



## Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

**September 19:** Informational meeting hosted by the Autism Society of NC Guilford County at Brooks Global Elem; 1215 Westover Terrace; 6:30 to 8:00 pm; to RSVP call Monique Justice at 580-6548

**September 24-30:** Take a Child Outside Week; to view daily activities, go to <http://www.thegms.org>

**September 27:** Autism Day at the Natrual Science Center of Greensboro; 4301 Lawndale Drive; 10:00 am; to RSVP call Mary Morris at 638-4676

**Thursday October 2:** NC Theatre for Young People will host an *Educators' Evening* from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Alumni House on UNC-G's campus; it is open to teachers from all

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

### 10Plus with Margaret Arbuckle

She has spent decades advocating for children's rights. So Margaret Arbuckle, a former Guilford County commissioner, was a natural choice for the Guilford Education Alliance when it hired a new executive director in 2005. Reporter Jennifer Fernandez sat down with Arbuckle recently to talk about her passion for children and her work at the Alliance... [http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/09/13/article/10plus\\_with\\_margaret\\_arbuckle](http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/09/13/article/10plus_with_margaret_arbuckle)

### Scrap the Sacrosanct Salary Schedule

On what basis should we distribute rewards to salespeople? It seems like a silly question, doesn't it? First, "we," meaning the public at large, don't usually get to decide such matters. Second, there are obvious systems of rewards for salespeople already in place, foremost among them the system of commissions, which pays salespersons for the value they directly contribute to a firm's operation. Replace the word "salespeople" with "teachers," however, and we move from the realm of silly questions to the arena of intense policy debate... <http://www.hoover.org/publications/ednext/27100089.html>

### Student Peacemakers Honored

Six Guilford County middle school students were honored Thursday September 11th for their work in promoting peace, diffusing violence and becoming role models at their school. Win-Win Resolutions, a nonprofit that helps area students fight prejudice and develop conflict resolution skills, announced the winners during an annual reception at Greensboro Embassy Suites... [http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/09/12/article/student\\_peacemakers\\_honored](http://www.news-record.com/content/2008/09/12/article/student_peacemakers_honored)

disciplines and experience levels; free childcare provided; for more info, call 334-4015 or email [nctyp@uncg.edu](mailto:nctyp@uncg.edu)

**October 12-18:** Give Kids Good Schools Week; for activities, go to [www.givekidsgoodschools.org](http://www.givekidsgoodschools.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 Auditorium, Koury Hospitality Careers Center GTCC Jamestown; for more info contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 841-4332 or [info@guilfordeducationalliance.org](mailto: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 information contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 841-4332 or [info@guilfordeducationalliance.org](mailto:info@guilfordeducationalliance.org)

### Our Sponsors

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Please join in thanking them for their support!

## Former Gov. Jim Hunt Joins New National Initiative

Three of the nation's leading education policy organizations have united to ensure American students in every state receive a world-class education. The National Governors Association (NGA), Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Achieve, Inc. have joined forces to provide to states a roadmap for benchmarking their K-12 education systems to those of top-performing nations... [www.ncforum.org](http://www.ncforum.org) newsletter 9/12/2008

## NC Students Gain on SAT; Gap with Nation Narrows to 10 Points

North Carolina's average SAT score in 2008 increased, bringing the state to within 10 points of the nation's average, according to information released today by The College Board. North Carolina's average SAT score was 1,007, and the nation's was 1,017. "We are extremely pleased with today's news," said State Superintendent June Atkinson. "Students have been working diligently and challenging themselves with higher level courses. This strategy takes time, but it is effective. In 1998, it seemed we would never reach the national average. Today, that goal is within sight."...

