

Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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School Supply Drives for the Teacher Supply Warehouse

Wednesday September 1st:
Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game, the school bus will be on Bellmeade Street collecting supplies from 6:00 pm until the game starts

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

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



2010 Education Summit on December 2nd!

**Keynote Speaker
Ron Clark**

North Carolina Native
Disney American Teacher of the Year
Making a Difference in the Lives of Children

[Click here](#) to learn more about Ron Clark!

Thursday December 2nd, 7:30 am

Koury Convention Center

Reservations available through the Guilford Education Alliance beginning in September

Participate in the 2010 Education Leadership Academy!

This October, the Guilford Education Alliance is hosting the 5th annual Education Leadership Academy! The vision of the academy is to inform, educate, inspire, energize, and empower diverse community members to actively engage in advocating, promoting, and supporting a high quality school system in Guilford County. Attended by 50 citizen leaders, the four sessions feature presentations from state and local education leaders on education issues. There is no charge to the participants.

[Click here](#) for more information and an outline of the four

Wednesday September 8th:
Center City Park, Greensboro;
the school bus will be parked
and collecting school supplies
from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Thursday September 16th:
Beach Blast Concert in High
Point; the school bus will be
parked at Parks Floor Covering,
145 West Lexington starting at
5:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Voices Together groups open in Greensboro and High Point; *Voices Together* offers musically inspired social integration groups weekly. Two board-certified music therapists facilitate each group of 6-10 individuals (of similar ages) with autism and other developmental disabilities. For more info or to enroll, call (919) 942-2714 or email info@voicestogether.net

Tuesday September 14: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; [click here](#) for more information

Wednesday September 15: *2010 Obesity Summit: Policies that Promote Healthy Lifestyles*; Proximity Hotel, Greensboro; [click here](#) to register

Friday September 17:

College Fair for Historically Black Colleges and Universities; workshops and seminars on planning and preparing for college; 9:00 am to 4:30 pm; Dorton Arena, Raleigh; [click here](#) for more information or call (919) 967-1748

Thursday September 30: Guilford County Board of Education meeting; 6:00 pm; 712 N. Eugene St, Greensboro; [click here](#) for more information

Friday October 1: *Diversity Leadership Conference - Building Your Return on Inclusion*; 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the

sessions. If you are interested in participating and would like to register, call 841-4332 or email GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org.

Ronald Long Concert

Ronald Long appeared in the first two *On Stage!* productions of the Guilford Education Alliance as a student from Penn Griffin School of Performing Arts. Today he is studying at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Please join us in attending this concert!

Peace United Church of Christ
Presents
Local Violinist Ronald Long, Jr

Thursday, October 14, 2010
7:30 pm

Featuring Works by Bach and Other Major Concertos
Reception to Follow

Peace United Church of Christ
2714 W Market Street, Greensboro

Update on NC Education Budget

[Click here](#) for an update on the North Carolina State Budget for Education from Representative Pricey Harrison.

Golden LEAF Announces STEM Initiative

The Golden LEAF Foundation announced that it is seeking proposals for a special \$4 million initiative geared toward preparing North Carolina's youth for careers requiring skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Organizations receiving funding under the Golden LEAF STEM Initiative can receive up to \$750,000 for projects spanning a three-year period... [read more](#) (scroll to story #7)

An Update on Manning Schools

Many Friday Report readers will remember when Judge Manning, who presides over the Leandro case, singled out schools for committing what he called "academic genocide" and called on them and the state to redouble efforts to bring student performance levels up. Four years later, there has been noticeable improvement in a number of the schools; however, seven of them did not meet their growth expectations on ABC scores and only one met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) mark under No Child Left Behind... [read more](#) (scroll to story #3)

Empire Room, Greensboro; [click here](#) for program features and registration

The Teacher Supply Warehouse will reopen for shopping on Tuesday, Aug. 10. **New hours for the 2010-11 school year are 2:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Now Guilford County Schools teachers can register to shop one of three days per week.

