



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

July 24, 25, 29 and 30: Genesis Baptist Church Youth Ministry *Youth Explosion 2010*

Thursday July 29: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; click [here](#) for more info

Tuesday August 10: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; [click here](#)

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

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

GCS Releases Preliminary AYP Results

59.5 percent of the district's schools made Adequate Yearly Progress for 2009-10

Greensboro, N.C. - Guilford County Schools (GCS) released preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for 2009-10. This past school year, 59.5 percent of the district's schools met AYP.

Across the district, 71.6 percent of elementary schools, 38.1 percent of middle schools and 45.8 percent of high schools made AYP. [read more](#)

To view the full preliminary results, go to <http://www.gcsnc.com/ayp/index.html> .

Five High Schools Boast 100% Graduation Rates

Greensboro, N.C. - Five of the district's high schools had 100 percent graduation rates for the 2009-10 school year according to preliminary data.

The Academy at Smith, Greensboro College Middle College, The Early College at Guilford, Penn-Griffin School for the Arts and Weaver Academy, all magnet and choice schools, led Guilford County Schools (GCS) by achieving a graduation rate of 100 percent.

Including these five schools, a total of 12 schools had graduation rates higher than 90 percent.

for more info

Saturday August 14: *Kickoff to Kindergarten* at the Greensboro Children's Museum, 220 North Church St, Greensboro; 3-5 pm; call 574-2898 x 311 for more information

Friday August 20: 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

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 Dakia 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!; 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

Overall, the 2009-10 graduation rate for GCS increased to 80.7 percent, up from 79.9 percent in 2008-09. According to preliminary data, the graduation rate climbed for the fourth year in a row. This is the highest graduation rate for GCS since the N.C. Department of Public Instruction established its four-year cohort measure in 2006.

In North Carolina, the graduation rate is calculated as the number of students who graduated with a diploma at the end of the school year divided by the number of students in the ninth grade four years earlier plus students who transferred into the class and minus students who transferred out of the class or are deceased.

Last year, three GCS schools were among only seven schools statewide to achieve a 100 percent graduation rate. The State Board of Education will verify the preliminary graduation rate data and release statewide results later this year.

The Academy at Smith, one of the schools that achieved a 100 percent graduation rate, provides its students with a focused study in medical careers or construction technology. Students enrolled in these programs have the opportunity to earn state and nationally recognized certifications, participate in apprenticeships and internships and earn college credit from Guilford Technical Community College during their senior year.

Greensboro College Middle College provides small class sizes and individualized student support on the campus of Greensboro College. The school offers an honors-level high school curriculum and the opportunity for students to enroll in college courses. It is open to creative and free-spirited students in 11th and 12th grades who may be dissatisfied with or unsuccessful in the traditional high school setting.

The Early College at Guilford was established in 2002 as North Carolina's first early college high school. The school offers an intensive college preparatory education on the campus of Guilford College. Students are able to take a full array of advanced and college-level courses taught by both GCS teachers and college professors throughout high school. Students work with their academic advisers to build course schedules that meet their individual needs.

Penn-Griffin School for the Arts is a performing and visual arts school serving students in grades six through 12. In addition to traditional core courses, the school offers classes in orchestra, band, chorus, classical guitar, piano, dance, theatre and visual arts. Students explore all of the arts areas at the beginning of middle school and continue in a formal study of their arts concentration later in middle school and in high school.

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](#)



Learn how you can help fund projects in Guilford County Schools' classrooms through donations on

Weaver Academy students participate in both a fulltime Academy of Performing and Visual Arts and a part-time Academy of Advanced Technology. The full-time high school provides students with career preparation in an artistic discipline. The part-time career and technical education program provides specialized courses to students from many of the district's traditional high schools.

Scores Show Gains

Most district schools saw positive gains on state 2010 tests, according to preliminary results released Tuesday (July 13th) Overall, students made positive gains in all end-of-grade subjects. The overall test composite results grew by 1.8 percentage points to 72.7, reading grew by 1.9 percentage points to 67.5, math increased by 1.1 percentage points to 81.2, and science scores made the biggest gains, increasing 3.3 percentage points to 63... [read more](#)

Several Schools Score Big on State Tests

Several High Point area schools showed double-digit gains on state 2010 tests, according to preliminary results. Overall, district students made positive gains in all end-of-grade subjects... [read more](#)

ABCs/AYP 2010 Accountability Report Background Packet

[Click here](#) to view the 2010 ABCs/AYP Accountability Report Background Packet from the Public Schools of North Carolina Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction.

