



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Job Opportunity!

Guilford Education Alliance is currently taking applications for the Executive Assistant/Program Manager position.

[Click here](#) for more information

Upcoming Events

Tuesday July 13:

Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St.,

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

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

Budget Ratified and Signed by Governor

House and Senate members voted Tuesday and Wednesday (June 29th and 30th) to give approval to a \$19 billion state budget plan. Budget writers have said the plan will preserve more teachers and university faculty jobs this fall, as well as shore up the community colleges where enrollment has dramatically increased. Gov. Beverly Perdue signed the bill into law late Wednesday afternoon surrounded by public school students before the new fiscal year began on Thursday July 1st - on time for the first time since 2003... [read more](#)

For complete information on the budget adopted by the General Assembly, [click here](#).

NC Lottery Likely to Fill Budget Gap

When lawmakers created the lottery in 2005, supporters pledged the state-run gambling enterprise would be additional money for education and not take the place of tax dollars. Lottery opponents were skeptical of that promise from the beginning, and they say the \$19 billion budget the General Assembly approved last week leaves little doubt that lottery revenue will be used to replace lost education money rather than provide new funding for public schools... [read more](#)

Guilford County Community Resident Survey

Guilford County is in the process of conducting a comprehensive gang assessment based on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model. This assessment is being conducted by a working group, including One Step Further, Youth Focus, Court Alternatives, and the Center for

Greensboro; [click here](#) for more info

Tuesday July 13: 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

Wednesday July 14 - Thursday July 15: *Anti-Racism Youth Workshop* hosted by the Racial Equity Institute; 9 am to 4 pm; St. James Homes Community Center, 1238 S. Eugene St-C, Greensboro; for more information contact Deena Hayes at (704) 400-2869

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

Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Currently, we are gathering important census, law enforcement, and school level data. But, perhaps the most important are the voices of youth, residents, and parents across Guilford County. We are hoping to reach a broad spectrum of respondents and to do that, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Below is the link to a Community Resident Survey. This survey is to be completed by individuals who are at least 18 years of age and who are residents of Guilford County. We would greatly appreciate your participation.

Community Resident Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TZG3TQQ>

Our target date for getting as many Community Resident surveys as we can is July 15, 2010. Please note, the survey does not include any identifying information, and participation is voluntary. Responses will be generalized and incorporated into the assessment. Hard copies of the survey are also available upon request.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us raise up the voices of residents and parents in Guilford County!

Best regards,

Guilford County OJJDP Assessment Team

Guilford County Schools Summer Arts Institute

Guilford County Schools in partnership with Community Theater of Greensboro will present the popular musical *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* **July 16-18 and 23-25 at Grimsley High School**. Tickets for *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* are on sale now and can be purchased at www.ctgso.org. This production is a part of the Summer Arts Institute which, in its inaugural year, is a part of the Strategic Plan 2012 as outlined by Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green. The Summer Arts Institute is a program for rising 5th through rising 9th grade students.

The Summer Arts Institute is held on two campuses in GCS: *Willy Wonka* at Grimsley High School and the week-long arts immersion program at Penn-Griffin School for the Arts. The Showcase for the arts immersion week at Penn-Griffin will be held Thursday night, **July 15 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium at Penn-Griffin School for the Arts in High Point**. The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge. Moore Music Company is the sponsor for this portion of the Summer Arts Institute.

activities!

2010 Camp Dates:
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!

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

Rights Group Plans Big Rally on Wake Schools Policy

Civil rights leaders are working with some of the state's largest and most influential church groups to bring thousands of people to Raleigh on July 20 to protest the end of Wake County's socioeconomic school diversity policy. The Rev. William Barber, president of the state NAACP, has organized a wide range of church groups that have historically been involved in civil rights and social justice issues to oppose the move to neighborhood schools in Wake County... [read more](#)

Graduation Rate for US High-Schoolers Falls for Second Straight Year

The national high school graduation rate has slipped in recent years, despite an array of public and private efforts to boost the percentage of students going on to college. But some districts are beating the odds, succeeding with many students who otherwise may have fallen through the cracks... [read more](#)

Missed Opportunities, Unmet Demand

For millions of children in America, when schools close for the summer, safe and enriching learning environments are out of reach, replaced by boredom, lost opportunities and risk. New analysis of data from the America After 3PM study measures the extent of this problem, concluding that three-quarters of America's schoolchildren do not participate in summer learning programs. Yet, fifty-six percent of kids (an estimated 24 million) who are not participating in summer learning programs, would likely enroll in a program, based on parent interest... [read more](#)

Study: PCs Hurt Students' Grades

You may want to stop and reconsider whether you think a home computer will help your child with reading and math. A new Duke University study says North Carolina middle school students' test scores dropped after they got home computers, suggesting they spent more time playing "The Sims" than working practice math problems... [read more](#)

In The War on Cheating, It's Tech vs. Tech

The frontier in the battle to defeat student cheating may be here at the testing center of the University of Central Florida. No gum is allowed during an exam: Chewing could disguise a student speaking into a hands-free cell phone to an accomplice outside... [read more](#)

Unwrapping the Gifted

One day this year, one of my elementary gifted students went home and proclaimed (in obvious distress) to his mom that he didn't want to be a "smarty" anymore. Turns out the kids in his

support education for our students and our future.

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class had been teasing him about his very-apparent intelligence. In his meltdown, he expressed that he just wanted to be normal, that he wanted to know what it was like to not worry about everything so much, that he just wanted to be a regular kid and not "stick out" so much all the time... [read more](#)

The Pitfalls in Identifying a Gifted Child

Thirty-seven states have some sort of mandate to address the needs of gifted and talented students in public schools. While many parents and teachers have mixed views about the tests used to identify talent and "giftedness," the programs are strongly supported by many parents who cannot afford to send their children to private schools. They are hard to overhaul, for various reasons... [read more](#)

A Common Understanding: Final K-12 Standards in English Language Arts and Math

On June 2, 2010 the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) released the final version of the Common Core State Standards in English language arts and mathematics at an event held at Peachtree Ridge High School in Suwanee, Georgia. The standards for grades K-12 were developed in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders including content experts, states, teachers, school administrators, and parents... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

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.cfagg.org

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

and The News & Record, as well as many individuals.

Please join in thanking them for their support!

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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.

Youth Service America Accepting Applications for STEMester of Service Grant Program

Deadline: July 15, 2010

STEMester of Service incorporates YSA's semester-long service-learning framework to engage educators and students in addressing critical environmental needs and connecting them to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) curricula. YSA is seeking ten middle schools with large populations of disadvantaged youth to join twenty returning STEMester of Service grantees.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=296700032

Youth Service America Invites Applications for 2011 Global Youth Service Day Lead Agencies

Deadline: July 15, 2010

Youth Service America is accepting applications from organizations wishing to serve as 2011 Global Youth Service Day lead agencies.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=298500006

Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation Accepting Applications for Youth Program Evaluation Grants

Deadline: July 28, 2010

The Ruddie Memorial Youth Foundation has announced the availability of evaluation grants for innovative youth programs (birth to 25 years of age) to fund studies that document successful programs.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=298400004

National Education Association Invites Grant Applications From K-12 Teachers for Environmental Education Projects

Deadline: July 30, 2010

The National Education Association is offering Green Across America grants of up to \$1,000 each to help K-12 teachers across the United States implement their innovative education program, activity, lesson, or event to increase environmental awareness, create positive learning programs, and excite students about ways to create a better planet.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=298900029

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.

To make a contribution to support the valuable programs of Guilford Education Alliance, visit <http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/index.php>

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