To donate materials to Guilford County Schools Teachers visit the Teacher Supply Warehouse

[Click here to learn more](#)

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](#)

Scores Stagnate at High Schools

New data show that fewer than 25% of 2010 graduates who took the ACT college-entrance exam possessed the academic skills necessary to pass entry-level courses, despite modest gains in college-readiness among U.S high-school students in the last few years. The results raise questions about how well the nation's high schools are preparing students for college, and show the challenge facing the Obama administration in its effort to raise educational standards... [read more](#)

Arizona Gifted Students Benefit From Programs Across Valley

When Amanda Garza was in second grade, she hated school. She was bored and wasn't being challenged, said her mom, Anne Reynolds-Garza. "There were lots of tears," she said. "We recognized that we had a serious problem if you have a child that hates school in second grade." When the family moved to the Valley from Texas, Reynolds-Garza chose the Chandler Unified School District because of its self-contained gifted program, Chandler Academically Talented Students, or CATS... [read more](#)

Fewer Americans Back Obama's Education Programs

Support for President Barack Obama's education agenda is slipping among Americans, according to a poll released last week detailing the public's attitude toward public schooling... [read more](#)

Obama Administration Needs to Change Direction on Education

During the presidential campaign, Obama criticized No Child Left Behind. "Don't tell us that the only way to teach a child is to spend too much of the year preparing him to fill out a few bubbles in a standardized test," he said. He pledged to lead the nation in a different direction. We are still waiting... [read more](#)

The Schott State Report on Black Males and Education

[Click here](#) to view the website and report: *Yes We Can: The 2010 Schott 50 State Report on Black Males in Public Education*

Federal Commission to Address Inequities in Schools

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan promised to advance civil rights by announcing the formation of a federal commission to address inequities in our nation's public schools. The 15-member Equity and Excellence Commission will obtain broad public input about inequities in K-12 education and will examine how those inequities contribute to the achievement gap, ultimately submitting recommendations to Secretary Duncan on

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

[Click here to learn more](#)

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how to address those inequities... [read more](#) (scroll to story #11)

New Report Focuses on Improving Teacher Effectiveness by Improving Preparation Programs and Competency Testing

Probably the most serious barrier to equal educational opportunity for low income and minority students is that to a disproportionate extent, they are taught by teachers who are inexperienced and/or ineffective... [read more](#)

Testing the System

Last weekend, the Times launched its "Grading the Teachers" series, which presented the concept of a value-added approach to evaluating teachers. Individual test scores were scrutinized over several years as students moved from one teacher to another. The scores were analyzed to see which teachers consistently raised the test scores of their students and which lowered them... [read more](#)

Method to Grade Teachers Provokes Battles

How good is one teacher compared with another? A growing number of school districts have adopted a system called value-added modeling to answer that question, provoking battles from Washington to Los Angeles - with some saying it is an effective method for increasing teacher accountability, and others arguing that it can give an inaccurate picture of teachers' work... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Nominations Invited for Operation REACH Gulfsouth Youth Action Fund Change Maker Awards

September 17, 2010

Operation REACH's Gulfsouth Youth Action Fund, a youth philanthropy initiative that engages youth as leaders and empowers them with the resources to make strategic investments in their peers and their communities, is seeking nominations for the 2010 Youth Change Maker Awards.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=306000038

North Carolina K-12 Teachers Invited to Apply for Bright Ideas Education Grant Program

Deadline: September 20, 2010

Certified K-12 North Carolina teachers from participating schools are eligible to apply for Bright Ideas grants of up to \$2,000 each for creative projects that would otherwise go unfunded.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=306700020

Target Offers K-12 School Field Trip Grants

Deadline: September 30, 2010

The program will award five thousand grants of \$700 each to schools across the United States for the upcoming school year. Teachers can use a grant to fund a school field trip that connects their curriculum to out-of-school experiences.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=306900023

Applications Available for State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants

Deadline: October 15, 2010

Eligible programs will engage youth in service-learning, an effective teaching and learning strategy that promotes student learning, academic achievement, workplace readiness, and healthy communities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=306700016

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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