

## Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

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

**Wednesday June 16:** Webinar *Building Connections to Support Literacy: Systems of Early Learning for Children Birth to Age 8*; 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm; [email](#) Ki Lagomarsino for more info

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

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

### Rookie Teacher Believes in Students, Sets High Goals for Success

If Stacy Brady had believed the stereotypes she heard about students at Oak Hill Elementary, her first year of teaching would have been very different. Her students may not have grown more than 20 percentage points in reading or scored 10 points higher than other third-grade classrooms on a recent benchmark assessment. Her students may not have believed in themselves and her class might not have been the family it is today. "Students come in with all kinds of labels - EC, ESL, behavior and low socioeconomic backgrounds - but that is not who they are," said Brady. "Students are more than their labels and can do anything if you believe they can."... [read more](#)

### 2010 On Stage! Pictures

[Click here](#) to view a slideshow of pictures from 2010 *On Stage!* held on April 29th at War Memorial Auditorium!

[Click here](#) to purchase individual pictures.



**Tuesday June 22:**

Webinar *Successful Early Childhood Home Visitation State Systems*; 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm; [email](#) Ki Lagomarsino for more info

**Thursday June 24:** 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!

### SAVE THE DATE

**2011 On Stage! will be on April 14, 2011 at War Memorial Auditorium**

### Global Guilford

On the eve of the release of the 2010 census information, the Guilford Education Alliance released a report on the increased diversity in our schools, "Faces of Change: Addressing Diversity in Our Schools" ([click here](#) for the full report). The 2010 U.S. Census will provide a "formal" accounting of our community and tell us what we observe on our streets, in our stores and in our schools: Guilford County has a very diverse population. As a consequence, our school district is challenged to educate children who represent more than 142 different cultural/ethnic groups and speak 150 languages or dialects in their homes... [read more](#)

### Editorial: Doing Right by Schools

Billy Yow, whose politics steer hard to the right and who favors tight budgets, said it best: "There comes a time when we have to step up and do what we're elected to do."

So it was heartening (and pleasantly surprising) to see Yow and his fellow Guilford County Commissioners step up, in a big way, two weeks ago for school maintenance funding.

At 9-1, the vote wasn't even close, with Yow, of all people, speaking forcefully for the schools... [read more](#)

### State Funding of Schools Has Gradually Eroded

Guilford County Schools are in financial crisis. Funding shortfalls this school year resulted in increased class sizes by one student per class. Further proposed state cuts imply even larger class sizes for 2010-11. The overwhelming reason for the budget cuts is lack of state funding... [read more](#)

### Editorial: Don't Ignore Gifted Students in Rush to Achieve Other Goals

In the push to raise achievement levels of low performers, gifted students haven't always gotten the attention in school that they deserve. North Carolina is among a handful of states mandating that local systems early on identify academically talented students and provide ongoing programs for them. However, such efforts have been only marginally successful... [read more](#)

### Qualifications Could Change for Gifted Student Track

The Guilford County school board could vote as soon as Thursday (June 10th) to implement significant changes to the county's Academically and Intellectually Gifted program. The changes are designed to increase the number of underrepresented minority

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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 at the end of the week.

Dates: June 14-August 20

Ages: 3-18 years old

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

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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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**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

groups qualifying for the program and ensure that gifted students at every school are receiving equitable instruction... [read more](#)

**Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro Celebrates Students' Success at its 18th Annual Student Awards Luncheon**

In partnership with Citi, Communities In Schools of Greater Greensboro (CISGG) held its 18th Annual Student Awards Luncheon at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center on April 29, 2010. Over 470 students and guests attended. CISGG is a United Way member nonprofit organization with 21 years of success in helping kids stay in school and prepare for life, utilizing the best community resources and partnerships... [read more](#)

**Win-Win Resolutions Young Peacemaker Nominations**

Win-Win Resolutions is accepting Young Peacemaker Nominations for Middle School age students who exemplify peacemaking and inclusive efforts in their schools and community. Any adult who works with middle school youth in schools, clubs, churches etc may nominate that student. [Click here](#) for the nomination form and eligibility criteria information. The submission deadline is June 14th. All student nominees and their families are invited to the Eighth Annual Young Peacemaker Awards Banquet with Keynote Speaker, Susan Taylor, Founder of Essence Magazine and the National CARES Mentoring Movement on 9-9-10.

**Quiet Vote Puts Old Diversity Policy to Rest**

Armed police and crowds of protesters no longer faced off in the hallways as the Wake County school board cut its last ties to a diversity-based assignment system Tuesday (June 1st). It was the board's least-tumultuous meeting since a new majority took control in December with a mission to throw out the policies that took socioeconomic status into account when assigning Wake's 140,000 students to schools... [read more](#)

**State Board of Education Embraces U.S. Standards**

The State Board of Education unanimously adopted national standards for public school students Thursday (June 3rd), becoming one of the first states to sign on. Noting that North Carolina has been a leader in other education advances, Board Chairman Bill Harrison said he wanted that tradition to continue. "I think I want us to be first," Harrison said... [read more](#)

**No Sign of D.C. Aid for Teachers**

Congress bailed out Wall Street and the auto industry, but it appears to have drawn the line - at least for now - at rescuing teachers. A Democratic plan to send \$23 billion to the states to save the jobs of 100,000 to 300,000 public school teachers,

through donations on  
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librarians, counselors and other employees slated for layoffs looks  
dead for the time being... [read more](#)

### Grant Opportunities

**Do Something Invites Young People to Apply for BIC 4 GOOD  
Community Action Grants**

**Deadline: June 15, 2010**

Young people who have created a sustainable community action  
project, program, or organization that they want to expand are  
invited to apply for a BIC 4 GOOD Grant.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=2957000  
37](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=295700037)

**American Association of Community Colleges Invites  
Applications for Service Learning Workshop Mini-Grants  
Deadline: August 6, 2010**

The American Association of Community Colleges has announced  
the availability of \$2,000 mini-grants for community colleges  
interested in organizing and hosting regional workshops on service  
learning.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=2963000  
23](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=296300023)

#### 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.

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