



## Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Building Community Through a Forum for Diversity

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!**

### Share a Day in the Life of a Principal

Meet the public school principal of the 21st century, a job that requires wearing many hats while working long hours and enduring constant pressure to have their students and teachers perform to ever-increasing expectations. In addition to being a school's lead administrator and manager, the modern principal serves as a school instructional leader and is responsible for leading school reforms... [read more](#)

### High Point Enterprise Series on Education

Below are the titles and links for five articles that were featured in the High Point Enterprise about various aspects of education.

Please join us for our Diversity Forum Breakfast to hear a special report:

## "Faces of Change: Addressing Diversity in Our Schools"

Co-presented by The HR Group, Inc.  
and Guilford Education Alliance.

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2010  
**Time:** 7:45 - 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Smith High School Media  
Center

**Cost:** \$5 to cover the cost of breakfast  
will be collected at the door

[Click here](#) for more info and to register

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday April 13:** *Kids Are What They Eat, and I'm Scared!*; *Diet's Impact on Children's Development, Learning and Behavior*; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at The Piedmont School, 815 Old Mill Road, High Point; RSVP by April 9th to 803-1265 or [email](mailto:Debbie.DeSpain@piedmontschools.org) Debbie DeSpain

**Thursday April 22:** *Building Community Through a Forum for Diversity*; 7:45 am to 9:30 am at Smith High School Media Center; [click here](#) to register

**Monday April 26:** 7th Annual Autism Awareness Golf Tournament at Bryan Park Golf Course; deadline for registration and sponsorships is April 16th; for more info call Andrea Worthington at 207-1237 or [click here](#)

### Summer Programs

#### UNC-G Dream Camp

Dream Camp is a therapeutic and recreational day camp designed for children aged 8 to 18 with Asperger's Disorder. The main focus of the camp is to enhance social skills and to help children cope with the common challenges they face. Campers will also enjoy art, music and outdoor activities!

2010 Camp Dates:  
June 28-July 2

Tests Can Determine a School's Future... [read more](#)

High-Tech Learning: Computers, Other Sophisticated Tools Now Commonplace in Schools... [read more](#)

Schools Take New Approaches to Discipline... [read more](#)

Magnetic Attraction: Schools are No Longer One Size Fits All... [read more](#)

Grant Competition Brings New Initiatives... [read more](#)

### Oak Hill Teachers to Reapply for Jobs

Employees at Oak Hill Elementary will have to reapply for their jobs, if they want them. The school board voted unanimously Thursday (March 25) to apply for a grant that would result in major changes at the school... [read more](#)

### Triad Woman Petitions for Stricter School Bus Seat Belt Laws

Monday's (March 15) bus crash in Davidson County brought back memories for Ruth Spaulding and a reminder about why she's been fighting a fight for the past decade... [read more](#)

To sign the March 10, 2010 Petition to the NHTSA to mandate 3-point seat belts on all sized school buses, send an email to [mbrooks@Autosafety.org](mailto:mbrooks@Autosafety.org).

To join the NC GCS Parent Coalition for School Bus Safety Yahoo Group, send an email to [gcsschoolbussafety-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:gcsschoolbussafety-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### Helping Women Help Themselves

Our country is in an economic crisis, Cathy Daniels Lee said. "I believe women can play a major role in turning the economy around through entrepreneurship."... [read more](#)

### NC Misses Out in First Round of Race to the Top Grants

North Carolina missed out on the first round of education reform grants from the federal government Monday (March 29), drawing a blow to Gov. Bev Perdue's efforts to find other sources of revenue to quickly move forward her own public school

July 19-23  
August 9-13

For more information, call Sarah O'Rourke at 336-346-3196 x. 704.

### **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.

[Click here to donate](#)

### **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.

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initiatives... [read more](#)

### **School Discipline Goes on Trial**

State Supreme Court justices asked pointed questions Monday (March 22) about how the constitutional right to an education may be connected to school discipline. Jane Wettach, a lawyer for two Beaufort County high school students suspended for five months, said districts should not be allowed to deny suspended students access to alternative school without explanation... [read more](#)

### **School Suspensions Lead to Legal Change**

As school let out one day in January 2008, students from rival towns faced off. Two girls flailed away for several seconds and clusters of boys pummeled each other until teachers pulled them apart... [read more](#)

### **Shut Down School-to-Prison Pipeline**

Coverage about SROs and Tasers in public schools has failed to mention STPP, the school-to-prison pipeline. In plain language, unfounded claims that students are out of control and must be reined in by law enforcement, coupled with pressures on teachers and administrators to rid schools of students who cannot score well on high-stakes standardized tests, have led to astronomical increases in school suspensions, juvenile delinquency complaints and arrests of children.... [read more](#)

### **Stagnant National Reading Scores Lag Behind Math**

The nation's schoolchildren have made little or no progress in reading proficiency in recent years, according to results released Wednesday (March 24) from the largest nationwide reading test. The scores continue a 17-year trend of sluggish achievement in reading that contrasts with substantial gains in mathematics during roughly the same period... [read more](#)

### **Review of the Draft K-12 Common Core Standards**

The Fordham Institute's expert reviewers have analyzed the draft Common Core K-12 education standards (made public on March 10) according to rigorous criteria. Their analyses led to a grade of A- for the draft mathematics standards and B for those in English language arts... [read more](#)

### **It's the Classroom, Stupid**

The mismanagement of classroom instruction is the ugly secret and fatal flaw of school reform. Everyone knows that school systems are horrendously mismanaged. The media keep us fully informed and outraged at foul-ups like overspent budgets, computer glitches, bungled paperwork, defective maintenance,



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and unresponsive bureaucrats. But these failings, as serious as they are, tell only a small part of the story... [read more](#)

### Solving Algebra on Smartphones

Research shows that a project to use the devices as teaching tools in some N.C. districts has had a measurable impact on student achievement in math... [read more](#)

### Darwin Foes Add Warming to Targets

Critics of the teaching of evolution in the nation's classrooms are gaining ground in some states by linking the issue to global warming, arguing that dissenting views on both scientific subjects should be taught in public schools... [read more](#)

### Grant Opportunities

**Kiki Magazine Offers Girls Leadership Grant Opportunity to Educators**

**Deadline: April 19, 2010**

Kiki Magazine has announced a grant opportunity for educators working with girls in grades six, seven, and/or eight.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=289400008](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=289400008)

**Dominion Foundation Offers K-12 Educational Grants in Math and Science**

**Deadline: May 1, 2010**

The Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion Resources, is accepting applications for Educational Partnership grants of up to \$10,000 to help students in kindergarten through 12th grade strengthen their skills in mathematics and science.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=289400004](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=289400004)

**National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife Foundation Invite Entries for MetLife-NASSP Breakthrough Schools Program**

**Deadline: May 15, 2010**

NASSP invites middle level and high schools, including K-8 and K-12 schools, that serve economically disadvantaged students to apply for this award.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=289400006](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=289400006)

**Autism Speaks Accepting Letters of Intent for Family Services**

### Community Grants Program

**Deadline: June 10, 2010**

Autism Speaks is accepting grant applications for its Family Services Community Grants program for projects that promote services that enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorders.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=289400018](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=289400018)

### Proposals Invited for Round Five of Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

**Deadline: Various**

Healthy Eating Research, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is designed to support research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children and prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=289400014](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=289400014)

### 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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