



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

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>

Guilford Board Passes Budget

Guilford County Schools did not receive full funding in the 2009-10 Guilford County budget, even after a second round of pleas from educators, students and parents Thursday (June 4th). The Board of Commissioners passed a \$585 million budget with no property tax increase Thursday, but also without any increase to the \$4 million that County Manager Brenda Jones Fox had recommended for maintaining schools. The school system had asked for \$7 million. <http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/04/article/>

[no_more_school_funding_in_approved_county_budget](http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/04/article/no_more_school_funding_in_approved_county_budget)

GCS Takes Steps to Address Possible State Budget Cuts

The North Carolina state legislature is considering significant budget cuts to K-12 education. For GCS, these proposals could result in a \$40 million cut in state funding. As a result, GCS must take some significant measures now in order to develop a balanced budget for 2009-10 and meet the legal requirements for notifying probationary teachers (non-career status teachers). http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/6_5.html

Teacher Supply Warehouse Supply Drive

The GCS Teacher Supply Warehouse takes your donations of office supplies, paper products, trade show giveaways and other items you may have in surplus, and makes them available to teachers for use as teaching aids and materials for students' projects. We're

support education for our students and our future.

[Click here to donate](#)

Upcoming Events

Saturday June 13: Free Tdap Booster Shots for rising 6th graders; 10 am to 2 pm; Hidden Lakes Apartments, 5500 Weslo Willow Dr, Greensboro; for more info call the Dept. of Public Health at 845-7655 in High Point and 641-5563 in Greensboro

Tuesday June 16: Mobile Cinema's interactive and educational "Journey Through the Universe"; showtimes are 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm; Studio B 520 S. Elm St, Greensboro; for more info call 1-888-599-9908 or go to www.mobilecinemapark.com

Wednesday June 17: Mobile Cinema's interactive and educational "Keep it Wild: coexisting with the Animals"; showtimes are 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm; Studio B 520 S. Elm St, Greensboro; for more info call 1-888-599-9908 or go to www.mobilecinemapark.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

Thursday June 25: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro; for more information or an agenda, go to www.qcsnc.com

Tuesday June 30: Mobile Cinema's interactive and educational "Journey Through the Universe"; showtimes are 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm; Studio B 520 S. Elm St, Greensboro; for more info call 1-888-599-9908 or go to www.mobilecinemapark.com

Wednesday July 1: Mobile Cinema's interactive and educational "Keep it Wild: coexisting with the Animals"; showtimes are 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm; Studio B 520 S. Elm St, Greensboro; for

asking that you take a look around your workplace and at home, scoop up all that old stationery, those pens with the pre-merger logo, magazines, fabric samples, storage containers and other items that only an inventive teacher and an imaginative student could find a use for. **Bring them to the Kress Building at 212 South Elm Street at 5 pm on Wednesday, June 17.**

At the Kress Building, we will collect your donated stuff, and use it to kick off our summer drive to stock up the Teacher Supply Warehouse. At the same time, we'll give you an example of what creativity can mean when expressed by GCS students and teachers.

For more information contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 841-4332 or email info@guilfordeducationalliance.org.

Local Grads Unprepared, Study Finds

Guilford County graduates are less prepared for college and fewer graduate within five years than students from most other large urban districts, a new report indicates. "It's not great," Margaret Arbuckle, executive director of the Guilford Education Alliance, said about the results. "I think we have reason to be very concerned about how well our students are doing."

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/05/31/article/local_grads_unprepared_study_finds

[Click here](#) to read Parts I and II of the study, *To a Culture of No Excuses*

Preschool Plan for Dilapidated School Gets 'No' Vote

A plan to renovate a dilapidated school building to house a preschool program failed to gain support during Tuesday night's school board meeting, placing the building in an uncertain future. The board voted 5-6 against a proposal to sell Braxton Craven Elementary School for \$860,000.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/10/article/preschool_plan_for_dilapidated_school_gets_no_vote

Win Win Resolutions Nominations

Win-Win is now accepting nominations for the Young Peacemaker Award, which is for students who exemplify peacemaking and inclusive behavior in their schools and community. To access the nomination form and information on eligibility, go to www.winwinresolutions.org and scroll down to the "Young Peacemaker Awards Banquet". The deadline for nominations is June 15th, 2009.

