



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday August 28: Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM; 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro; for an agenda go to www.gcsnc.com

Thursday September 4: New Teacher Reception; 5-7 pm at the Embassy Suites - Airport; for more information contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 841-4332 or info@guilfordeducationalliance.org

Monday October 13: Candidate Forum including candidates for the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education; 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the College

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

County Says Issues with Gifted Classes are Resolved

Roughly 1 in 3 Guilford County schools that provide services for academically gifted students could not prove they were following a state-approved plan during the 2007-08 school year, according to the results of a district program review. "Every issue that we've found in the schools has either already been resolved or will be resolved by the start of school," said Jane Fleming, executive director of the Advanced Learning department. Fleming's staff conducted the review in the spring to make sure schools followed the plan, including training teachers, involving parents in decisions and encouraging high school students to take advanced courses...

http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/08/15/article/county_says_issues_with_gifted_classes_are_resolved

HandyCapable Network Secures \$30,000 to Aid in Computer Distribution to 7th Graders at Local School

HandyCapable Network is please to announce that they have received a generous \$30,000 grant from Lincoln Financial Foundation to embark on their second year of distributing refurbished computers to students at Hairston Middle School. This past school year, HandyCapable successfully distributed 243 free computers to Hairston students, their families and faculty.

For more information, please call 209-7360, email info@handycapable.org or visit www.handycapable.org

The Effects of National Board Certification on Advancing 21st Century Teaching and Learning

More so than ever before, policymakers and the public believe the fate of American public education rests with teachers. Over the last 15 years, study after study points to the powerful effects of qualified teachers and quality teaching on student achievement. However, poor children and those of

Auditorium, Koury
Hospitality Careers Center
GTCC Jamestown; for more
info contact the Guilford
Education Alliance at 841-
4332 or
info@guilfordeducationalliance.org

Thursday November 13:
Education Summit 7:30 am
to 12:00 noon at the Koury
Convention Center; Leonard
Pitts will be the Keynote
Speaker; for more
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are still far less likely to be taught by good teachers - no matter how "good" is defined...

http://www.teachingquality.org/pdfs/TS_NB_report0708.PDF

Unwrapping the Gifted

Tamara Fisher is a K-12 gifted education specialist for a school district located on an Indian reservation in northwestern Montana and president-elect of the Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education. With Karen Isaacson, she is also co-author of *Intelligent Life in the Classroom: Smart Kids and Their Teachers*. In this blog, Fisher discusses news and developments in the gifted education community and offers advice for teachers on working with gifted students...

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2008/08/advanced_readers.html

Insurance Matters When it Comes to Kids' Health Care

Insured children in the United States are much more likely than uninsured children (91 percent vs. 69 percent) to visit a doctor's office and to have a regular annual check-up (77 percent vs. 45 percent), according to new data released Thursday by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The study, conducted by University of Minnesota researchers who analyzed U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data from 2005-07, also found that:...

<http://www.forbes.com/forbeslife/health/feeds/hscout/2008/08/14/hscout618467.html>

Fairfax Schools Plug Gap with Summer Reading

The time on the couch is critical to maintaining hard-earned ground in his reading classes, teachers say. During the long hours of summer, many students' reading skills plateau or slip. Summer school, a traditional approach to keeping students on track, was dramatically reduced in Fairfax this year because of budget cuts. The duration of the program was trimmed, and about 13,500 students were enrolled, compared with 23,000 last year. Concerned about the number of struggling readers who could not attend summer school, principals from six elementary schools, a middle school and a high school in the Falls Church area proposed a cost-conscious way to supplement their scaled-down offerings. Rather than spending thousands of dollars per student in the classroom, they invested in paperback books, postcards and stamps... <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/08/10/AR2008081002217.html?hpid=topnews>

Grant Opportunities

Best Buy Invites Applications for K-12 Technology Education Program Deadline: October 12, 2008

The Best Buy (<http://www.BestBuy.com/CommunityRelations>) Teach Award program recognizes and rewards creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. In 2008, the program will award a total of \$2 million to accredited K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter schools in the United States.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014573/bestbuyteach>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

Kids In Need Foundation Accepting Applications for Teacher Grants Deadline: September 30, 2008

The School, Home, & Office Products Association Kids In Need Foundation (<http://www.kidsinneed.net/>) offers Kids In Need Teacher Grants to provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. Teacher Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500 each, and are used to finance creative classroom projects.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014575/kidsinneed>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

NASA Seeks Proposals for Global Climate Change Education Project Deadline: August 29, 2008 (Notice of Intent)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Office of Education (<http://education.nasa.gov/home/index.html>), in cooperation with NASA's Science Mission Directorate, is soliciting proposals for the NASA Global Climate Change Education project. The GCCE project is designed to improve the quality of global climate change and Earth system science education at the elementary, secondary, and undergraduate levels.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014576/nasaedu>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

Students Invited to Submit Entries for 2009 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

Deadline: November 28, 2008

A program of the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund (<http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/>), the SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards recognize the outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the United States who are working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014577/conservationfund>

For additional RFPs in Environment, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_environment.jhtml

Surdna Arts Teachers Fellowship Program Invites Applications From Public Arts High School Teachers

Deadline: November 14, 2008 (Letter of Intent to Apply)

The Surdna Foundation (<http://www.surdna.org>) has announced the ninth year of the Surdna Arts Teachers Fellowship Program, a national initiative to support the artistic revitalization of outstanding arts teachers in public arts high schools.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014671/surdna>

For additional RFPs in Arts and Culture, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_arts.jhtml

Lowe's Toolbox for Education K-12 Grant Program Opens Fall 2008 Cycle

Deadline: October 17, 2008

The Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program, an initiative of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

(<http://lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p>AboutLoves/Community>), is dedicated to supporting parent-teacher groups at schools across the United States. Any individual nonprofit public K-12 school or parent group associated with a nonprofit public K-12 school is eligible to apply.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014675/toolboxford>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

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<http://www.guilfordnonprofits.org/donations/index.html>

Sincerely,

Guilford Education Alliance