



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

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

Also, be sure to join our new Facebook page!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jamestown-NC/Guilford-Education-Alliance/57559838156>

On Stage! 2009

On Stage!, the Guilford Education Alliance's talent showcase featuring more than 400 Guilford County Schools students, will be held Thursday, April 30 at 7:00pm at War Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are available at TicketMaster.com, at the Coliseum box office or by phone at 1-800-745-3000. All tickets are \$15, so reserve your seats now!

Grimsley Robotics Team Going to the World Championship in Atlanta

In its first year of competition, FTC Team 3391 built a really effective robot and they are going to the World Championship in Atlanta! David Pudlo is the founding president, with five other pioneering members. Myron Bryant served as faculty sponsor. Grimsley was the high scorer after the preliminary rounds of the competition at NC A& T Saturday, March 21. Though not the game victor of the final round, Grimsley was honored to be the recipient of the "Inspire" award! This award is given to one team as a type of "Best Overall". The winner of the Inspire award, as well as the captain team of the winning alliance (Team 2827 from Durham) will travel to Atlanta for the World Championship in Atlanta April 15-17. In addition, other members of the winning alliance from Southeast Guilford and Andrews High Schools in Guilford County won a national lottery which allows them to compete in Atlanta.

School Cuts Go Beyond District Office

About 90 positions at individual county schools could be eliminated under a plan Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green put forth Thursday March 26th. District leaders anticipate having to reduce or redirect about \$22 million in the 2009-10 budget. About \$13.1 million would come from central administration, but the rest would come at the school level, where most district resources are concentrated.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/03/26/article/schools_to_cut_100_plus_jobs

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Upcoming Events

Saturday April 18: *Yes I Can Go to College!!*; 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm; New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 1105 Willow Road, Greensboro; Hosted by the NAACP

Tuesday April 21: Guilford County Board of Education Budget meeting 11:30 am; 712 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro; for an agenda go to www.gcsnc.com

Thursday April 23: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro; for an agenda, go to www.gcsnc.com

Saturday April 25: Black Child Development Institute is hosting "Entering the College Zone"; a pre-college program that empowers middle school students and their parents by equipping them with the skills and resources that will allow them to navigate through the college preparation and admission process; for more information, visit http://www.blackchilddevelopment.org/college_zone.html

Tuesday April 28 - Wednesday April 29: The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps Section is hosting a two-day professional development opportunity, "Ruby Payne's workshop, A Framework for Understanding Poverty," at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh .
More information is available at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/racq/training/rubypayne/>

Thursday April 30: On Stage! Showcase of Student Talent; 7:00 pm; War Memorial Auditorium; for more

US Senator Kay Hagan American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Resource Guide

In order to help North Carolinians take advantage of the recovery package, Senator Hagan has assembled this Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This guide compiles information on many federal programs and funding opportunities available to individuals, communities and businesses in North Carolina. http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/Hagan_ARRA_Resource_Guide_for_NCApri2009.pdf

More at Four May Face 'Disaster'

The state's preschool program takes a big financial hit in the Senate's budget plan, making it harder for children who qualify for pre-kindergarten instruction to get it. The Senate budget, tentatively approved, would drain \$40 million out of More at Four - about 25 percent of the program's money -- and tells state administrators to cut the \$5,020-per-child payments for child care centers and schools that offer the classes.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/politics/story/1478579.html>

More Families Resort to Free School Lunch

As layoffs climb across the state, more families are signing up their children for free or reduced-price school lunches. More than half of North Carolina's public school students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and applications are rising. Since the start of the current school year, the number of students in the program has leapt an average of 5.6 percent in schools across the state.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1479996.html>

Reading Test Dummies

In his recent education speech, President Obama asked the states to raise their standards and develop "assessments that don't simply measure whether students can fill in a bubble on a test." With the No Child Left Behind law up for reauthorization this year, the onus is now on lawmakers and educators to find a way to maintain accountability while mitigating the current tendency to reduce schooling to a joyless grind of practice exams and empty instruction in "reading strategies."

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/23/opinion/23hirsch.html?_r=1

Gossip Girls and Boys Get a Lesson in Empathy

The privileged teenagers at Scarsdale Middle School are learning to be nicer this year, whether they like it or not. English classes discuss whether Friar Laurence was empathetic to Romeo and Juliet. Research projects involve interviews with octogenarians and a survey of local wheelchair ramps to help students identify with the elderly and the disabled. A new club invites students to share snacks and board games after school with four autistic classmates who are in separate classes during the day.

