



## 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

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>

### Fidelity Bank Stages Donation Drive for the Teacher Supply Warehouse

In celebration of their 100th anniversary, Fidelity Bank is holding a summer donation drive for the Teacher Supply Warehouse! The inventory of the Warehouse has been greatly depleted and there is a need for more donations before the beginning of the school year.

#### DONATION SITES:

Fidelity Bank, 2501 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, NC 27408, (Corner Battleground and Oakcrest) (9:00 to 5:00 M-T, 9:00 to 6:00 F)

Fidelity Bank: 3741 Farmington Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407, (Corner High Point Road and Farmington Drive) (9:00 to 5:00 M-T, 9:00 to 6:00 F)

Fidelity Bank: 8110 US Hwy 158, Stokesdale, NC 27357 (Same Hours)

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

[support/documents/TeacherSupplyWarehousepressrelease7-13-09.pdf](http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/documents/TeacherSupplyWarehousepressrelease7-13-09.pdf)

### GCS High Schools Rank Among America's Top 100

The Early College at Guilford and Weaver Academy are two of the top 100 high schools in the United States according to Newsweek magazine. The Early College at Guilford ranked 19th in the nation, up two spots from last year, and Weaver Academy ranked 81st,

motivate our entire community to promote and support education for our students and our future.

[Click here to donate](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### 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 15:

*Kickoff to Kindergarten* at the Greensboro Children's Museum; 4-7 pm; for rising kindergarteners and is free and open to the public; for more information, call 574-2898 or go to [www.qcmuseum.com](http://www.qcmuseum.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

**Thursday August 27:** 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)

### 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)

jumping 43 spots in this year's rankings.

[http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/6\\_12.html](http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/6_12.html)

### Gains in Key Indicators of Child Well-Being Lift NC in the Annie E. Casey Kids Count Rankings

The Annie E. Casey Foundation released a report in conjunction with Action for Children North Carolina that ranks North Carolina 37th in the nation in child well-being, showing the state has improved in 6 of the 10 key indicators since 2000, including family income, health and education.

<http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001Tml80ZUGd2jaJFzDLpzevKHTwYi7e9tbenz-dzyOCjua1YTvCIJ6ozGBHnmpjyNiemLrQWTBUNfM>

[http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/6\\_12.html](http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/6_12.html)

The report is also available on the Guilford Education Alliance website:

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

[resources/documents/2009KidsCountDataBook.pdf](http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/2009KidsCountDataBook.pdf)

### Atkinson Prevails in Suit

A judge's ruling intended to settle a long-running debate about who is in charge of running North Carolina's public schools may instead set the stage for even more players to enter the fray. In the meantime, though, the ruling allows June Atkinson to reclaim the authority she thought she had when voters elected her the state's superintendent of public instruction in 2004 and again in 2008.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/>

[politics/story/1612245.html](http://www.newsobserver.com/politics/story/1612245.html)

### Moving Beyond AYP: High School Performance Indicators

It seems that the nation has recognized the fact that its public high schools are not adequately preparing students, particularly poor and minority students, for college, careers, and life in the twenty-first-century global economy. National leaders and the education policy community have embraced the idea that the education system must establish college and career readiness as the goal for all students.

<http://www.all4ed.org/files/SPIMovingBeyondAYP.pdf>

### Increasing Arts Demand Through Better Arts Learning

### 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)

### 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)

The New York City-based Wallace Foundation has published a new issue brief that examines recent Wallace-funded research on coordinated approaches to arts learning in which schools join forces with other arts providers to expand access to and the quality of arts learning.

The brief, *Increasing Arts Demand Through Better Arts Learning* (4 pages, PDF), found that while coordinated approaches to arts learning can be challenging to implement and are vulnerable to issues such as a lack of school time dedicated to the arts, they have the potential to significantly increase access to high-quality arts education opportunities for children.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/connections/conn\\_item.jhtml?id=256500012](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/connections/conn_item.jhtml?id=256500012)

### The Academic Quality of Teachers: A Civil Rights Issue

Although knowledge of the subjects they teach is the chief characteristic of effective teachers, knowledgeable teachers are not evenly distributed across public schools. Urban students tend to be taught by academically less able teachers than are their suburban peers.

<http://www.edweek.org/login.html?source=>

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/>

[2009/06/26/36stotsky.h28.html&destination=](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/06/26/36stotsky.h28.html&destination=)

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

[26/36stotsky.h28.html&levelId=2100](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/06/26/36stotsky.h28.html&levelId=2100)

### ED To Fund Unified Student Data Systems

Backed by a strong and unprecedented federal investment in education, the Obama administration has identified multiple objectives intended to help revamp the nation's education system-- and a persistent use of student data to improve instruction is one of those objectives.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/superintendents-center/articles/index.cfm?i=59549>

### Newark Starts a Summer School Aimed at Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement classes do not begin at Science Park High School until September, but Cristiana De Oliveira will spend many a summer day sitting behind a desk in A.P. calculus for five hours rather than lounging by a swimming pool. Cristiana is one of 335 students signed up for Newark's new A.P. Summer Institute, in which P. courses in calculus, biology, United States history and English language and literature each get an intensive two-week introduction,



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 Guilford County Schools 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!

To become a sponsor of the Guilford Education Alliance,

paid for with \$300,000 in federal grants.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/08/education/08newark.html?\\_r=1&ref=education](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/08/education/08newark.html?_r=1&ref=education)

### College Completion Rates Vary Widely Across Nation

Completion rates at the nation's nearly 1,400 colleges and universities vary dramatically - even among institutions with similar admissions standards, a new report from the American Enterprise Institute finds.

Using U.S. Department of Education data, the report, *Diplomas and Dropouts: Which Colleges Actually Graduate Their Students (and Which Don't)*, found that although students spend thousands of dollars on tuition and accumulate significant debt each year they are in college, less than 55 percent of first-time students attending an average four-year college graduate within six years.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=254000035>

### 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

#### CVS Caremark Community Grants Program Accepting Grant Applications for Programs Serving Children With Disabilities and the Uninsured

**Deadline: October 31, 2009**

The CVS Caremark Community Grants program provides support to community organizations and public schools in states where CVS stores are located. The program will award grants to public schools that promote a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs for children with disabilities.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=257400013](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=257400013)

#### Kids In Need Foundation Invites Innovative Learning Projects for Teacher Grants Program

**Deadline: September 30, 2009**

The Kids In Need Foundation Teacher Grants program provides K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities

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for their students.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=259000018](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=259000018)

**Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy Accepting Applications for National Grant Program  
Deadline: September 14, 2009**

The foundation's grantmaking program seeks to develop or expand projects designed to develop the literacy skills of adult primary care givers and their children.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=259900004](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=259900004)

**Lowe's Toolbox for Education Accepting Applications for K-12 Public School Projects**

**Deadline: October 16, 2009**

Through the program, Lowe's will donate a total of \$5 million to U.S. public schools and public school parent teacher groups at more than one thousand public schools. For the 2009-10 program, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation will increase its focus on basic one-time project needs.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=259500002](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=259500002)

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