



## 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!](#)

### Teacher Supply Warehouse

The Teacher Supply Warehouse has helped hundreds of teachers this school year put supplies in their classrooms. Unfortunately, the Warehouse is running low on some basic supplies that teachers need to finish the 2nd semester.

These items include:

Reams of plain paper

Notebook paper

Spiral notebooks

Glue sticks

[Click here](#) to learn how you can help donate to the Teacher Supply Warehouse!



### Keep Officers in Schools, Parents Say

Parents and community members continue to hammer home with school officials their support for law enforcement officers in schools. Several people told the Guilford County Board of Education on Thursday night (Jan 28) that teachers and principals

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### Upcoming Events

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

**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

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

### Guilford County Schools Regions

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

[Click here](#) to view the organization chart of superintendents



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

[Click here to learn more](#)

need school resource officers... [read more](#)

### Editorial: The SRO Impasse

Guilford County school board members have to decide how much SROs are worth. They know what school resource officers cost: \$2.9 million in this year's budget, or about \$73,000 for each officer assigned to a middle school or high school. County commissioners raised the expense issue in a meeting with school board members Wednesday (Jan 20), asking whether money could be saved by replacing SROs with private security guards... [read more](#)

### Race to the Top

#### NC Submits Race to the Top Application

Governor Perdue announced that North Carolina's \$459.5 million application for Race to the Top was submitted to the U.S. Department. According to the Governor, North Carolina's application stressed four areas of improvement and development for K-12 public education... [read more](#)

To read North Carolina's Race to the Top proposal, [click here](#)

#### President Seeks \$1.35 Billion Race to the Top Expansion

President Obama will seek \$1.35 billion in next year's budget to expand the Race to the Top competition, paving the way for the popular economic-stimulus grant program to become a permanent part of the administration's education armory... [read more](#) (scroll to 2nd story)

### Playing to Learn

The Obama administration is planning some big changes to how we measure the success or failure of schools and how we apportion federal money based on those assessments. It's great that the administration is trying to undertake reforms, but if we want to make sure all children learn, we will need to overhaul the curriculum itself. Our current educational approach - and the testing that is driving it - is completely at odds with what scientists understand about how children develop during the elementary school years and has led to a curriculum that is strangling children and teachers alike... [read more](#)

### College Board Report Examines State of Minority Male Students

Male students who are members of minority groups continue to face overwhelming obstacles to pursuing their academic aspirations, according to a report from the College Board. The result, it says, is a little-talked-about "third America" that is



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Please join in thanking them for their support!

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predominantly male, largely incapable of contributing to society, and often destined to be incarcerated... [read more](#)

### Obama to Seek Sweeping Change in 'No Child' Law

The Obama administration is proposing a sweeping overhaul of President Bush's signature education law, No Child Left Behind, and will call for broad changes in how schools are judged to be succeeding or failing, as well as for the elimination of the law's 2014 deadline for bringing every American child to academic proficiency... [read more](#)

### State Preschool Programs Save \$1B a Year in Crime, Education Costs

State preschool programs over the past 25 years are saving the state \$1 billion this year in crime and education costs, with increased productivity, according to a new study announced by state school superintendent Mike Flanagan and early childhood development advocates... [read more](#)

### Elementary Gifted Ed Made Easy

Two weeks ago I explored the possibility that high schools could challenge all students, gifted or otherwise, without having gifted programs. Quaker Valley High School outside of Pittsburgh, for instance, seemed able to create new opportunities for a variety of kids by ignoring standard procedures that had outlived their usefulness, such as homework requirements or rules against taking more than one course in the same period. One wise reader said, in effect: Yeah, but that will never work in elementary schools... [read more](#)

### Female Teachers May Pass on Math Anxiety to Girls, Study Finds

Girls have long embraced the stereotype that they're not supposed to be good at math. It seems they may be getting the idea from a surprising source -- their female elementary school teachers... [read more](#)

### Motorola Foundation Commits \$7.5 Million for US Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education Programs

The Motorola Foundation, the charitable arm of Motorola, Inc., has announced that it will increase its 2010 giving to U.S. science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education programs to a total of \$7.5 million through its signature Innovation Generation grants program... [read more](#)

### Grant Opportunities

Bezos Scholars Program @ the Aspen Institute Seeks

**Applications From Public High School Juniors  
Deadline: February 12, 2010**

The Bezos Scholars Program @ the Aspen Institute will select twelve top public high school juniors and twelve dynamic educators from their respective schools to receive seven-day, all-expense-paid scholarships to attend the Aspen Ideas Festival, July 5-11, 2010.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=282000028](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=282000028)

**Dollar General Literacy Foundation Offers Funding for Family and Adult Literacy Programs  
Deadline: February 25, 2010**

Family Literacy Grants provide funding to family literacy service providers. Organizations applying for funding must have the following four components: adult education instruction, Parent and Child Together Time (PACT), children's education, and parenting classes. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=282900004](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=282900004)

**Jenzabar Foundation Announces Call for Nominations for Annual Student Leadership Awards**

**Deadline: March 31, 2010**

The Jenzabar Foundation has opened the nomination process for its third annual Student Leadership Awards. The awards will honor ten student-led campus groups or activities that have made a significant impact serving others through service and philanthropic activities beyond their own higher education institutions.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=282000030](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=282000030)

**Entertainment Software Association Foundation Offers Grants for Youth Programs**

**Deadline: April 15, 2010**

The Entertainment Software Association Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=282800009](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=282800009)

**Nominations of Young Heroes Invited for Gloria Barron Prize**

**Deadline: April 30, 2010**

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its

2010 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people between the ages of 8 and 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=282800007](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=282800007)

#### **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](http://www.nczoo.org) and click on the Education Link to fill out an application.

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**Sincerely,**

Guilford Education Alliance

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