



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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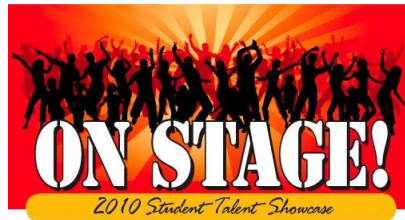


Building Community Through a Forum for Diversity

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!

Alliance Urges Education Support

A leading education advocacy group called on local and state leaders Friday (April 9th) to fully "invest" in education by funding the school district's budget.

The Guilford Education Alliance focused on the additional \$6.4 million Superintendent Mo Green wants for the 2011 school district budget and state cutbacks that could total \$29 million next year for the district... [read more](#)

Doug Clark: School Funding Deserves a Discussion

A plucky band of public education advocates stood on the steps of

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 20: Guilford County
Board of Education Budget meeting;
11:30 am at Guilford County Schools,
712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; [click
here](#) for more info

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

Thursday April 22: Guilford County
Board of Education meeting and public
hearing on the proposed budget; 6:00
pm at Guilford County Schools, 712 N.
Eugene Street, Greensboro; [click here](#)
for more info

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](#)

Thursday April 29: *On Stage!* Showcase
of Student Talent; 7:00 pm at War
Memorial Auditorium; [click here](#) for
ticket info

Summer Programs

the Old Guilford County Courthouse last Friday (April 9th) and called for more school funding. Good for them. And good luck. Margaret Arbuckle, executive director of the Guilford Education Alliance, delivered a long and compelling statement to an unfortunately small gathering of media representatives and onlookers. She was backed by several members of her board of directors and other supporters... [read more](#)

College Readiness Summit

The College Readiness Summit was held in Guilford County on March 10, 2010. [Click here](#) to read the Executive Summary!

Grant to Boost Science Learning

Three schools will benefit from a \$2.8 million, five-year National Science Foundation grant aimed at boosting science studies and promoting interest in science careers.

Graduate students from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will work with students and teachers at Montlieu Math and Science Academy, Welborn Academy of Science and Technology and T.W. Andrews High to investigate the health, biological and socioeconomic effects of changing land use patterns in the region... [read more](#)

Superintendent Plans Furloughs to Offset \$27 Million Deficit

Guilford County Schools Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green wants the school board to prepare for a potential \$27 million budget deficit for 2010-11. He is proposing furloughs and cutting more than 55 administrative positions to cover the shortfall... [read more](#)

Number of Title I Schools in GCS Climbs for 2010-2011 School Year

During the 2010-11 school year, 50 of the district's schools will be identified as Title I, based on free and reduced priced meals data from February 2010. Only 46 schools are identified as Title I for the 2009-10 year... [read more](#)

GCS Students Connect with Orbiting Astronauts

Astronauts orbiting 220 miles above Earth will speak with students at Eastern High on Wednesday, April 14. The satellite downlink with students and astronauts aboard space shuttle Discovery will take place at 1:06 p.m. EDT.* Eastern High is hosting students from Eastern Middle, Gibsonville Elementary, McLeansville Elementary, Rankin Elementary and Sedalia Elementary for the downlink... [read more](#)

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

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



Parent Academy Survey

Guilford County Schools (GCS) is asking parents to provide feedback through an online survey on the Guilford Parent Academy, one of the district's strategic plan initiatives set to launch in January 2011.

Formerly referred to as Parent University, Guilford Parent Academy will help GCS support parent and family involvement across the district.

Once completed, Guilford Parent Academy will be a point of connection for parents and families to resources and information about ways they can support their children's education. A number of community organizations and groups are partnering with GCS to make Guilford Parent Academy a reality.

"We hope all parents will take a few minutes and fill out the survey," said Nora Carr, chief of staff for GCS. "Their input will help Guilford Parent Academy offer first-rate programs that are beneficial for GCS parents and families from all demographics and backgrounds."

To access the survey in both English and Spanish, click on the link below. The survey will be available through May 3. Hard copies will also be available at the GCS central office and at various schools/community locations. For more information, contact Haley Miller at 336-370-3200.

<http://research.zarca.com/k/SsSRPWsVQsPsPsP>

State Eyes Overhaul in ABCs Testing

High school students might have to take college entrance exams or occupational tests to see whether they're ready for life after graduation, under accountability proposals by state education leaders. The State Board of Education is considering sweeping changes to the way it evaluates students and rates schools, essentially remaking the state's ABCs accountability system...

[read more](#)

Judge Manning Calls Hearing to Focus on Low-Performing Urban Schools

Judge Manning, who presides over the on-going Leandro court case, called a hearing that will focus on low-performing elementary and middle schools in three urban school systems: Forsyth, Guilford and Durham. The hearing is set for Tuesday, May 4. It will begin at 10 AM in Courtroom 5A of the Wake County Courthouse... [read more](#)

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

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NC Governor's School Copes with Shrinking Budget

For the first time, high school students must pay to attend N.C. Governor's School, which has provided summer arts and academic enrichment to top students for 47 years. Enrollment is also being cut by 25 percent, from 800 to 600 teens, as the prestigious program feels the pinch of a shrinking state budget. Last summer, the state legislature cut money for the six-week program and added the \$500-per-student tuition... [read more](#)

NC Scrambles for Second Race to the Top

State education leaders are beginning to think about changes they can make to their Race to the Top application in the hope of winning in the second round of grants. The state was a finalist in the competition for federal education grants but found out last week that only Tennessee and Delaware won... [read more](#)

States Skeptical About 'Race to the Top' School Aid Contest

A dozen governors, led by Bill Ritter Jr. of Colorado, sat with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan in a hotel ballroom in Washington a few weeks back, praising his vision and gushing with enthusiasm over a \$4 billion grant competition they hoped could land their states a jackpot of hundreds of millions of dollars. But for many of those governors, the contest lost some sizzle, when Mr. Duncan awarded money to only two states - Delaware and Tennessee... [read more](#)

Better Teacher, Better Students

Rookie teachers are much less effective than their more experienced colleagues, a new report says, pointing to a need for better preparation for prospective teachers and for more support once they're standing in front of classrooms. As North Carolina looks to improve public school students' achievement, the report from University of North Carolina researchers makes an important link between where new teachers are educated and how their students perform on standardized tests... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Do Something Invites Applications for Six Flags Friends Scholarships

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Do Something has teamed up with Six Flags Friends to award college scholarships to young leaders who are taking action to make their community (local and/or globally) a better place.

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http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=290100040

Public School Teachers Invited to Apply for Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program

Deadline: April 30, 2010

A philanthropic project of the Jordan Brand, a division of Nike, Inc., the Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program awards a total of \$1 million annually to teachers across the United States who motivate and inspire students (grades one through 12) to achieve excellence. The grant program is designed to recognize outstanding teaching and instructional creativity in public schools that serve economically disadvantaged students.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=290700028

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

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. Schools must have 40 percent or more of their students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=289400006

William T. Grant Foundation Invites Applications for 2010-11 Scholars Program in Youth Settings Research

Deadline: July 7, 2010

An initiative of the William T. Grant Foundation, the William T. Grant Scholars Program is accepting applications from promising early-career researchers who want to tackle questions important to theory and either policy or practice for improving youth settings.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=288000008

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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