NC Bullying Rules Approved by House Panel

more info call 1-888-599-9908 or go to www.mobilecinemapark.com

Tuesday July 14: Free Tdap Booster Shots for rising 6th graders; 4 pm to 6:30 pm; Oakview Recreation Center, High Point; for more info call the Dept. of Public Health at 845-7655 in High Point and 641-5563 in Greensboro

Tuesday July 28: Free Tdap Booster Shots for rising 6th graders; 1 pm to 4 pm; Pleasant Garden Town hall and Community Center, 4920 Alliance Church Rd; for more info call the Dept. of Public Health at 845-7655 in High Point and 641-5563 in Greensboro

Saturday August 22: Free Tdap Booster Shots for rising 6th graders; 9 am to 2 pm; Health Dept. locations, 1100 E. Wendover Ave in Greensboro and 501 E. Green Drive in High Point; for more info call the Dept. of Public Health at 845-7655 in High Point and 641-5563 in Greensboro

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/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

A Senate bill requiring North Carolina school districts to approve more detailed anti-bullying policies is moving forward. The House Education Committee recommended the measure Thursday, May 28th.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1546470.html>

Wake Needs to Better Prepare Students, Group Says

A public education advocacy group urged today that the Wake County school system overhaul the way it educates students in order to better prepare them to compete globally. In a new report, the Wake Education Partnership argues that the current system won't be sufficient for educating students in a world where competition will increase from countries such as China and India. The group said students need to learn more about other cultures, second languages, science, technology, math and engineering.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1556843.html>

A Missing Piece in the Economic Stimulus: Hobbling Arts Hobbles Innovation

As the economy stumbles, the first things to get cut at the national, state, and local levels are the arts. The first thing that goes in our school curricula are the arts. Arts, common wisdom tells us, are luxuries we can do without in times of crisis. Or can we? Let's see what happens when we start throwing out all the science and technology that the arts have made possible.

<http://blogs.psychologytoday.com/blog/imagine/200902/missing-piece-in-the-economic-stimulus-hobbling-arts-hobbles-innovation>

Gaps in Health Strongly Linked to Education Levels, Report Finds

In every state across the country, adults who have not completed college are more likely to be in "less than very good" health, a new report from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission to Build a Healthier America (<http://www.commissiononhealth.org/>) finds. Moreover, the report found that adults in every state fall far short of the level of good health that should be achievable for all Americans.

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/20018113/story>

Student Testing Might Be Reduced

A little more sleep and a little less cramming may be in store for students next year if lawmakers decide to get rid of some standardized tests. In her budget, Gov. Beverly Perdue proposed

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

Summer Programs for Youth

Click the following link to view a listing of 2009 summer programs for youth. [Click here.](#)

ArtQuest

Summer memberships are available for \$35 for a household and there is a Teen Summer Workshop on August 7th from 3:00 to 5:00; for more information, call 333-7460 or go to

www.greenhillcenter.org



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

dumping tests not required for high school graduation or by federal law.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/1543679.html>

Why Don't Students Like School

Teachers ask. Parents ask. "Why don't students like school?" Many students ask that question, too, as they struggle to stay attentive in class, while waiting for the bell to ring so they can pay attention to the things that really interest them. "If you ask 100 high school students if they like to learn new things, almost all of them will tell you they like to learn," said Daniel Willingham, a University of Virginia cognitive psychologist. "But if you ask those same students if they like school, many of them will tell you they don't." <http://aands.virginia.edu/x15725.xml>

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

Youth Service America Accepting Letters of Interest for Grants to Support Middle School STEM-Focused Service-Learning Programs

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Contingent on federal funding, Youth Service America plans to implement a service-learning program in twenty-five middle schools in ten states to strengthen students' science, technology, and math skills.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253700031

Lead Agency Applications Invited for 2010 Global Youth Service Day

Deadline: July 17, 2009

Youth Service America invites organizations engaging youth in community service in one or more of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta,

[Click here to learn more](#)

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Ontario, or New Brunswick to apply to serve as lead agencies for Global Youth Service Day (April 23-25, 2010).

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253300028

Applications Invited for National Association of Elementary School Principals/MetLife Foundation Sharing the Dream Grants Deadline: July 8, 2009

A program of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the MetLife Foundation, the Sharing the Dream Grants competition is designed to support elementary and middle school principals in their work to foster and encourage strong school-community relationships.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253100010

American Architectural Foundation Invites Nominations for Richard Riley Award - Schools as Centers of Community: A National Search for Excellence

Deadline: July 1, 2009

The American Architectural Foundation, in partnership with KnowledgeWorks Foundation, invites nominations for the Richard Riley Award - Schools as Centers of Community: A National Search for Excellence.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253700034

High School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Green Your School Contest

Deadline: October 9, 2009

The Student Conservation Association's Green Your School Contest is a national competition to stimulate and/or identify conservation service projects designed by high school students that improve, restore, beautify, or conserve their high school environment.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=252800004

National Endowment for the Humanities Announces Picturing America School Collaboration Projects Grant Opportunity Deadline: October 7, 2009

Building on the national distribution of its Picturing America program, the National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for local and regional projects that foster collaboration between K-12 educators and humanities scholars for the purposes of encouraging "engagement with the rich resources of American art to tell America's story."

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253700047

National Gardening Association Invites Applications for 2009 Hooked on Hydroponics Education Grants

Deadline: September 18, 2009

The Grow Store and ProgressiveGardening.org have joined with the National Gardening Association to offer hydroponic equipment to expand indoor gardening opportunities for elementary and middle and high school students.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253300009

To make a contribution to support the valuable programs of Guilford Education Alliance, visit

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

Sincerely,

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