



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday June 24: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Tuesday June 29: Guilford County Department of Public Health *Teen Immunization Clinic*; for info or an appointment in Greensboro call 641-5563, in High Point call 845-7655

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

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

Grimsley Among Nation's Top 100 High Schools

Grimsley High School cracked the top 100 in this year's Newsweek list of America's Best High Schools. Grimsley is the only Guilford County school this year to crack the top 100 ranking at 78th, climbing 44 spots from the 2009 list... [read more](#)

[Click here](#) to read the full Newsweek article: *America's Best High Schools 2010*

Gifted Kids Program Changes Approved

The school board approved substantial changes to a program aimed at some of the district's brightest students Thursday night (June 10th). Officials believe the changes to the Academically and Intellectually Gifted program will help better identify gifted minority students and make the program more consistent from school to school... [read more](#)

State Board of Education Approves GCS Use of QSCB Funds

Maintenance projects at 24 schools will take place in the coming school years thanks to \$16.8 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB). The State Board of Education approved the district's allocation of the federal stimulus bond funding. The funds will allow Guilford County Schools (GCS) to complete 28 maintenance projects... [Read more](#)

Southwest Guilford High Renovation Contract

Tuesday July 13:

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Monday August 23: Guilford County Department of Public Health *Teen Immunization Clinic*; for info or an appointment in Greensboro call 641-5563, in High Point call 845-7655

Summer Programs

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Volunteers Needed for the Hope Project

Greensboro's Hope Project is teaming up with The Next Level of the Triad to host a summer basketball tournament and a series of recreation activities for youth and families. The program brought in an attendance of over 3000 in the spring and summer of 2009. With the addition of more activities, we expect a turn-out of even more this year! To support this growing program we are asking for commitments from faith based organizations, community service agencies, college volunteers, advocates and leaders to help provide safe and enjoyable activities. For more info call Dacia Davis at 373-4673

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

Approved

School district officials recently approved a \$15.7 million contract for renovations at Southwest Guilford High School. The contract is one of three the Guilford County Board of Education approved recently for projects listed among 27 voters approved in a \$457 million school construction bond referendum in 2008... [read more](#)

North Carolina Adopts Common Core State Standards

The North Carolina State Board of Education has adopted the Common Core State Standards, released earlier this week by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. With the adoption of these state-led education standards, North Carolina is in the first group of states to embrace clear and consistent goals for learning to prepare children for success in college and work... [read more](#)

READ NC

Finding books at your student's reading level that also match his or her interests has never been easier.

1. Look on your student's end-of-grade or English I end-of-course score report to find his or her Lexile measure.
2. Visit the new "READ NC" Web page. You can find the link to this page at the bottom of the score report or go to www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/lexiles.
3. Use your student's Lexile measure and the Lexile map or the "Find a Book" search tool located on the READ NC Web page to make sure the student has challenging and engaging books to read all summer long.

State Superintendent Launches "READ NC" Literacy Campaign... [read more](#)

35 States and DC Seek Share of \$3.4 Billion in Race to the Top Fund

The second phase of the Obama administration's Race to the Top competition drew applications from 35 states and the District of Columbia seeking to win a share of \$3.4 billion provided by Congress to drive education reform. Between the current phase and the first phase, which drew 41 applications, 47 states have applied to this program... [read more](#)

Vying for Funds, Educators Defend Their Claims

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!

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 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](#)

Behind-the-scenes criticism of UNC-system spending burst into the open this week, with the president of the state teachers organization telling UNC President Erskine Bowles that universities had money to spare before they started cutting faculty... [read more](#)

Computers' Value Touted

Gov. Bev Perdue's office on Friday (June 18th) publicized the benefits of small computers for teachers, fighting criticism that they are not worth the expense in a tight budget year. Some teachers already using software on small electronic devices say the computers help them see what children know, calculate student scores, suggest how students should be grouped according to skills and offer possible activities for parents... [Read more](#)

Teachers Give Technology High Marks

Gov. Bev Perdue's push to give teachers handheld computers to track student progress might sound more comic book than textbook - until teachers who use them start talking about doing away with 5-inch thick binders of paperwork... [read more](#)

Wake Schools Fight Stays Hot

The conflict between the Wake County School Board majority and its critics is staying as fiery as the weather, with both sides promising to keep the heat coming. The five-member board majority - facing down high-visibility protests from some civil rights, community and religious leaders and the threat of lawsuits - made clear it is ready to keep taking action based on what members said is a mandate from voters... [read more](#)

Studying Engineering Before They Can Spell It

In a class full of aspiring engineers, the big bad wolf had to do more than just huff and puff to blow down the three little pigs' house. To start, he needed to get past a voice-activated security gate, find a hidden door and negotiate a few other traps in a house that a pair of kindergartners here imagined for the pigs - and then pieced together from index cards, paper cups, wood sticks and pipe cleaners... [read more](#)

Wilhoit Encourages Big Changes for U.S. Schools

'We would never design the system we have if we were thinking about doing this right...'

The challenge facing American schools "is greater than we've been led to believe," according to Gene Wilhoit, the former Kentucky education commissioner who now leads the Council of Chief State School Officers - an organization of state education department leaders from across the country... [read more](#)



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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Please join in thanking them for their support!

The 3 Habits of Highly Successful Reading Teachers

Based on the belief that "we haven't taught it until our students have learned it," The 3 Habits of Highly Successful Reading Teachers shows teachers how to create an environment where students feel comfortable, appreciated, and safe... [read more](#)

The 2015 Report on Colleges of Education

From 2010 to 2015, hundreds of university-based programs for educating teachers and school leaders were either eliminated or became mere shadows of their former selves. This report briefly examines why... [read more](#)

Let's Read. Let's Move.

Summer is a time for fun - but it is also the time when many youth lose what they learned during the school year and gain unhealthy eating habits.

Let's Read. Let's Move. seeks to combat childhood obesity and summer reading loss by engaging youth in summer reading and physical activity, as well as by providing access to healthy, affordable food... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Youth Service America Accepting Applications for Global Disney Friends for Change Grants

Deadline: July 15, 2010

The Friends for Change program funds youth-led fall service projects that focus on making environmentally friendly changes and engaging youth between the ages of 5 and 18 as leaders in their community.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=297700008

Do Something Offers Change for the Children Grants

Deadline: July 15, 2010

DoSomething.org has teamed up with the Jonas Brothers Change for the Children Foundation to award project grants to individuals (age 25 or younger) who are taking action in their communities across the United States and Canada.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=297700010

Multicultural Arts Investment Applications Accepted Through July 30, 2010

The United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro will be offering a

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new grant program focused on funding multicultural initiatives involving Greater Greensboro's African American, Asian American, Latino or Native American populations.

Applicants do not have to be an arts organization, but the funds must be used for arts programming. Other organizations that conduct programs in which the majority of the artists involved belong to one of these population groups are also eligible to apply.

Complete eligibility requirements and applications will be available online June 23rd at www.uacARTS.org. For more information, those interested may contact the UAC at 336-373-7523, extension 256 or grants@uacarts.org.

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>

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