

Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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School Supply Drive for the Teacher Supply Warehouse

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

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

To register call 841-4332, email GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org or [register online](#)

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

5:30 pm

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday October 6: Beginning of the Education Leadership Academy; 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm; [click here](#) for more information or to register



The Teacher Supply Warehouse is open for shopping! 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.

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

School District Seeks Ideas for Parent Program

It's not enrollment time. Call it idea time. Guilford County Schools officials want parent education professionals and community groups to send in proposals for the district's new Guilford Parent Academy program, which is scheduled to open in January. The proposal deadline is Sept. 15 for suggestions aimed at school success, tools for parents, health and wellness, and personal growth and development... [read more](#)

Forms: Go to the Guilford Parent Academy website: www.gcsnc.com/parentacademy/index.html

Schools May Save Cash for Next Year

The Guilford County school board likely will not spend the majority of \$14.2 million in federal stimulus money aimed at adding and saving jobs this year. Instead, most of the board showed support for Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green's recommendation to allocate no more than \$1 million in the Education Jobs Bill funding to this year's budget and save the remainder for next year... [read more](#)

Public School Forum - Thoughts from Labor Day Weekend

Some contend that one can tell what a culture values by the value it places on the labor of others. If that indeed is the case, the chart below may give readers cause to ponder the cultural values of North Carolina as we celebrate Labor Day 2010... [read more](#)

N.C. Appears Ready to Require ACT Exam

The state is poised to make sweeping changes in the way it evaluates students and high schools by requiring students to take the ACT, a national college entrance exam. Under the plan that the State Board of Education has been refining for months, most 11th-graders will be required to take the exam. Students will also take pre-tests leading to the ACT in eighth grade and in 10th grade. The state would pay students' registration fees... [read more](#)

Wake Schools Group Taps New Leader

C. Steve Parrott, a former telecommunications executive, will be the next president of the Wake Education Partnership, a group that has found itself in the middle of the county's contentious battle over school diversity. Parrott, 57, who had been Carolinas

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.

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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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Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, High Point Community Foundation, the Cemala Foundation, the Weaver Foundation, the Tannenbaum Sternberger Foundation, Z.

executive for Embarq, will replace Ann Denlinger, who is retiring as president of the organization... [read more](#)

SAT Scores in State Stay Flat

North Carolina students' performance on the SAT college entrance exam remained nearly flat, with the state's average combined score on the critical reading and math sections creeping up two points over last year to 1008. State results appear to mirror the nation's, where the average score inched up one point, to 1017... [read more](#)

NC SAT Scores Show Slight Decline... [read more](#)

- [Click here](#) for the full North Carolina 2010 SAT Report

Lights on Afterschool Event Planning Kit

Join the Afterschool Alliance and afterschool programs across the country in rallying for afterschool programs. More than 7,500 communities, and 1 million Americans celebrate Lights On Afterschool every year! The Event Planning Kit makes it easy for you to take part, and help show the important role afterschool programs play in our communities, and in our nation... [read more](#)

President Obama's Back to School Speech

[Click here](#) to read the speech President Obama made to students on September 14th!

Let's Get Kids What They Need

The ideal path for children born in the U.S. goes something like this: They are born into a loving, supportive environment. When they get sick, they have access to good care. When it's time for school, they enter a nurturing environment and are challenged to reach their potential.

By the time they graduate from high school, there are a plethora of attractive options waiting. But for too many children in our state and country, there are significant gaps along this life journey... [read more](#)

Pleasant Surprise for DonorsChoose.org, Schools

Out of the blue, in the middle of a recession, the phone rang. What would it cost, the caller asked the founder of DonorsChoose.org, to fund every California teacher's wish list posted on the Web site? The founder, Charles Best, thought perhaps the female caller would hang up when he tossed out his best guess: "Something over \$1 million," he told her. Twelve hours later, the woman, Hilda Yao, executive director of the Claire Giannini Fund, sent Best an e-mail. It said, in short, OK...

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U.S. Asks Educators to Reinvent Student Tests, and How They are Given

Standardized exams - the multiple-choice, bubble tests in math and reading that have played a growing role in American public education in recent years - are being overhauled. Over the next four years, two groups of states, 44 in all, will get \$330 million to work with hundreds of university professors and testing experts to design a series of new assessments that officials say will look very different from those in use today... [read more](#)

With Limited Training, Teach for America Recruits Play Expanding Role in Schools

Four months ago, Jamila Best was still in college. Two months ago, she started training to become a teacher. Monday morning, the 21-year-old will walk into a D.C. classroom, take a deep breath and dive into one of the most difficult assignments in public education... [read more](#)

Grant Opportunities

Teacher Art Grants Available through the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro

Deadline: October 8, 2010

The United Arts Council announces guidelines and application details for the 2010-11 Teacher Art Grants program. The purpose of investment is to emphasize arts projects and programs in all subject areas of the schools;

<http://www.uacarts.org/news/index.asp>

United States Tennis Association Foundation Offers Support for Youth Tennis and Education Programs

Deadline: October 15, 2010

A philanthropic initiative of the United States Tennis Association, USTA Serves - Foundation for Academics. Character. Excellence (formerly the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation) awards grants to not-for-profit organizations that support efforts in tennis and education to help disadvantaged, at-risk youth and people with disabilities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=307400004

Applications Available for Youth Garden Grant Program

Deadline: November 1, 2010

The National Gardening Association awards Youth Garden Grants

to schools and community organizations across the United States with child-centered garden programs.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=305800034

Project Ignition Invites Applications for Teen Driver Safety Service-Learning Grants

Deadline: November 15, 2010

State Farm and the National Youth Leadership Council have announced the continuation of Project Ignition for the seventh year. Project Ignition provides grants to high school students interested in addressing teen driver safety through service-learning initiatives.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=307500008

Lexus and Scholastic Launch Fourth Annual Environmental Contest for Middle and High School Students

Deadline: Various

Lexus has joined with Scholastic to present the Lexus Eco Challenge, a program designed to inspire and empower middle and high school students to learn about the environment and take action to improve it.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=307500006

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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