



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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)

Thursday May 27: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click](#)

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

Also, be sure to join our [Facebook page!](#)

Guilford County Students Show off Their Talents

Guilford County Students took to the stage to show off their talents. From singing ,to dancing, to drumming...20 student groups participated in the Guilford Education Alliance's "On-Stage" event... [read more](#) (video included)

The Challenge of Diversity

In Juanita Hills, a low-income neighborhood southwest of downtown, a school bus stops by three times a week after school. Students get on the bus, but not to go anywhere. Instead, they meet teachers who help them with their homework, using plastic storage lids as desks and mini dry erase boards... [read more](#)

Steps for Success Saturday

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is hosting a Steps for Success Saturday to provide students and their families with information about the importance of a college education.

Concurrent workshops will be given for 8th-12th grade students and their parents on:

- * Preparing & Paying for College
- * Writing Personal Statements
- * Applying for Scholarships
- * Researching Financial Aid

Saturday May 29th 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at UNC-G Elliott University Center, 1400 Spring Garden Road, Greensboro. This event is free and open to the public and free parking is available inside the Walker Avenue parking deck. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, [email José Gutierrez](mailto:Jose_Gutierrez).

[here](#) for more info

Thursday June 10: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

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.

ANYTOWN

ANYTOWN 2010 is a human relations summer camp program provided by NCCJ. This program is designed to provide rising juniors and seniors with a valuable learning experience and a lot of fun. ANYTOWN campers are focused on learning about the value of leadership, respect, unity, inclusiveness, community-building and diversity.

Sessions are offered July 25-30 and August 1-6. Financial assistance is available. [Click here](#) for more info!

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Community Theatre of Greensboro

CTG is offering week-long (and 1 two week-long) Summer Theatre Camps. The students will put on a mini-production and will present it to family and friends

Judge Applauds Guilford Schools' Reform Efforts

Guilford County Schools received high praise from arguably the state's toughest critic of schools. Judge Howard Manning told a small Wake County courtroom packed with education officials from across the state that efforts Guilford County is undertaking are to be commended and duplicated... [read more](#)

Reforms at Failing Schools in Guilford Have Happened Before

Students at several schools across Guilford County are failing to make the grade. A relatively new superintendent steps in, determined to turn things around. Teachers are required to reapply for their jobs. New magnet programs are put in place. The year is 2001. The superintendent is Terry Grier... [read more](#)

Oak Hill School May Get a Grant to Boost Reform

Reforms for the lowest performing school in the county took a major step forward Tuesday night (May 11th). The Guilford County Board of Education approved a grant proposal for Oak Hill Elementary that could mean up to \$6 million for the school over three years... [read more](#)

Board Approves Grant Request for Oak Hill... [read more](#)

Guilford Education Alliance Leader Testifies at US Senate Committee Hearing on Innovations in Education

Guilford Education Alliance Executive Director Dr. Margaret Arbuckle spoke at the Field Hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions regarding Innovations in Education on April 19th. Dr. Arbuckle was invited by Senator Kay Hagan to report on innovations in Guilford County Schools, particularly as it relates to differentiated pay for teachers, the Mission Possible program implemented in 2006 and continuing in 30 Guilford County Schools this school year... [read more](#)

Three Guilford Students Win National Merit Scholarships

Three Guilford County Schools seniors have been awarded National Merit Scholarships. The one-time scholarships are worth \$2,500 and are awarded to the top 2,500 high school seniors in the nation.

The Guilford County Schools winners are:

- * Bethany A. Boring, Southeast High School
- * Robert R. King, Northwest High School
- * Neil A. Shah, Northwest High School

at the end of the week.

Dates: June 14-August 20

Ages: 3-18 years old

[Click here](#) for cost and more information

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.

[Click here to learn more](#)

[read more](#)

NC Senate Dems Say Budget Lacks Teacher Pay Raise

Senate Democrats will propose neither experience-based pay raises to schoolteachers nor a bonus for all state employees to pay them back for last year's furloughs like those the governor sought in her budget plan, chamber leaders said Tuesday (May 11th). Democratic Gov. Beverly Perdue asked lawmakers to give an average 1.8 percent increase for public school teachers based on years of longevity that was suspended last year due to the bad economy. She also wanted to give state workers and teachers an amount equal to 0.5 percent of their salaries... [read more](#)

NC Ranks Among Nation's Top 2 States for Pre-K Education

For the second year in a row, North Carolina is one of only two states to meet all 10 quality standards benchmarks for preschool education according to The State of Preschool 2009 published by the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER). For the fifth consecutive year, the report ranked the state in the nation's top 10 for state preschool education... [read more](#)

State Considers Raising Charter School Cap

State education leaders want to loosen the 100-school cap on charter schools to allow local school boards to free struggling schools of regulations. Allowing more than 100 charters would require a change in state law. It's aimed at beefing up the state's application for Race to the Top, a federal education competition for billions of dollars in grants... [read more](#)

Despite Push, Success at Charter Schools is Mixed

In the world of education, it was the equivalent of the cool kids' table in the cafeteria. Executives from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, McKinsey consultants and scholars from Stanford and Harvard mingled at an invitation-only meeting of the New Schools Venture Fund at a luxury hotel in Pasadena, Calif. Founded by investors who helped start Google and Amazon, this philanthropy seeks to raise the academic achievement of poor black and Hispanic students, largely through charter schools... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation Offers Support for Programs Benefiting Young People With Disabilities

Deadline: June 1, 2010 (concept papers)

The foundation's funding priority is inclusion - enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers.



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

[Click here to learn more](#)

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http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=292200016

America's Promise Alliance and ING Foundation Invite Entries for 100 Best Communities for Young People Program

Deadline: June 1, 2010

The program is designed to honor the hundred American cities and towns whose top priority is keeping children in school and helping end the nation's dropout crisis through innovative programs that address the everyday challenges facing young people and create better places for them to live and grow.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=293200036

Disney Research Sponsors Technology Competition to Focus on Youth Education at SIGGRAPH 2010

Deadline: June 7, 2010

The competition invites teams to develop an engaging, computer-based learning application that will "delight, inspire, and reveal key learning concepts" for children ages 7 to 11.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=293400034

Nominations Invited for 2010 Mario Savio Young Activist Award

Deadline: June 30, 2010

Housed at the Tides Foundation, the Savio Young Activist Award is presented annually to a young person (or persons) between the ages of 16 and 26 who has a deep commitment to human rights and social justice and a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=293200034

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Offers Project Grants

Deadline: July 15, 2010

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation annually accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that meet one of the foundation's two basic purposes - to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established

organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=292100036

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.

To make a contribution to support the valuable programs of Guilford Education Alliance, visit <http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/index.php>

Sincerely,

Guilford Education Alliance
