



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

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>

2009 Education Summit November 12th!

Register now to attend the 2009 Education Summit!

Education Matters...What Schools Need to Be and How Do We Get There?

Featuring Keynote Speaker Dennis Bega, US Department of Education Assistant Secretary

The Summit will be held on Thursday November 12th, 7:30 am at the Koury Convention Center.

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/alliance/summit.php>

Guilford Education Alliance Will Release Report on Gifted Education

Guilford Education Alliance is proud to release its Report on Gifted Education on Thursday, September 24th at Jamestown Elementary School, 108 Potter Drive, Jamestown, NC, at 10:30 in the morning. This report is part of Guilford Education Alliance's *Education Matters* report series funded by the Lincoln Financial Foundation.

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/news/documents/AdvancedLearnersPressRelease.pdf>

Green to Expand Character Education Program in

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](#)

Upcoming Events

Saturday September 26: Building Bridges II: Empowering Parents Institute; 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; Kernodle Middle; lunch is provided; for more information call 370-2319 or email antkows@gcsnc.com

Saturday September 26: The Music Academy of NC Musical Instrument Consignment Sale; 1327 Beaman Place, Suite 100, Greensboro; 8:00 pm to 1:00 pm; for more information, email sdicamillo@musicacademy.org

Saturday September 26: *Operation Medicine Cabinet* hosted by the Substance Abuse Coalition; clean out your medicine cabinets and take expired medication to the following locations:

10 am to 2 pm

High Point Police Department

10 am to 1 pm

Walgreens, 1600 Spring Garden St. Greensboro

Walgreens, 3701 High Point Road, Greensboro

Walgreens, 4701 W. Market Street, Greensboro

Walgreens, 3703 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro

For more info go to www.gcsac.org

Monday September 28:

Family Day 2009 Kick-Off; "A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children"; All-Star Lanes, 910 South Holden Road, for more info call 299-4432

Schools

Could behavior problems in schools be a thing of the past? Probably not, but Guilford County Schools Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green believes expanding the Positive Behavior Support program to every school in the system could help.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/09/09/article/character_education_takes_priority

Improving Schools May Take Incentives

Turning low-performing schools around is going to take leadership, scrutiny and likely some financial incentives, school officials say. The Guilford County Board of Education met Saturday (Sept 19th) for its annual fall planning retreat. Superintendent Maurice "Mo" Green and his staff discussed what they believe it will take to turn around the district's low-performing schools.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/09/19/article/improving_schools_may_take_incentives

AL Teacher Keeps Her Promise to Students, Even After Job Loss

Mary Hopkins promised them a ceremony. And she kept her word. She spent \$400 of her own money, booked the auditorium at the Greensboro Historical Museum and lassoed a school board member, even the mayor, to help herald the accomplishments of her students at Jesse Wharton Elementary.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/09/03/article/al_teacher_keeps_her_promise_to_students_even_after_job_loss

State Board of Education Holds Planning Session

The State Board of Education held a two-day planning session. Board members reflected on the current Board plan and discussed what was working and what was not. Their discussion included reflections on changes in the education environment and the implications those changes have for future Board goals. http://www.ncforum.org/doclib/2009_0904.pdf

Perdue Shifts Focus to College Preparedness

Gov. Beverly Perdue and education leaders met September 16th to talk about making students better prepared for college and

Tuesday September 29: Southeast Educational Forum at Southeast High School Auditorium; 7:00 pm; send questions you would like answered to sequilfordcommittee@gmail.com; questions to 674-6609 or dlg924@bellsouth.net

Friday October 2: Lunch for Greensboro Youth Leaders and Counselors hosted by Girl Charge; 11:30 am to 1:00 pm; The Carlyle Room at Greensboro Auditorium; for more info, go to www.girlcharge.org

Thursday October 8 - Friday October 9: The NC Society of Hispanic Professionals Conference at Meredith College; [Click here more info and to register](#)

Guilford County Schools Regions

[Click here](#) to view map of the new regions of GCS

[Click here](#) to view the organization chart of superintendents

Guilford County Schools Yahoo Groups

Parents of Current and Potential GCS **Advanced Learners** are invited to join the GCS Advanced Learner Yahoo Group by sending an [email](#) and including the school where your child is enrolled

GCS parents interested in improved **School Bus Safety** are encouraged to join the GCS School Bus Safety Yahoo group by sending an [email](#) and

careers. With a high school dropout rate hovering around 30 percent and about 60percent of entering community college students who are not up to speed, Perdue is looking to her Education Cabinet to have all layers of the state education system work together on remedies.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1693099.html>

