



Guilford Education Alliance Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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

Monday October 25: Kids Voting Marching Band Festival; 5:00 pm; Southeast High School; tickets are \$8 at the gate

Dear Jennifer,

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

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

Candidate Forum

Give Kids Good Schools
 2010 Candidate Forum on Education Issues
 Monday, October 18
 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 Ragsdale Civic Center, Jamestown Town Hall
 301 East Main Street, Jamestown

If you have any questions, contact the Guilford Education Alliance at 841-4332 or GEA@GuilfordEducationAlliance.org.

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](#)



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. 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](#)



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

[Click here to learn more](#)

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

Value of College Degree is Growing

Despite rising tuition and student-loan debt levels, the long-term payoff from earning a college degree is growing, according to a report to be issued Tuesday by the College Board... [read more](#)

Teacher Supply Warehouse makes GCSTV2



[Click here](#) to view a video of the Teacher Supply Warehouse school supply drives at the Greensboro Grasshoppers game and Center City Park.

Hagan announces Teacher Incentive Funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. - United States Senator Kay R. Hagan (D-NC) today announced that the Wake, Guilford and Winston Salem/Forsyth County schools systems will receive a total of \$44.2 million in teacher incentive funding. The Teacher Incentive Fund program allows school districts to recruit and retain highly effective teachers with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement in high-need schools.

[Read more...](#)

Back to School 2010

As schools open their doors to welcome back record numbers of students, the following statistics are astounding:

[Read more...](#) (scroll down to page 7 of the Friday Forum.)

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Guilford County Council of PTAs
newsletter

[Click here](#) for the September/October 2010
edition of the newsletter

Standards' Impact for Special Ed. is Weighed

For students who are disabled, guidance brings hurdles and opportunity.

Special education advocates are greeting the burgeoning common academic standards movement with a mixture of optimism and caution.

[Read more...](#)

Polls Indicate that Americans Support More Spending on Education

Thirty-six percent of respondents in the 42nd annual Phi Delta Kappa and Gallup national poll said the crisis in school funding is the number one problem facing schools in their community. This is a four percent increase from last year, and school funding has been singled out as the biggest problem of the decade. [Read more...](#)

Expert Panels Tackle Ways to Improve STEM Education

Citing concerns about the nation's long-term ability to prosper, two major reports issued separately last week put forward ideas to improve STEM education, but with decidedly different areas of emphasis. [Read more...](#)

Teacher, Principal of Year Honored

GREENSBORO - Before Monday, Jean Goss thought her highest achievement as an educator was earning her National Board Certification in 2009. That credential is one of the most rigorous a teacher can earn in the profession.

[Read more...](#)

4,100 Students Prove 'Small Is Better' Rule Wrong

BROCKTON, Mass. - A decade ago, Brockton High School was a case study in failure. Teachers and administrators often voiced the unofficial school motto in hallway chitchat: students have a right to fail if they want. And many of them did - only a quarter of the students passed statewide exams. One in three dropped out. [Read more...](#)



United Way Announces Expansion of Backpack Program

The United Way of Greater High Point has announced the expansion of its Backpack Program into Oak View Elementary School, where it will serve 20 new kids thanks to a grant recently received from Truliant Federal Credit Union.

The Backpack Program, a program of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank's national network, aims to address childhood hunger by providing elementary school children at risk of hunger with backpacks full of nutritious, kid-friendly foods to take home over the weekends during the school year.

Approximately 80 children are already being served locally, through partnerships with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater High Point, The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs, Carl Chavis YMCA and Community Outreach of Archdale-Trinity (COAT). These kids attend a variety of local schools, including Allen Jay, Oak Hill, Parkview, Union Hill, Triangle Lake, and Fairview Elementary Schools. Funding to serve the initial 80 students came from the High Point Community Foundation.

Truliant awarded the \$1,000 grant to serve Oak View to United Way on August 24. The Oak View Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) quickly raised the necessary matching funds.

For more information, please call Desha Dickson at 899-0879.

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>

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Announces Annual Search for Top Youth Volunteers

Deadline: November 1, 2010

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program annually honors middle and high school students across the United States for helping the less fortunate, promoting health and safety, protecting the environment, and serving their communities through many other volunteer activities. http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=307900033

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.

[Click here](#) to learn more and fill out an application.

Nominations Invited for Award in School Library Humanities Programming

Deadline: December 15, 2010

The American Library Association Public Programs Office is accepting nominations for the 2011 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=308100031

To make a contribution to support the valuable programs of Guilford Education Alliance, visit

<http://www.guilfordeducationalliance.org/support/index.php>

Sincerely,

Guilford Education Alliance