

Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday May 11: Guilford County Board of Education meeting, 6:00 pm at 712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; [click here](#) for more information

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!

On Stage!: It Provides Students Opportunity to Play in a Huge Venue

When "*On Stage!*" a talent showcase featuring Guilford County schools and students, is held for the fourth year Thursday night (April 29th) in Greensboro, High Point area schools will be well represented. Four schools - Florence Elementary, Andrews and Ragsdale high schools and Penn-Griffin School for the Arts - will be among the 17 selected by audition to perform, and two of those schools each will send two groups... [read more](#)

Show of Commitment: Performing is Serious Business for Florence Elementary Students

Saturday May 15: Guilford County Council of PTAs Spring Training; 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Southwest High; for more info [email La Tonya Cummings](mailto:La_Tonya_Cummings)

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

July 19-23

August 9-13

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

Greensboro Children's Museum

The Greensboro Children's Museum offers morning, half-day, summer enrichment camps for children ages 4 - 11 years old! Over 18 camps are available throughout the summer with different themes like science, music, art, nature, cooking, construction, fantasy, and gardening! [Click here](#) for a list of the camps and how 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 support education for our students and our future.

[Click here to donate](#)

Before music teacher Susan Moorefield formed the extracurricular chorus that will sing in "*On Stage!*" Thursday (April 29th), she made sure everybody was on the same page, both musically and in terms of commitment... [read more](#)

Guilford County's Got Talent, Too

The local community will have the opportunity to see firsthand what is happening in area schools' art programs Thursday night (April 29th). The Guilford Education Alliance will present the fourth annual *On Stage!* showcase of student talent at 7 p.m. at War Memorial Auditorium. Led by performing arts teachers and directed by Nathan Street, arts curriculum specialist for Guilford County Schools, this year's show will include 21 student performances from 16 Guilford County schools... [read more](#)

Sneak Peak of Talent Show Reveals Lots of Student Talent

The stage is set for Guilford County's best and brightest student to showcase their talents. We caught up with Northern Middle School's drum line, who is one of the 20 groups performing in Guilford Education Alliance's "*On Stage!*" event next Thursday night (April 29th)... [read more](#) video included

Guitar Quartet

To view a clip of a Guitar Quartet performing in *On Stage!* on Thursday April 29th, [click here!](#)

Faces of Change: Addressing Diversity in Our Schools

Over the past decade, Guilford County Schools (GCS) has grown by nearly 10,000 students-that's the equivalent of more than 350 additional classrooms across the district. Equally important to the overall growth in enrollment, the students filling GCS classrooms today represent a more diverse mix than 10 years ago. Our schools have significantly more Asian, Hispanic and multi-racial students, more students from low-income households, more students learning English as a new language, more students from other countries. The face of our schools has changed-the question that remains is whether we, as a community and as a school system, are responding to this change as an obstacle or an opportunity... [read more](#)

Guilford County Addresses Diversity in Schools

While educators brace for another round of budget cuts, Guilford County leaders tackle another issue: diversity. The Guilford Education Alliance hosted a forum Thursday (April 22nd) to discuss the changing face of Guilford County schools. Since 2000, the number of students on free or reduced lunch has nearly doubled, while the number of children proficient in English has

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

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Our Sponsors

Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, High Point Community Foundation, the Cemala Foundation, the Weaver

dropped... [read more](#) (video included)

Guilford County Schools Win Triad Green Award

The Business Journal of the Greater Triad Area awarded Guilford County Schools (GCS) with the Green Governmental Action Award during the 2010 Triad Green Awards. The Triad Green Awards program highlights companies, organizations and individuals in the Triad for their contributions to environmental preservation, sustainability and resource stewardship... [read more](#)

Gov. Perdue Releases FY 2010-2011 Budget Proposal

Gov. Bev Perdue released (April 20th) her proposed state budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Released earlier than administrations in past years, Perdue's budget makes critical investments in four key areas: jobs and the economy, education, setting government straight and safer communities. It cuts nearly \$1 billion in spending and reallocates some \$250 million to programs that will reform state government and continue to move the state forward through an economic recovery... [read more](#)

State is Out to Cull Bad Teachers

State education leaders want to weed bad teachers from classrooms by requiring more information from those seeking a license to teach. But they don't plan to make that information public. A proposed license application would require teacher candidates to report criminal charges, allegations of child abuse or neglect, past professional disciplinary actions - even dishonorable discharges from the military. It would also require fingerprints for a criminal record check... [read more](#)

Both Value and Harm Seen in K-3 Common Standards

The common academic standards proposed for state adoption outline what students must master by graduation in order to flourish in college or good jobs. Defining how they reach those goals, however, means spelling out what they must learn at each step of the way, starting in kindergarten. And those expectations are getting a mixed reception among early-childhood experts... [read more](#)

An Effective Teacher in Every Classroom

Proposals to reauthorize No Child Left Behind seek to ensure "equitable" access to effective teachers. The U.S. Department of Education's Race to the Top fund rewards state plans for "ensuring equitable distribution of effective teachers and principals" and for "ambitious yet achievable annual targets to increase the number and percentage of highly effective teachers...in high-poverty schools." These objectives pose a number of challenging questions... [read more](#)

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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Grant Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity and State Farm Offer Service-Learning Partnership Grants

Deadline: May 15, 2010

With the support of State Farm, Habitat for Humanity International is offering a Service-Learning Partnership Grant program to provide funds for teachers and schools interested in developing and implementing service-learning projects in partnership with their local Habitat affiliate.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=291100032

Ford Motor Company Fund Announces New Program to Help Latino Students Increase High School Graduation Rates

Deadline: May 21, 2010

The Ford Motor Company Fund and the League of United Latin American Citizens have announced a partnership to help address the high school dropout rate among Latino students across the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=291200030

National Endowment for the Arts Accepting Grant Applications for Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

Deadline: June 10, 2010

The National Endowment for the Arts' Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=290900032

Entertainment Software Association Foundation Invites Grant and Scholarship Applications

Deadline: Various

The foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that benefit American boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 18. Foundation grantees provide programs and services that use computer and video game technology to educate America's youth.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=282800009

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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