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/newsroom/news/2008-09/20080826-01>

## Balking at a Nutritious Start for Kids

For the last 10 years, Queens Creek Elementary School in Swansboro has provided a free breakfast for all its kindergarten students. But not this year. There's an announcement on the schools' website that kindergarteners will have to buy breakfast on their own from now on. North Carolina began the statewide kindergarten breakfast program on 2000 and the state spends \$2.2 million a year to feed the students... [www.ncforum.org](http://www.ncforum.org) newsletter 9/12/08

## The Message: Graduate!

State Superintendent June Atkinson held a press conference September 8th to officially kick off "Graduation Awareness Week". Governor Easley's Proclamation for Graduation Awareness Week was read by Superintendent Atkinson followed by the signing of a Call to Action to raise the state's graduation rate. The Call to Action was signed by several organizations including: AT&T, NCASA, NCSBA, NCAE, PENC, NCPTA, NC Chamber, Communities in Schools and the NC Justice Center. The signing ceremony was followed by an awards ceremony to recognize the following schools and school districts for their accomplishments during the 2007-08 school year.

### 100% Graduation Club

Burke Middle College (Burke Co.)  
Nantahala School (Macon Co.)  
Philip J. Weaver Education Ctr. (Guilford)

Join Our Mailing List!

Greensboro College M.C. (Guilford)  
Early College at Guilford (Guilford)  
Highland School of Technology  
Reid Ross Classical (Cumberland)  
Cape Hatteras Secondary (Dare Co.)

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## Grant Opportunities

### Free Books!

Register today at <http://www.firstbook.org/register/> to access free new children's books through the 2008 Back to School Book Donation. For More information, go to

<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/bookcampaign/>. Note: To be eligible to register with First Book, an entity must: (1) serve children where at least 50% are from low-income households, (2) be a Title I or Title I-eligible school, or (3) be a military family support program.

### Application Process Open for Target Field Trip Grants

#### Deadline: November 1, 2008

The Target Field Trip Grants program will award U.S. educators grants of up to \$800 each to fund a field trip for their students. Target Field Trip Grants may be used to fund trips to art museums, cultural events, civic experiences, and environmental sites. Up to five thousand grants will be awarded across the United States.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014893/sitestarget>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

### Grant Program to Fund Fresh Produce Programs at Elementary Schools

#### Deadline: November 7, 2008

The Love Your Veggies grant program (<http://www.loveyourveggiesgrants.org/>) is sponsored by the makers of Hidden Valley Salad Dressings in partnership with the School Nutrition Foundation (<http://www.schoolnutrition.org/>) and is supported by Produce for Better Health

Foundation (<http://www.5aday.org/>). The program will award grants to elementary schools (grades k-6) across the United States in support of programs that help provide students with increased access to and consumption of fresh, healthy foods made available through an on-campus vegetable consumption program. RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014894/loveyourveggies>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

### National Education Association Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

**Deadline: October 15, 2008; February 1, 2009; and June 1, 2009**

The NEA Foundation (<http://www.neafoundation.org/>) supports a variety of efforts by teachers, education support professionals, and higher education faculty and staff to improve student learning in America's public schools, colleges, and universities. The foundation is accepting applications for the following programs: Learning & Leadership Grants and Student Achievement Grants

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15014895/neafdn>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

**Application Period Open for Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers**

**Deadline: January 21, 2009**

A partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. , Inc.

([http://www.toyota.com/about/our\\_commitment/philanthropy/index.html](http://www.toyota.com/about/our_commitment/philanthropy/index.html) ) and the National Science Teachers Association (<http://nsta.org/>

, the Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers program offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15015005/tapestry>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

**Produce for Kids and PBS Kids Partner for School-Based Healthy Eating Campaign**

**Deadline: November 1, 2008**

Produce for Kids (<http://www.produceforkids.org/index.html>), an organization that promotes the benefits of healthy eating for children, and PBS Kids (<http://pbskids.org/produce/>), which provides content, resources, and tools that support the positive development of children, are partnering for a second year to raise awareness among kids, parents, and teachers of the role fresh fruits and vegetables play in a healthy diet.

RFP Link:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15015006/produceforkids>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat\\_education.jhtml](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml)

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

**Sincerely,**

Guilford Education Alliance

