



## 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.

[Click here to donate](#)

### Upcoming Events

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>

### NewBridge Bank's "Stock the Schools"

For the fourth consecutive summer, NewBridge Bank is helping to stock our schools for the 2009-10 school year. Beginning Monday, July 6, people can drop off purchased school supplies at NewBridge Bank offices and Panera Bread restaurants throughout Guilford County. The program, which runs through Aug. 10, provides Guilford County Schools (GCS) teachers with classroom supplies to help reduce the amount of supplies teachers often pay for themselves. A wish list made by GCS teachers includes colored pencils, invisible tape, easels or art drawing books, tissues, hand sanitizer, rubber bands, construction paper, loose leaf paper, pencil pouches, small calculators, book bags and more.

All supplies donated to Guilford County locations will be delivered to the Teacher Supply Warehouse, where GCS teachers can shop for free. The Warehouse re-opens Aug. 11. For more information, contact Cecilia Adams, manager of community partnerships, at 370-8355.

### GCS Releases Preliminary EOC and EOG Results

Guilford County Schools (GCS) made significant progress on End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) tests during the 2008-09 year, according to preliminary results released by the district.

<http://www.gcsnc.com/eoc.htm>

### Board Honors Outgoing GCAE President

In his five years as president of the Guilford County Association of Educators (GCAE), Mark Jewell took the teacher group to new

**Thursday July 23:** Guilford County Board of Education Meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; for an agenda, go to [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com)

**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

**Tuesday August 11:**

Guilford County Board of Education Meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; for an agenda, go to [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com)

**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

### **ANYTOWN**

ANYTOWN is still accepting applications for Session I: July 26-31 and August 2-7; for more information, contact NCCJ by calling 272-0359 or log on to [www.nccjtriad.org](http://www.nccjtriad.org)

**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

heights. He helped increase membership by 1,000, led the efforts to enact a progressive anti-discrimination ordinance and developed a more collegial relationship with the district's top administrators, board members and parent leaders.

[http://www.gcsnc.com/news/news\\_detail.aspx?n\\_id=800](http://www.gcsnc.com/news/news_detail.aspx?n_id=800)

## **Guilford County Schools 2009 Graduates**

Click the link below for lists of those who graduated from Guilford County Schools in 2009. Congratulations from the Guilford Education Alliance!

<http://www.news-record.com/community/graduates>

## **House Gives Final OK to Expand Bullying Rules**

The General Assembly has narrowly voted to require all North Carolina public school districts to set forth bullying rules that identify potential targets, including gays and lesbians. Gov. Bev Perdue's office also said she probably will sign the bill approved earlier by the House by a vote of 58-57.

[http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/23/article/house\\_gives\\_final\\_ok\\_to\\_expand\\_bullying\\_rules](http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/06/23/article/house_gives_final_ok_to_expand_bullying_rules)

## **NC Writing Instruction System Pilot Recognized as a National Best Practice**

North Carolina has received the 21st Century Skills Practice of the Year Award for its new Writing Instruction System Pilot project. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) developed and piloted the initiative in the fall of 2008 to replace the 4th and 7th grade writing assessments with a more comprehensive K-12 writing system.

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/newsroom/news/2008-09/20090623-01>

## **Duncan Presses NEA on Merit Pay, Tenure**

Teachers' unions must be willing to reconsider seniority provisions, rework tenure provisions, and work with districts to create fair ways of incorporating student-achievement growth in teacher evaluation and compensation, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said today.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/07/02/36neaduncan.h28.html?tkn=OYMFmDTyY9hpgWs3y5Z7d5ib4rEjbsl6Z%2BJV>

<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)

### **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](#)

## **Global Competition: U.S. Students vs. International Peers**

Anyone who has watched typical American teens readily master the use of cellphones, computer applications, and multimedia equipment might find it inconceivable that they could lag behind their international peers in acquiring the technology skills they'll need to succeed in a tech-driven world. But experts say the attention and resources being paid by educators and policymakers in other countries to developing students' technical skills could put U.S. students behind the curve very soon.

<http://www.edweek.org/dd/articles/2009/06/17/>

[04global.h02.html?print=1](http://04global.h02.html?print=1)

## **Supreme Court Backs Reimbursement for Private Tuition**

Federal law authorizes reimbursements for private school tuition, even when a child has never received special education services from a public school, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled today (June 22, 2009).

The justices ruled 6-3 in *Forest Grove School District v. T.A.* (Case No. 08-305) that 1997 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act meant to rein in the costs of private school placements did not remove the power of hearing officers and federal judges to order such reimbursements under the proper circumstances.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/06/22/>

[36scotusspecialized.h28.html?tkn=WYWFsKmbSaxctfTEay8oeZ3tiYO7xc6omnYY](http://36scotusspecialized.h28.html?tkn=WYWFsKmbSaxctfTEay8oeZ3tiYO7xc6omnYY)

## **US Schools Failing to Assess Teacher Effectiveness, Report Finds**

The nation's schools are failing to adequately assess teacher effectiveness, resulting in a system in which excellent teaching goes unrecognized, hard-working teachers who could improve are ignored, and poor performance goes unaddressed, a new report from the New Teacher Project finds.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=253800024>

## **Teach for America Receives \$1.4 Million to Recruit Math, Science Teachers**

The Minneapolis-based Medtronic Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the global medical technology company, has announced a three-year, \$1.4 million grant to Teach For America to expand its national recruitment and training of math and science teachers.



To donate materials to Guilford County Schools Teachers visit the Teacher Supply Warehouse

[Click here to learn more](#)

#### Our Sponsors

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Please join in thanking them for their support!

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<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=254500025>

### 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

#### Ronald McDonald House Charities Accepting Letters of Inquiry for Grants to Improve Lives of Children

**Deadline: September 4, 2009**

Ronald McDonald House Charities annually provides grants to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations whose national or global programs help improve the health and well being of children under age 21.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=257400007](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=257400007)

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

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