



## 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

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>

### Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey, or YRBS, a survey developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, assists local communities in better understanding the risk behaviors of teens in order to address these concerns effectively. In 2003, several community partners came together to conduct the Youth Risk Behavior Survey in Guilford County. In follow up to the 2003 administration, Guilford Education Alliance provided leadership to the 2008 local administration in partnership with Guilford County Schools and Guilford County Healthy Carolinians. We are very pleased to share results of the 2008 Guilford County Youth Risk Behavior Survey in this report, which was made possible with a grant from the Moses Cone-Wesley Long Community Health Foundation and in-kind report preparation from Guilford County Healthy Carolinians.

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/Finalcombinedreport.pdf>

### "Window Into Creativity" Jump-Starts Donation Drive for the Teacher Supply Warehouse

If students can transform a few dozen rolls of packing tape into life-sized human sculptures, imagine what they could do with a warehouse full of donated business, school and art supplies. Passers-by on South Elm Street in Downtown Greensboro Wednesday (June 17) afternoon got a chance to consider those possibilities, as a team of art students from Guilford County Schools' Weaver Academy demonstrated what creative minds and a supply of materials can accomplish.

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/>

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](#)

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday June 25: *Symposium for Future Ready Schools***; 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, 1921 West Lee Street; for more information contact Christina O'Connor by emailing [ckoconno@uncg.edu](mailto:ckoconno@uncg.edu) or calling 256-1082

**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](http://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](http://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 more info call 1-888-599-9908 or go to [www.mobilecinemapark.com](http://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

[support/documents/TSW\\_newsrel\\_Window\\_061609.pdf](http://support/documents/TSW_newsrel_Window_061609.pdf)

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Check out the new Teacher Supply Warehouse blog at the link below:

[www.bouvierkelly.com/blog](http://www.bouvierkelly.com/blog)

### Perdue Calls for More Taxes, Fewer Education Cuts

Two young girls greeted Gov. Bev Perdue at Smith High School auditorium with signs that set the tone for the afternoon. "Save teacher jobs, save class size." Perdue told gatherings of teachers in Greensboro and Raleigh on Wednesday (June 17) that lawmakers should raise taxes to protect public school classrooms from budget cuts. "It's been hard for me to watch the General Assembly work to try to close this enormous gap ... to make sure the state works for all you all," Perdue said at Smith.

<http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/17/>

[article/perdue\\_calls\\_for\\_more\\_taxes\\_fewer\\_education\\_cuts](http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/17/article/perdue_calls_for_more_taxes_fewer_education_cuts)

### Our Children: An Investment We Can Agree On

On Wednesday, June 24 from 11 am to 3 pm several groups are sponsoring a Child and Family Lobby Day. As NC legislators consider devastating budget cuts, we must speak out for children and families. There will be a press conference at 1 pm to make the case to the press and the public. There needs to be a sea of people there to make an impact! The day is sponsored by the Covenant with North Carolina's Children, Action for Children NC, Council for Children's Rights, Children and Family Services Association-NC, NC Association of Educators, National Association of Social Workers-NC, and Prevent Child Abuse NC.

Support North Carolina's Children and Families! More information is available at <http://ncchildren.wordpress.com>.

### Teaching Program Grads Go Unhired

New college graduates who were enticed into teaching careers by state scholarships and prospects of a pushover job market are now facing closed classroom doors. The most recent graduates of the N.C. Teaching Fellows program are entering a toxic job market but face a deadline for fulfilling the work requirements of the scholarships.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1570754.html>

### NC Joins State-Wide Effort to Develop K-12 Education Standards

Gov. Bev Perdue, State Board of Education Chairman and CEO Bill Harrison and State Superintendent of Public Instruction June Atkinson

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; Appointment Required

### 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](http://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](http://www.volunteergso.org)

announced that North Carolina has joined 48 other states in a national effort to develop a common core of state education standards. Gov. Perdue, Dr. Harrison and Dr. Atkinson have signed and submitted a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that enables the state to formally join the initiative. The National Governors Association and the Council for Chief State School Officers have partnered to facilitate this state-led effort.

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/newsroom/news/2008-09/20090601-01>

### **Gov. Perdue Signs Bill Providing Zero-Interest Bonds for School Construction, Renovation and Repair**

Gov. Bev Perdue today signed Senate Bill 754, enabling North Carolina schools to use interest-free bonds for school construction, repair and renovation as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). "Our children need a welcoming and encouraging learning environment, one that makes them excited to come to school every day," Perdue said. "These bonds create a win-win situation - new jobs and better classrooms."

<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/NewsItems/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?newsItemID=489>

### **Learn and Earn On-Line Course Registration More Than Triples in Two Years**

More students than ever are logging onto Learn and Earn Online to earn free college credit according to new data presented to State Board of Education members. In spring 2009, North Carolina high school students registered for a total of 5,429 college-level courses through Learn and Earn Online. This number represents a significant increase from the 1,421 classes students registered for at the inception of the program in the fall of 2007. <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/newsroom/news/2008-09/20090604-01>

### **World Class Standards Proposed for Wake County Schools**

Global competition and a growing demand that all graduates meet higher standards require a different design for Wake County's public schools. A report released by Wake Education Partnership titled "Suspending Disbelief" defined the traits of a world-class school system following a year of study with six other education groups and more than three dozen community leaders.

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### 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](http://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](http://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

## 'Expectations Gap' May Be Contributing Factor in Dropout Crisis, Report Finds

In contrast to most students who drop out, many educators do not believe that students at risk of dropping out would work harder if more were demanded of them, revealing an "expectations gap" that may be a significant barrier to closing the achievement gap, a new study conducted for America's Promise Alliance and the AT&T Foundation finds.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=254200035>

## On The Front Lines of Schools

This report has documented a mix of hopeful views and challenging statistics concerning how, and how well, those on the front lines of America's schools -- teachers and principals -- understand the nation's high school dropout crisis.

<http://www.civicenterprises.net/reports.php>

## 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](http://www.nczoo.org) and click on the Education Link to fill out an application

## Free Tuition and Stipend to Attend Wake Forest University Master of Arts in Management Program

Wake Forest University has an opportunity for minority students to attend its MA program for FREE. The Corporate Fellowship provides full tuition and a \$21,000 stipend to cover living expenses. The contact person for anyone who is interested is:

Boone, Derrick S. (Derrick)

Email [derrick.boone@mba.wfu.edu](mailto:derrick.boone@mba.wfu.edu)

Title Assoc Professor, Babcock

Department Babcock: Instruction

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## High School Teachers Invited to Apply for Classroom Earth Professional Development Grants

**Deadline: June 12, 2009**

A program of the National Environmental Education Foundation, Classroom Earth Professional Development grants are designed to support high school teachers new to the field of environmental

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Teachers visit the  
Teacher Supply Warehouse

[Click here to learn more](#)

#### Our Sponsors

Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, High Point Community Foundation, the Cemala Foundation, the Weaver 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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education who want to increase the environmental literacy of their students.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=252600041](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=252600041)

#### Gale and Library Media Connection Invite Nominations for TEAMS Award

**Deadline: June 15, 2009**

The Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning and increase student achievement. All K-12 public and private schools in the United States and Canada are eligible to enter.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=252600043](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=252600043)

#### 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](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253700031)

#### Early-Career Researchers Invited to Apply for William T. Grant Scholars Program

**Deadline: July 8, 2009**

The William T. Grant Foundation's William T. Grant Scholars Program supports promising early-career researchers whose research contributes to understanding and improving the lives of young people in the United States between the ages of 8 and 25.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=253700036](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253700036)

#### 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](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=253700047)

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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