



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Saturday February 7:
Guilford County Schools will host a Magnet/Choice Fair from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Greensboro Coliseum Pavilion; for more information visit www.gcsnc.com/magnet

Tuesday February 10:
Student Human Relations Commission Summit; 9:00 am to

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

Education Summit Report

Below is a link to a report of the Education Summit held in November 2008.

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/eventsummary-final.pdf>

Green's Plan for the Schools

He's listened. He's learned. And, after nearly five months in office, the quiet attorney from Georgia has spoken to what he says Guilford County schools need: to be more equal, better managed and to set higher standards. Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green unveiled his strategic plan Tuesday, January 27th. The plan lays out goals and implementation strategies for the school district in the next three years, the remainder of Green's contract. The 46-page document includes major changes, such as the creation of regional districts within the school district led by regional superintendents, a districtwide audit of resources at schools to make them more equitable, and the addition of security guards at high schools... http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/01/27/article/green_s_plan_for_the_schools

GCS Launches Visionary Strategic Plan

http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/1_30.html

Guilford's Educators Like Incentive Pay

Paying teachers more to work in low-performing schools is working, according to school officials.

Officials presented data and gave personal testimonies Wednesday, January 21st in support of Guilford County Schools' two incentive-pay programs, Mission Possible and Cumulative Effect. The report was presented to the school board and representatives from nonprofits who provide financial support for the programs... http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/01/22/article/guilford_s_educators_like_incentive_pay

11:30 am; Mt. Zion Baptist Church; to RSVP email yamile.walker@greensboro-nc.gov or call 373-2038

Thursday February 12: Dr. Pedro Noguera will discuss his book "The Trouble with Black Boys...and Other Reflections on Race, Equity and the Future of Public Education"; 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Smith High School auditorium, 2407 South Holden Rd, Greensboro; the event is open to the public; for more information, contact the Guilford County Schools Diversity Office at 370-3284

Thursday February 19: Film premiere of "Straight Laced: How Gender's Got us All Tied Up" and a reception and open forum with the film maker; Dana Auditorium, Guilford College; free and open to the public; 7:00 pm; for more information, visit www.qsafe.org

Monday February 23: "Kickoff to Kindergarten: Parent Days", come learn how to help your child be ready for Kindergarten; Greensboro Children's Museum, 220 N. Church Street, Greensboro; 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; for more information, call 885-1859

Monday March 2: Read Across America Birthday Celebration for The Cat in the Hat;

Chaos Sited in K-12 System

The state has a lot of education leaders, but people looking for help or guidance say no one is really in charge. A consulting firm the state hired to examine the top of the education pyramid got an earful from the people it interviewed about chaos, ineffectiveness and lack of accountability. Sharing responsibility for education in the state are the State Board of Education, the board chairman, the governor, the state superintendent of public instruction and the deputy superintendent... <http://www.newsobserver.com/146/story/1381081.html>

In School for the First Time, Teenage Immigrants Struggle

Fanta Konneh is the first girl in her family to go to school. Not the first to go to college, or to graduate from high school. Fanta, 18, who grew up in Guinea after her family fled Liberia, became the first to walk into a classroom of any kind last year. "Just the boys go to school, so I always knew I was left out," said Fanta, a student at Ellis Preparatory Academy in the South Bronx. "But here, I am trying. I can say many things I did not know before. I can learn things more."... http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/25/education/25ellis.html?_r=1

Power Shifts at Public Schools

Gov. Beverly Perdue shook up public education Monday, January 26th, announcing she would bring the Cumberland County school superintendent to Raleigh to run the education department and lead the state school board. In Bill Harrison, Perdue could have a powerful education chief to both manage the 780-person Department of Public Instruction staff and guide education policy at the board, which oversees the agency...

<http://www.newsobserver.com/politics/story/1383185.html>

Stimulus Plan Would Provide Flood of Aid to Education

The economic stimulus plan that Congress has scheduled for a vote on Wednesday, January 28th would shower the nation's school districts, child care centers and university campuses with \$150 billion in new federal spending, a vast two-year investment that would more than double the Department of Education's current budget. The proposed emergency expenditures on nearly every realm of education, including school renovation, special education, Head Start and grants to needy college students, would amount to the largest increase in federal aid since Washington began to spend significantly on education after World War II.

Critics and supporters alike said that by its sheer scope, the measure could profoundly change the federal government's role in education, which has traditionally been the responsibility of state and local government.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/28/education/28educ.html?_r=1&hp

Report from the NC Task Force on Preventing Childhood Obesity

The Task Force is to review current State activities in the Department of Health

for K-5th grade students and their parents; 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Jamestown Public Library, 200 West Main Street, Jamestown; for more information, contact the Guilford County Association of Educators, 299-9601

Thursday March 26 and Friday March 27: The 4th Annual Youth Violence Prevention Conference; for more information and to register, visit www.charlotteahec.org or call 704-512-6091

Tuesday March 31: Tommy Watson will be speaking at Windsor Recreation Center, 1601 E. Lee Street, Greensboro from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm; the event is free and open to the public; for more information, call 337-2771

and Human Services, the Department of Public Instruction, and the Health and Wellness Trust Fund to develop a comprehensive statewide strategic plan with recommendations for preventing childhood obesity.

http://www.ncpublicschools.org/state_board/taskforce.html

Reports Call on Schools to Guide Students into College

If more students are to thrive in higher education, high schools must not only help them earn good grades in demanding courses, but also step up their work to guide them through the difficult process of choosing and applying to colleges, researchers said last week. At a panel discussion of two reports on college readiness that were released here Jan. 27, scholars and advisers in the field said raising academic standards, beefing up coursework, and helping students earn good grades are a crucial part of improving high schools, but they aren't enough...

