



# 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.

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday August 15:**

*Kickoff to Kindergarten* at the

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>

## Schools Get Some Money Returned

Principals are breathing a little easier this morning after the Guilford County Board of Education approved doling out \$5 million to schools.

The 7-3 vote Tuesday night (August 11th) comes after the approval of a state budget last week. Schools officials had planned for a shortfall of more than \$34 million. They now believe it will be closer to \$22 million, which meant returning some money cut from schools.

[http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/08/12/article/schools\\_get\\_some\\_money\\_returned](http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/08/12/article/schools_get_some_money_returned)

## ABC Results Show Improvement for GCS

ABC results released by GCS show that 10 of the district's schools are 2009 Honor Schools of Excellence, the highest level a school can obtain on the ABCs, compared to only one school being named in 2008. At these schools, 90 percent or more of students scored at or above grade level, made expected or high growth and met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

[http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/8\\_7.html](http://www.gcsnc.com/newsbriefs/archive/2009/8_7.html)

Full Report:

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/2008-2009ABCs.pdf>

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.gcmuseum.com](http://www.gcmuseum.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

**Saturday August 22:** Know your legal rights as parents and community advocates; Parents Supporting Parents will be hosting a free Legal Educational Training; 10 am to 3 pm; for an appointment call Lissa Harris at 508-1356 or Linda Mozell at 674-8940

**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)

**Saturday August 29:** Know your legal rights as parents and community advocates; Parents Supporting Parents will be hosting a free Legal Educational Training; 10 am to 3 pm; for an appointment call Lissa Harris at 508-1356 or Linda Mozell at 674-8940



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

[Click here to learn more](#)

## Budget Leaves Cuts to Schools

Key Democrats in the House and Senate reached a budget deal Monday August 3rd that would pass the task of cutting education spending to local school boards across the state.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/politics/story/1633246.html>

## Teacher Incentive Fund Addresses Three Key Issues

The Teacher Incentive Fund has the potential to attract and retain effective teachers in high-poverty schools, by offering incentives based on performance, and spur changes across the country in how teachers are compensated. The Obama administration has proposed a dramatic increase in funding for the Teacher Incentive Fund from \$97 million this year to \$487.3 million in fiscal year 2010.

[http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/06/teacher\\_incentive\\_fund.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/06/teacher_incentive_fund.html)

## Parsing the Achievement Gap II

Despite a long-running national focus on closing gaps in academic achievement among America's students, by race/ethnicity and by socioeconomic status, they remain wide and persistent.

This follow-up report to *Parsing the Achievement Gap*, asks and answers: Have these gaps in experiences and life conditions that mirror the achievement gap narrowed, widened, or stayed the same since the earlier report was published?

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/resources/documents/ParsingtheAchievementGapIIAug09.pdf>

## Bill Gates Calls For New Measures to Improve U.S. Education System

According to Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, the United States could improve its educational standing in the world by rewarding effective teaching and developing better universal measures of performance for students and teachers, the Associated Press reports.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=259900019>

## Clinton Highlights Economic Impact of Obesity



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Speaking at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Weight of the Nation conference, former President Bill Clinton called attention to the growing healthcare costs related to obesity in the United States and the urgent need for better prevention, assessment, and treatment of the childhood obesity epidemic.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=260300014>

### Classroom Connect: Twelve Ways to Support Your Child's Teacher

When the kids go back to school, parents everywhere breathe a collective sigh of relief, but they shouldn't relax too soon. "Children whose parents are involved in their education have higher self-esteem, more positive attitudes toward learning and are generally more engaged than children whose parents are not involved," says Candace Roberts, Ph.D., assistant professor of education at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. Kids with involved parents also have better attendance, higher grades and are more likely to go to college.

<http://www.piedmontparent.com/Articles/>

[Features/FeatureArticle.aspx?cid=531&subid=72](http://www.piedmontparent.com/Articles/Features/FeatureArticle.aspx?cid=531&subid=72)

### 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

#### The Coca-Cola Foundation: Philanthropy Grant Program

##### Deadline: Rolling

The purpose of this program is to make a greater impact on communities by being responsive to the citizenship priorities of communities world-wide. One focus area is to support student scholarships, school drop-out prevention, access to education programs, and other education initiatives.

[http://gn.ecivis.com/go/gn\\_grantDetailExt/](http://gn.ecivis.com/go/gn_grantDetailExt/)

[emailUUID/e74b75be-ec34-7cf8-bb82-967c119b0435](http://gn.ecivis.com/go/gn_grantDetailExt/emailUUID/e74b75be-ec34-7cf8-bb82-967c119b0435)

#### Training and Advisory Services Program: Technical Assistance

**for Student Assignment Plans  
Deadline: August 21, 2009**

The purpose of this program is to support projects aimed at fostering diversity in schools throughout the nation. Funding should be used to provide local education agencies with the technical assistance necessary to develop and implement student assignment plans that will prevent racial isolation and resegregation. Successful projects will seek assistance and expertise from student assignment specialists, demographers, community relations specialists, curriculum specialists, and other relevant specialists.

[http://gn.ecivis.com/go/gn\\_grantDetailExt/  
emailUUID/e74e699a-9a32-ccb-01aa-b4f39d8587dc](http://gn.ecivis.com/go/gn_grantDetailExt/emailUUID/e74e699a-9a32-ccb-01aa-b4f39d8587dc)

**Center on Accessible and Supported Electronic Text to Improve  
Mathematics Achievement for Students with Disabilities  
Deadline: August 24, 2009**

The purpose of this program is to establish and operate a Center on Accessible and Supported Electronic Text to Improve Mathematics Achievement for Students with Disabilities, which will be charged with conducting a systematic program of research and development on the use of accessible, supported electronic text for improving the mathematics achievement of students with disabilities.

<http://e-grants.ed.gov/egWelcome.asp>

**Target Field Trip Grants Program  
Deadline: November 3, 2009**

The Target Corporation has announced that it will award 5,000 field trip grants of up to \$800 each for the coming K-12 school year. Managed by Scholarship America, the program is open to education professionals who are at least 18 years old and employed by an accredited K-12 public, private, or charter school in the United States that maintains 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status.

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=261400044](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=261400044)

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**Sincerely,**

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