N.C. Legislature to Study School Diversity's Effect

The bitter battle over Wake County's move toward neighborhood schools is moving into the hands of state legislators, who could recommend that school districts adopt diversity policies. One of the last acts of the Democrat-controlled General Assembly was to create a legislative study commission charged with seeing whether diversity helps public schools and whether the state should help it along by changing the way schools are funded... [read more](#)

N.C. Child Advocate: 2010 Study Bill

[Click here](#) for a list of child-specific studies that made it into the 2010 Study Bill that the legislature and agencies plan to undertake over the coming year.

Scientists Test Robot Teachers

The boy, a dark-haired 6-year-old, is playing with a new

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[Click here to learn more](#)

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companion. The two hit it off quickly - unusual for the 6-year-old, who has autism - and the boy is imitating his playmate's every move, nodding his head, now raising his arms... [read more](#)

Troubled Teachers Tracked

It will be harder for teachers and other school employees who get into trouble to job-hop to another school district under a bill lawmakers approved in the waning days of the session. If teachers, principals or other career employees resign before they can be fired, prospective employers will be able to see that superintendents were preparing to recommend dismissal... [read more](#)

A Chosen Few are Teaching for America

Alneada Biggers, Harvard class of 2010, was amazed this past year when she discovered that getting into the nation's top law schools and grad programs could be easier than being accepted for a starting teaching job with Teach for America... [read more](#)

Duncan: Congress Needs to Act Now on School Money

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan urged Congress to act soon to increase education funding because cash-strapped states can't wait until the fall to determine if they must lay off thousands of teachers... [read more](#)

Transformation: Most Popular School Improvement Model

Schools receiving millions of dollars in federal money meant to reverse years of low achievement are overwhelmingly opting for "transformation," the least disruptive of four intervention methods endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education... [read more](#)

New Alliance Report Examines Economic Impact of Reducing the High School Dropout Rate Among Students of Color

Cutting the high school dropout rate in half among students of color will greatly increase the nation's economic vitality, according to the latest report in the Alliance for Excellent Education's continuing work linking improved educational outcomes to economic returns. "If the nation's education system does not start serving students of color better today, all Americans will feel the difference in their wallets," said Bob Wise, president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former governor of West Virginia. "That means that for all of us, the best economic stimulus package is a high school diploma."...

[read more](#)

Increasing Number of Legal Actions Challenge Constitutionality of Budget Cuts

As states continue to reduce school aid, plaintiffs have turned to an array of legal arguments in the hope of preserving educational resources. Advocates and school districts in various parts of the country filed challenges last month... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Multicultural Arts Investment Applications Accepted Through July 30, 2010

The United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro will be offering a 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.

Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro Seeks Grant Applicants for Educational Programs

Deadline: August 31, 2010

The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro is looking for youth programs in need. The Future Fund is accepting applications for organizations or programs that will make an impact or improvement on the education of local youth. For more information go to www.cfgg.org

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Accepting Applications for 2011 National Grant Program

Deadline: September 10, 2010

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is accepting applications for its annual national grant competition. The grantmaking program is designed to help develop or expand projects that support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=299300025

Ashoka and Staples Launch Fourth Annual Global Youth Social

Entrepreneur Competition

Deadline: September 20, 2010

The global competition highlights youth-led organizations focused on social issues affecting their communities, and is part of Ashoka's Youth Venture, an initiative designed to identify and foster young entrepreneurs all over the world who are creating positive change.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=298700028

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Offers Instruments for School Music Programs

Deadline: October 1, 2010

The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation donates both new and refurbished instruments to school and after-school music programs in the United States that lack the resources to keep up with equipment loss due to attrition, depreciation, and wear over time, and to accommodate students on waiting lists or who have to share instruments.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=301400013

National Gardening Association's Healthy Sprouts Awards to Support Youth Gardening Programs

Deadline: October 1, 2010

The Subaru Healthy Sprouts Award, which is administered by the National Gardening Association and sponsored by Subaru of America, recognizes and supports youth gardening programs that provide education about the environment, nutrition, and hunger issues in the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=301400011

Horace Mann Offers Teacher Fellowships at Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Deadline: January 3, 2011

Since 2005, Horace Mann and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have partnered to annually offer fifty teachers a five-day fellowship to study the life and legacy of the sixteenth American president.

Fellows attend one of two five-day sessions - one in June and one in July 2011 - at the ALPLM in Springfield, Illinois.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=299300023

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.

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