



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 our future.

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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 April 30th over 400 talented students from Guilford County Schools performed in *On Stage!* 2009 at War Memorial Auditorium. An enthusiastic audience watched acts ranging from large chorus groups to solo acts from students grade 1st through 12th. It will be a night to remember for everyone involved!

Guilford Education Alliance would like to thank all the performers, art teachers, parents and volunteers that made *On Stage!* such a success.

Title I Money Too Risky, District Says

Don't look for more schools in Guilford County to be added to the Title I program, even if federal stimulus funding is available during a difficult budget year. The Guilford County Board of Education will hear a recommendation from system officials opposing adding more schools to the federal program to aid high-poverty schools. Many school districts across the country, facing state and local budget cuts, are considering adding schools to spread stimulus dollars. But doing so could mean that more schools would be subject to costly sanctions... <http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/05/12/>

[article/title_i_money_too_risky_district_says](http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/05/12/article/title_i_money_too_risky_district_says)

Community Groups Take Center Stage at Budget

As county commissioners say the county's budget must be slashed and employees must be laid off, some commissioners are pushing to spend a half-million dollars more on community groups. Those organizations, which include arts groups, YMCAs and community

Upcoming Events

Saturday May 16: Greensboro Storyfest at Festival Park in Downtown Greensboro; 11:30 am to 6:00 pm; free admission; www.ncstoryfest.org

Thursday May 28: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; for an agenda, go to www.gcsnc.com

Monday June 1: "Homerun for Homelessness"; Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game; 6:00 pm Kids Carnival, 7:05 pm opening pitch; proceeds from group ticket sales will be donated to the Partners ending Homelessness Initiative; for group tickets contact Brian Lee at 268-2887 or brian@gsohoppers.com

Monday June 8: "School Success without Summer Stress" Parent Workshop; Reading and Writing Strategies to Utilize when working with your child; parents of rising 1-5th graders; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; The Piedmont School. 815 Old Mill Road, High Point, NC 27265 Cost for the workshop is \$30.00. Call 336-883-0992 for more information or Email: info@thepiedmontschool.com

Tuesday June 9: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; for an agenda, go to www.gcsnc.com

Sunday June 21: "Moses Cone Family Sunday" at the Greensboro Grasshoppers game; tickets are \$7 and a fundraiser for Guilford Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention; call Kristen Barbee for tickets at 373-7710

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

and economic development groups, are often where battle lines are drawn when commissioners vote on the budget.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/05/08/article/community_groups_take_center_stage_in_budget

Special Rates at O'Henry and Proximity Hotels for Graduation

Do you have family visiting during the 2009 Graduation Weekend? Take advantage of a special Guilford County Schools Graduation rate on June 5-8 for you or your loved ones and stay at either the O.Henry Hotel or Proximity Hotel, both near Friendly Shopping Center in Greensboro. Enjoy beautiful accommodations and outstanding service at either of these AAA Four Diamond Hotels. **In addition to giving the great rates, they will donate \$25 from every graduation reservation to the Guilford Education Alliance Teacher Supply Warehouse!**

To make Proximity Hotel reservations, visit www.proximityhotel.com and enter 10C3ZH as the online reservations group code (click "reserve online") or call 336-379-8200. Your rate is \$169 (regular rate \$239).

To make O.Henry Hotel reservations, visit www.ohenryhotel.com and enter 10C3ZQ as the online reservations group code (click "reserve online") or call 336-854-2000. Your rate is \$169 (regular rate \$249).

Position on the General Assembly's Major Proposals for Early Childhood Education

Both the House and the Senate have passed policy and budget provisions which would dramatically and drastically alter North Carolina's nationally recognized early childhood education programs. This paper presents information on both of these proposals, and recommends alternatives to preserve and protect services to children in the early childhood education programs.

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/news/documents/NCChildCareCoalitionupdate4-14-09.pdf>

When the Cellphone Teaches Sex Education

Throughout North Carolina, anonymous teenagers are texting questions to a cellphone about sex. Within 24 hours, each will receive a cautious, nonjudgmental reply, texted directly to their cellphones, from a nameless, faceless adult at the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina, based in Durham.

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/programs/youthfirst>

Volunteer Center's Service Learning Impacting Citizenship Camp

Rising 9th-12th graders are eligible; August 3rd - August 7th; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; \$50 with lunch included; for more information call 373-1633 or go to

www.volunteergso.org

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.

[Click here to learn more](#)



To donate materials to

http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/03/fashion/03sexed.html?_r=3&ref=education

Strengthening America's Competitiveness Through Common Academic Standards

Last week, witnesses appearing before the House Education and Labor Committee described an effort underway in states to develop common academic standards that would prepare all students to compete in today's global economy. Most members of the committee seemed encouraged by these efforts and sought the best way for Congress to support them.

http://www.all4ed.org/publication_material/straight_as/05042009#strength

Smart Options: Investing the Recovery Funds for Student Success

The federal government's unprecedented \$100 billion investment in our nation's public schools through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform public education. We believe that states and districts must use these funds to act smartly and with focus to set the groundwork for real student improvement for decades to come - preparing many more young people to graduate high school ready for college and careers.

<http://www.coalitionforstudentachievement.org/pdf/ARRA-FINAL.pdf>

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

Share Our Strength to Offer Great American Bake Sale Grants to Help Fight Childhood Hunger
Deadline: September 30, 2009

Guilford County Schools
Teachers visit the
Teacher Supply Warehouse

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Please join in thanking them for their support!

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Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale grants program seeks to help ensure that low-income children receive nutritious food during critical times when they are out of school and particularly vulnerable to hunger. The Great American Bake Sale is a national campaign in which volunteers hold bake sales to help end childhood hunger.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=250300010

National Science Teachers Association Issues Call for Entries to the New Science Teacher Academy

Deadline: June 1, 2009

The National Science Teachers Association has announced a call for entries for its 2009-10 New Science Teacher Academy. Co-founded by the Amgen Foundation, the NSTA New Science Teacher Academy is a year-long professional development program that works to reduce the high attrition rate among science teachers new to the teaching profession.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=250900027

Youth Service America Announces New Awards Program for Young Female Social Entrepreneurs

Deadline: June 15, 2009

Youth Service America has announced the launch of the first annual Gladys Marinelli Coccia Awards, which recognize two female social entrepreneurs between the ages of 14 and 17 whose initiatives serve the common good.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=251400020

CVS Caremark Charitable Trust Offers Grants to Help Children With Disabilities and the Uninsured

Deadline: June 15, 2009

The CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, a private foundation created by CVS Caremark Corporation, focuses primarily on supporting charitable organizations that are making a difference in the lives of children with disabilities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=251400027

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