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/05/education/05empathy.html?_r=1&ref=educatio

information or to purchase tickets, visit www.guilfordeducationalalliance.org/alliance/stage.php

Saturday May 2: *Children's*

Day/Book Day; Center City Park, Downtown Greensboro; 12 noon to 3 pm; free and open to the public; for more information go to www.poetrygso.com

Wednesday May 6th - Wednesday June 10th:

Win-Win Resolutions is hosting C.R.E.W., a free educational conflict resolution program for parents and their children; for more information or to sign up visit

<http://www.winwinresolutions.org/crew.html>

Thursday May 7: *Children's Mental Health Community*

Resource Fair; 2-6 pm; for more information contact Lisa Salo at 389-6091 or lsalo@quilfordcenter.com

Saturday May 16: *Greensboro*

Storyfest at Festival Park in Downtown Greensboro; 11:30 am to 6:00 pm; free admission; www.ncstoryfest.org

Summer Programs

The Piedmont School offers Traditional Summer School and One-on-One Tutoring; register by June 15 by calling (336) 883-0992 or visiting www.thepiedmontschool.com

Youth First Teen Summer Camp will take place at the Folk Teen Center (3910 Clifton Road, Greensboro) Monday - Friday from June 15th to August 7th; the day camps last from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and is \$42 per week; Pre-registration begins on March 8th at the Sportsplex Summer Camp expo from 1-6 pm; for more information, go to

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Parks/>

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Still Learning - Reading Beyond Grade Three

Learning to read doesn't end in elementary school. Even students who are strong readers by the end of third grade need to develop more advanced reading skills to succeed in middle and high school. Progress in reading achievement stalls in the upper grades. In 2004, average reading scores for nine-year olds on the Long Term National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) rose to their highest level in the thirty-three year history of the assessment (11 points).

<http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/site/c.kjJXJ5MPlwE/b.5022325/k.D46B/>

[Ataglace_Still_learning8212reading_beyond_grade_three.htm](http://www.centerforpubliceducation.org/site/c.kjJXJ5MPlwE/b.5022325/k.D46B/Ataglace_Still_learning8212reading_beyond_grade_three.htm)

More than 1.5 Million Children Experience Homelessness at Least Once a Year, Report Finds

More than 1.5 million children across the United States - one out of every fifty - experience homelessness at least once a year, a new report from the National Center on Family Homelessness finds. Funded by the Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation, the report, America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness (220 pages, PDF), examined data from all fifty states along four performance factors:

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=245700003>

Key Policy Letters Signed by the Education Secretary or Deputy Secretary

April 1, 2009

Dear Chief State School Officers:

This is a critical time in our country, and an extraordinary time to be working in education. As President Barack Obama said when he announced the goals of the Administration's education reform agenda, America will not remain true to its highest ideals unless we give our nation's children the knowledge and skills they need in this new and changing world.

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/090401.html>

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.

programs/youthfirst/

Greensboro Children's Museum Summer Camp Buzz! Weekly camps will take place June 15th - August 14th; morning camps are 8:30 - 12:30 and afternoon camps are 1:30 to 5:30; also a full day option; scholarships are available; for more information call 574-2898 x 305 or go to www.gcmuseum.com



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

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

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Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, High Point

Go to www.nczoo.org and click on the Education Link to fill out an application

Bob Brown Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2009

The Bob Brown Scholarship, established by United Way of Greater High Point and High Point University, is for students residing in the greater High Point area. The scholarship is specifically designated for incoming freshmen who are involved with a United Way activity, either as a volunteer or a client. For more information, please contact United Way of Greater High Point at info@unitedwayhp.org or 336.883.4127.

Ashoka's Youth Venture and Staples Launch Annual Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition

Deadline: April 17, 2009

The global competition is part of Ashoka's Youth Venture, an initiative that identifies and fosters young entrepreneurs all over the world who are identifying problems and creating "ventures" to address social issues. The competition asks Youth Venture teams, which are comprised of students between the ages of 12 and 24, to explain what course of action they have taken to address a social issue affecting their community.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=247900018

Project Ignition Invites High School Students to Create Driver Safety Projects

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Council and State Farm, Project Ignition invites teams of high school students, teachers, and community program leaders to create innovative service-learning projects that promote teen driver safety.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=247600028

Libraries Invited to Apply to Host "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine" Exhibit

Deadline: May 1, 2009

Public, academic (university, college, and community college), and medical libraries are invited to apply to host a new exhibit, "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine." The exhibit is sponsored by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in cooperation with the National Library of Medicine.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=249000004

YouthActionNet Invites Applications for Global Fellowship Program

Deadline: April 20, 2009

A program of the International Youth Foundation, YouthActionNet seeks to develop a new generation of socially conscious global citizens working to create positive change in their communities, their countries, and the world. Each year, twenty exceptional young social entrepreneurs are selected as YouthActionNet Global Fellows following a competitive application process.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=248800002

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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Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations and Nordstrom to Award Matching Books for Babies Grants

Deadlines: April 15, 2009 and October 1, 2009

In partnership with Nordstrom, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations, a division of the American Library Association, will award twenty grants of \$500 each to match \$1,000 raised by selected Friends of the Library groups, women's groups, libraries, and other nonprofit organizations to purchase Books for Babies kits from ALTAFF.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=248700031

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<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/index.php>

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