Board Briefed on Race to the Top Grant Process

On Monday afternoon, Dr. Glenn Kleiman, chief consultant for writing North Carolina's Race to the Top (RTTT) Proposal presented a status report on the process. Dr. Kleiman gave "a best guess" at this time about the \$4 Billion dollars of Race to the Top funds:

http://www.ncforum.org/doclib/2009_0904.pdf

Top-Notch Teachers Found to Affect Peers

Teachers raise their games when the quality of their colleagues improves, according to a new study offering some of the first evidence to document a "spillover effect" in teaching. Authors C. Kirabo Jackson and Elias Bruegmann based their findings on an analysis of 11 years of data on North Carolina schoolchildren.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/09/01/03peer.html?tkn=%5bZRC4i2frTDjZLzjOTpidcFhBs1ki6mQaCE>
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Alliance for a Healthier Generation Designates September 'Go Healthy Month'

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a joint partnership of the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation, has announced that during September, which the alliance has designated as Go Healthy Month, it will work to expand its empowerME movement while encouraging teens and "tweens" to eat better, be more active, and become advocates in the fight against the country's obesity epidemic.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=264900037>

Integrating Core Skills, Arts Improves Learning at DV School

Kristina Johnsen motions with her hand as more than 100 students in Grades 3 through 6 raise and lower the pitches of their voices. As her hand moves up and the voices get louder, she quickly tells the group to keep their volume the same as they work through the

including the school where your child is enrolled

voice-bending exercise.

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2009/09/13/20090913edartsmagnet0913.html>



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

[Click here to learn more](#)



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

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Schools Dump Text Books for iPods, Laptops

For generations, school meant books -- lots of books. But not anymore. Around the country, from high school to grad school, textbooks are getting harder to find. Technology has made the library something that can fit into the palm of your hand.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/ipods-laptops-replacing-school-textbooks/story?id=8563292>

Rethink Learning. Now.

Today, as young people across the country head back to school, the rest of us would be wise to heed the words of our former president by asking ourselves, our neighbors and our elected officials a simple question:

"Are our children learning?"

The answer, of course, may depend largely on where you live. But what troubles me more than that basic lack of fairness is that our entire public education system isn't even being asked to measure whether or not young people are learning - only whether they are demonstrating progress on basic-skills standardized tests in 3rd and 8th grade reading and math.

<http://ac360.blogs.cnn.com/2009/09/08/rethink-learning-now/>

Grant Opportunities

United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro Teacher Art Grants

Deadline: Tuesday October 1, 2009

Teacher Art Grants are designed to emphasize learning in the arts, through the arts and about the arts by:

- enhancing and strengthening integration of the arts into core curriculum
- broadening offerings for K-12 students
- encouraging collaboration between artists, arts organizations and schools
- promoting professional development for teachers

All those in Greater Greensboro who are interested in applying for the Teacher Art Grant program may download an application at www.uacarts.org or call the UAC at 336-373-7523, ext. 256.

Keepers in the Classroom - NC Zoo

individuals.

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for their support!

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visit [www.GuilfordEducation
Alliance.org/support/
index.php](http://www.GuilfordEducationAlliance.org/support/index.php)

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*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

United States Soccer Foundation Announces Guidelines for 2010 Grant Program

Deadline: October 30, 2009

The United States Soccer Foundation's Program and Field Grant initiative annually provides funding, equipment, and services for soccer programs across the United States.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=265500009

Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Grants Available to Help Fund Youth and School Sports Programs

Deadline: November 30, 2009

Responsible Sports, a philanthropic program of insurance company Liberty Mutual, is accepting applications from youth sports organizations in the United States to participate in its Responsible Sports Community Grant program.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=265500007

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to Honor Outstanding Young Volunteers at Local, State, and National Levels

Deadline: November 2, 2009

Sponsored by Prudential Financial, Inc. in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 - 12 at the local, state, and national level.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=266100030

Youth Leaders for Literacy Grants Available to Young Volunteers Who Encourage Reading

Deadline: October 30, 2009

Youth Service America is partnering with the National Education Association to once again offer Youth Leaders for Literacy grants to children and youth, ages 5 through 25, who offer innovative ways to increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=265900022

Nominations Invited for 2010 MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards

Deadline: October 2, 2009

The MetLife Foundation and Jobs for the Future are accepting nominations for the 2010 MetLife Foundation Community College Excellence Awards, which recognize exemplary institutions from across the United States that are making a significant difference in their communities.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=266200014

Do Something and VH1 Save the Music Announce Awards Program for School Music Projects

Deadline: October 16, 2009

Do Something and VH1 Save the Music are inviting young people to help advocate for music education in their schools. Student-led music education advocacy efforts could include the posting of promotional and educational materials around schools, starting petitions or running letter-writing campaigns to save music programs, running instrument drives, organizing concerts, or starting a Web site or blog.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=265600009

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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