greensboro; call 574-2898 for more info (rescheduled from Feb. 22)

Tuesday March 9: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; at 712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; [click here](#) for more information

Wednesday March 10: *Summit on College Readiness*; 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the GTCC-Jamestown Campus; [click here](#) for more info and to register

Guilford County Schools Regions

[Click here](#) to view map of the new regions of GCS

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Stepping into the classroom, the students at Gibsonville Elementary School tried to imagine themselves inside a five-and-dime store in 1960. "Hi, welcome to Woolworth's," teacher Brandy Jo Brehm said.

Students filed in and saw at the front of the room a table decorated to resemble a lunch counter. Atop the counter were coffee mugs, Coca-Cola bottles, a menu and plaster cupcakes made by students. Four empty stools were lined along the front, and a large sign announced that the day's specials were "courage and justice."... [read more](#)

Switching Formulas: GCS Prepares for Math Changes

Middle and high school students and their parents will notice a change in the math curriculum as they pick their courses for next year. Starting next year, students will take Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II in a different order. The district will make the changes to follow state guidelines... [read more](#)

Follow the Trail: New Report Tracks GCS' Statistics

Why doesn't the county school district spend the same amount of money on every student? What is the ethnic background of teachers in the schools? The answers for those questions and more can be found in a new statistical report that offers a portrait of the 72,000-student system. The report, released in late January, is based on 2008-09 data to provide baselines for the district's strategic plan... [read more](#)

Proposed Rewrite of N.C. Social Studies Standards Draws Fire

A draft of revised social studies standards for North Carolina is facing criticism, with a chief complaint being that high schoolers apparently would only be taught about U.S. history beginning after Reconstruction. But a top state official says such complaints are missing the big picture of what the state has in mind for U.S. history K-12, and that no child would miss out on George Washington or Honest Abe... [read more](#)

Professor Derides History Class Idea

The recent uproar over proposed changes to the history curriculum in North Carolina public schools is not a conservative-vs.-liberal issue, said N.C. State University history professor Holly Brewer. "This is America's history that's being cut," said Brewer... [Read more](#)

More US History, Not Less, Basnight Says

State Senate leader and history buff Marc Basnight opposes a

organization chart of
superintendents



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proposal to limit the big U.S. history course high-schoolers take to the post-Reconstruction years. School boards, history teachers and others have criticized the proposed curriculum, which would push much of early U.S. history to the elementary and middle school years... [read more](#)

Superintendent June Atkinson Addresses History Concerns

Superintendent June Atkinson sent a letter to the North Carolina legislators to assist them in understanding the recent news coverage of North Carolina's proposed social studies standards. To view the letter that was sent, [click here](#).

Leaders Agree: 'No Child' Law Needs Tweaks

The state would welcome changes to No Child Left Behind, the federal law that pushed schools to reach unattainable goals, state education officials say. "I think we're looking for a silver bullet - looking for an easy solution to a complex issue," said Bill Harrison, chairman of the State Board of Education. "I think in some ways, No Child Left Behind hurt children it was intended to help."... [read more](#)

For Students at Risk, Early College Proves a Draw

Precious Holt, a 12th grader with dangly earrings and a SpongeBob pillow, climbs on the yellow school bus and promptly falls asleep for the hour-plus ride to Sandhills Community College. When the bus arrives, she checks in with a guidance counselor and heads off to a day of college classes, blending with older classmates until 4 p.m., when she and the other seniors from SandHoke Early College High School gather for the ride home... [read more](#)

Gender Gap in College Enrollment Stabilizing Except Among Hispanics, Report Finds

The gender gap in higher education has leveled off for most racial/ethnic groups except Hispanics, where the gap between the number of young men and women enrolled in college is widening, a new report from the American Council on Education finds... [read more](#)

Teacher-Dismissal Powers Found to Affect Absences

Chicago teachers who didn't have tenure took fewer days off after principals were given more flexibility to dismiss probationary teachers, a new study has found... [read more](#)

Helping the 'Twice Exceptional'

There are several children in Iowa and other parts of the country

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who are gifted but also have to deal with social or learning disabilities, said Nicholas Colangelo, the director of the University of Iowa's Belin and Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development. Hence the development of a new program, the National Institute of Twice-Exceptionality, or NITE, at the Belin-Blank Center... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Arts in Business Awards Call for Nominations

Deadline: March 12, 2010

The United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro in partnership with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and the Guilford Merchants Association, are accepting nominations for the 4th Annual Arts in Business Award. The award recognizes an exceptional Greensboro business each year for their leadership, commitment and vision to support the arts by making an impact during the past year.

www.uacARTS.org

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program Invites Nominations of Young Volunteers

Deadline: March 15, 2010

The Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6 to 18) whose efforts have made a positive impact on their communities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=284900042

William T. Grant Foundation Offers Grants for Investigator Initiated Research on Youth Settings

Deadline: April 6, 2010 (inquiry letters)

The William T. Grant Foundation supports work to improve the settings of youth between the ages of 8 and 25 in the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=284900038

ING Unsung Heroes

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes® could help you turn great ideas into reality for students.

<http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/>

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Keepers in the Classroom - NC Zoo

*Bring a NC Zookeeper to your classroom to present a fascinating program!

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*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.

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