<http://www.edweek.org/login.html?source=http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/01/28/20pipeline.h28.html&destination=http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/01/28/20pipeline.h28.html&levelId=2100>

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.

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



CVS Caremark Announce National Call for Children's Art

Deadline: March 6, 2009

VSA arts (<http://www.vsaarts.org/>) and CVS Caremark All Kids Can (<http://www.cvscaremarkallkidscan.com/>) are encouraging children and youth to share their creativity through a national call for visual art. The theme, "Celebrating Who I Am," invites young people with and without disabilities across the United States to create visual art about their interests, talents, and dreams.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016573/vsaarts>

For additional RFPs in Arts and Culture, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_arts.jhtml

Women Helping Others Foundation Invites Applications for Education/Literacy Grants

Deadline: March 17, 2009

The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others (<http://www.whofoundation.org/>) supports grassroots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children in the United States. WHO Foundation Education/Literacy grants

To learn how you can help fund school projects, visit

<http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html?zone=301&community=749:1>

Thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation, DonorsChoose.org is offering a "Double Your Impact" challenge for all college preparatory projects submitted from high-need and/or rural classrooms. Submit your proposal to DonorsChoose.org by February 22nd; for more information visit www.donorschoose.org

provide funding to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the United States and Puerto Rico to support free after school organizations and for the implementation or expansion of education and/or literacy programs for low-income children of all ages.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016575/whofdn>

For additional RFPs in Children and Youth, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_children.jhtml

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Offers Funding to Help Communities Prevent Childhood Obesity

Deadline: February 26, 2009 (Brief Proposals)

Communities Creating Healthy Environments is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (<http://rwjf.org/>) that aims to prevent childhood obesity by increasing access to healthy foods and safe places to play in communities of color.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016582/rwjfapps>

For additional RFPs in Health, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_health.jhtml

To donate materials to Guilford County Schools Teacher visit

http://www.gcsnc.com/teacher_warehouse/index.html

Bezos Scholars Program at the Aspen Institute Seeks Entries

Deadline: February 15, 2009

The Bezos Scholars Program at the Aspen Institute, a collaboration between the Bezos Family Foundation (<http://bezosfamilyfoundation.org/>) and the Aspen Institute (<http://www.aspeninstitute.org/>), is designed to bring together twelve of the United States' top high school juniors to engage in seminars and informal meetings with the international leaders, thinkers, and creative artists who participate in the annual Aspen Ideas Festival (June 30 - July 6, 2009).

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016581/bezosfamilyfdn>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

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Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program to Recognize Young Volunteers

Deadline: March 15, 2009

Through the Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship program, the Kohl's Corporation (<http://www.kohlscorporation.com/>) plans to award a total of over \$350,000 in scholarships and prizes this year to more than two thousand kids whose volunteer efforts have made a positive impact on their communities. The program recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6 to 18) who help make their communities a better place.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016669/kohlscorp>

For additional RFPs in Children and Youth, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_children.jhtml

Dollar General Accepting Applications for Adult and Family Literacy Grants

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!

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Programs

Deadline: March 4, 2009

Dollar General (<http://www.dollargeneral.com/>) is accepting grant applications for its Adult Literacy Grants program and its Family Literacy Grants program.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016670/dollargeneral>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

HP Innovations in Education Seeks Proposals From Secondary School Districts

Deadline: March 30, 2009

The 2009 HP Innovations in Education grants for secondary school districts in the United States will provide funding to school districts working to launch innovative pilot initiatives that support administrators and teachers responsible for student success in math and science in middle and/or high schools.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016671/hpgrants>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

BP Invites Teachers to Apply for Energy Education Grants

Deadline: March 9, 2009

BP (<http://www.bp.com/>) has announced the launch of the 2009 A+ for Energy Program. The program will recognize teachers who have demonstrated innovation and excellence in teaching energy and/or energy conservation in the classroom.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016672/bpteachers>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program Accepting Applications for Spring 2009 Grant Cycle

Deadline: February 15, 2009

Funded by the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (<http://lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLoves/Community>), the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program supports parent groups in the United States working to improve their children's schools across the nation.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016673/toolboxedu>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

To make a contribution to support the valuable programs of Guilford Education Alliance, visit <http://www.guilfordnonprofits.org/donations/index.html>

Sincerely,

Guilford Education Alliance