



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Guilford Parent Academy Survey

If you are a Guilford County Schools Parent, [click here](#) to participate in the short online survey! Your input will help Guilford Parent Academy offer first-rate programs that are beneficial for GCS parents and families from all demographics and backgrounds.

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

Please click on the following link and take a couple minutes to complete our short survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Y5NFQZO> by Monday March 8th. Your input will help us improve our programs and publications. Thank you!

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!

GTCC to Host Education Summit

Educators from across Guilford County will hold a summit March 10 at Guilford Technical Community College to discuss ways to prepare high school students for college. The day long session will be held at Koury Hospitality Careers Center. Educators from the pre-school level to 12th grade and from two-year and four-

Upcoming Events

Thursday March 4: 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 for more info or to register

Tuesday March 9 to April 20: Conflict Resolution Training workshop hosted by Win-Win Resolutions; Tuesday nights 5:30 pm to 8 pm; free program with dinner and childcare included; Temple Memorial Baptist Church, 1458 Cedrow Dr, High Point; [click here](#) for more information

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

Friday March 19: Doris Henderson Newcomers School International Celebration; 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Western High School

Friday March 19 - Saturday March 20: 2010 Urban Education Institute: "Making a Difference with Black Males"; hosted by the NC A&T School of Education; [click here](#) for more information and to register

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

year colleges and universities are expected to participate... [read more](#)

Greensboro Students Display 'Window to Creativity'

Triad students are showing off their art skills and helping keep supplies in classrooms. Art students from Weaver Academy used recycled tourism booklets to create their "Window to Creativity." It's located in the front of the Kress Building on South Elm Street in Greensboro. Students hope people will donate to the Teacher Supply Warehouse, which gives teachers classroom necessities for free. [Click here](#) for the rest of the story and to watch a video of the window unveiling!

Mural Shows Off Diversity, Unites Students

A mural dedicated to helping kids better understand diversity, was shown off to students and teachers Tuesday (Feb. 23rd) at Rankin Elementary. It represents the almost 25 different ethnicities at the school. Some students actually had their own faces put in the mural to portray their culture. The students say seeing their differences in the painting, actually unites them. [Click here](#) for the rest of the story and to see a video of the mural!

Teachers Resist Layoff Policy Change

Some teachers and other school district employees are fighting a proposal they say would give too much power to the superintendent and principals when it comes to layoffs. The proposed change does away with current criteria, which give priority to the number of years of employment, and leaves too much ambiguity, opponents of the policy argue... [read more](#)

[Click here](#) for a report released in February 2010 regarding this issue titled *Teacher Layoffs: Rethinking "Last Hired, First Fired" Policies*

GCS Consolidating ACES Programs at Two Schools

The After-School Care Enrichment Services (ACES) programs at Bessemer Elementary and Union Hill Elementary are being closed and consolidated with ACES programs at nearby schools effective March 22. The changes are part of the ACES plan approved by the Guilford County Board of Education last April to consolidate ACES programs with low enrollment in an effort to save money... [read more](#)

Fiftieth Anniversary Sit-In Partnership Activities

For a summary of the Guilford County Schools activities taking place to recognize and celebrate the anniversary of the Sit-In

support education for our students and our future.

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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](#)



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

[Click here to learn more](#)

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State Educators Drop Plan to Focus on Recent History

After critics complained that the American Revolution, the Founding Fathers and the Civil War would get short shrift in the classroom, the state education agency is reworking a plan for high school students to focus on U.S. history since the 1870s. North Carolina state schools superintendent June Atkinson said the uproar was caused by "misinformation" about the first of several planned drafts for the revised approach to teaching history... [read more](#)

Public School Funding Formula Review Approved

The Joint Select Committee on Public School Funding Formulas is pleased to announce it has awarded a contract to the educational consulting firm Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, Inc. (APA) to conduct a comprehensive review of North Carolina's current system for providing State support to school districts for K-12 education. The study will evaluate the efficiency, equity, and efficacy of North Carolina's public school investments... [read more](#)

NC Students Excel on Advanced Placement Exams

According to a report released by the College Board this week, North Carolina is one of 16 states in which the percentage of students that scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam exceeds the national average. A total of 24,563 (29.1%) students from North Carolina's public high school class of 2009 took at least one AP exam during high school. This number exceeds the national average of 26.5% and represents an increase of 6,473 students from 2004... [read more](#)

District May End N.C. Economic Diversity Program

When Rosemarie Wilson moved her family to a wealthy suburb of Raleigh a couple of years ago, the biggest attraction was the prestige of the local public schools. Then she started talking to neighbors... [read more](#)

Burns Still Leading Wake Schools Staff

Wake County superintendent Del Burns hung on to his job Tuesday March 2nd, but the end of a long, contentious school board meeting brought no guarantee he'd remain until his announced resignation date of June 30. However long he stays, he will have to contend with an austere budget that could mean layoffs, cuts in services and more expensive school lunches... [read more](#)

A History Lesson on Our Public Schools

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!

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One of the most common problems for those involved in contentious policy debates is a lack of historical perspective. For those with little or no memory of the events that led up to present-day controversies, it's often difficult to see the forest for the trees. Lacking an understanding of how the present circumstances came about, they often act as if there were no precedent for solving the problems at-hand or, worse yet, act to undo important accomplishments... [read more](#)

In Middle School, Charting Their Course to College and Beyond

Public schools have long offered their students the same basic academic program, with little real choice aside from foreign languages or an occasional elective in what was a one-size-fits-all approach that drove many families to seek private and charter schools. But this year, all 428 sixth graders at Linwood Middle School in North Brunswick, N.J., are charting their own academic path with personalized student learning plans... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Nominations Invited for 2010 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education

Deadline: March 19, 2010

Now in its 23rd year, the annual Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education recognizes notable individuals in education who have mastered the art of "scaling up," or building upon successful programs.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=285400036

Suder Foundation Seeks New University Partners to Implement First-Generation Scholars Program

Deadline: April 15, 2010

The mission of the Suder Foundation is to dramatically improve the graduation rate of first-generation college students by providing financial, academic, emotional, and social assistance at selected public universities across the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=285900031

Earth Island Institute's Brower Youth Awards to Recognize Young People for Environmental Activism

Deadline: May 15, 2010

The Earth Island Institute's Brower Youth Awards annually recognize six young people in North America for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and

environmental justice advocacy.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=280500008

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.

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