



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

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!

Save the date for 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.

More Students are Taking Advanced Courses

Guilford County Schools had an increase in the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses last year as well as in the number doing well on those national exams, according to data released in August.

http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/08/28/article/more_students_are_taking_advanced_courses

School Supply Donations Help Teachers, Students

With a new school year beginning, Guilford Education Alliance wants to thank supporters from last school year who donated more than \$300,000 worth of new or recycled supplies to the Teacher Supply Warehouse where public school teachers can shop free for needed

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](#)

Upcoming Events

Saturday September 12: National Hip-Hop Summit on Financial Empowerment; Greensboro Coliseum; 12:00 pm and open to the public

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

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](#)

items for classrooms.

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

Coping with Student Overload

Twenty second-graders said goodbye to their teachers September 3rd - just a few days after meeting them - and said hello to Sally Myers, their new second-grade teacher. Myers joined Irving Park Elementary on Tuesday September 1st, a late addition to a school bulging at the seams, due in part to other schools failing to meet testing goals. http://www.news-record.com/content/2009/09/03/article/coping_with_student_overload

NC Enters 'Race to the Top' for School Bucks

North Carolina is keen on getting a piece of the \$4 billion the federal government will give states that can show that they are interested in school innovations to improve education.

The grant program "Race to the Top," represents "an incredible opportunity, especially in these economic times," Bill Harrison, chairman of the State Board of Education, said August 31st.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1671514.html>

Education Board Aims to Groom 21st Century Students

The State Board of Education, during its two-day retreat this week, set out six goals for students and teachers. The goals are written in ed-wonk language, but Dome has tried its best to write them in English.

Essentially, the board wants: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/education/story/1674326.html>

SAT Scores

The link below will take you to the following 2 articles regarding SAT scores in North Carolina

Can Educators Find a Way to Break the Iron Triangle of SAT Score Predictability?

Wide Variation in SAT Scores at UNC Colleges
http://www.ncforum.org/doclib/2009_0828.pdf

[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 including the school
where your child is enrolled



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

In School Speech Obama Avoids Political Issues

Ignoring the uproar surrounding his back-to-school address, President Obama urges America's schoolchildren on Tuesday September 8th to dream big dreams and respect their teachers, to study hard and learn from failure.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/08/us/politics/08speech.html?ref=education>

Click the link below to view a video of the speech

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/video/>

Title I School Improvement Grants

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced draft requirements for \$3.5 billion in Title I School Improvement grants to turn around the nation's lowest performing schools. "If we are to put an end to stubborn cycles of poverty and social failure, and put our country on track for long-term economic prosperity, we must address the needs of children who have long been ignored and marginalized in chronically low-achieving schools,"

<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/08/08262009.html>

Unwrapping the Gifted

Tamara Fisher is a K-12 gifted education specialist for a school district located on an Indian reservation in northwestern Montana and President of the Montana Association of Gifted and Talented Education. In this blog, Fisher discusses news and developments in the gifted education community and offers advice for teachers on working with gifted students. http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/

Some Colleges Re-Evaluating 'No Loan' Financial Aid Packages

Some U.S. colleges that replaced loans in financial aid packages a few years ago with outright grants that students do not have to repay are reconsidering that decision, Bloomberg.com reports.

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/news/story.jhtml?id=264000006>

Tight Leash Likely on Turnaround Aid

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said that he plans to demand radical steps-such as firing most of a school's staff or converting it to a charter school-as the price of admission in directing \$3.5 billion in new school improvement aid to the nation's 5,000 worst-performing schools.

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<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/>

[2009/08/26/02title1.h29.html?tkn=SOPFTPoAiFKHOKLmk4evC6XEuLCUf7mKWLWO](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/08/26/02title1.h29.html?tkn=SOPFTPoAiFKHOKLmk4evC6XEuLCUf7mKWLWO)

Reinventing the Federal Role in Education

The Alliance for Excellent Education has issued a new policy brief arguing that education policy at the federal level needs to change significantly for all students in the nation to graduate from high school prepared for college and beyond. The brief, Reinventing the Federal Role in Education: Supporting the Goal of College and Career Readiness for All Students (11 pages, PDF), offers recommendations for how to improve the No Child Left Behind Act...

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/connections/conn_item.jhtml?id=261400017

Schools Aided by Stimulus Money Still Facing Cuts

Children are returning to classrooms across the nation during one of the most tumultuous periods in American education, in which many thousands of teachers and other school workers - no one yet knows how many - were laid off in dozens of states because of plummeting state and local revenue. Many were hired back, thanks in part to \$100 billion in federal stimulus money.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/08/education/08school.html?ref=education>

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

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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

Toyota TAPESTRY Program Accepting Entries for the 20th Annual Science Grant Competition

Deadline: January 18, 2010

The program offers grants of up to \$10,000 each to K-12 teachers for innovative science projects that enhance science education in their school and/or district over a one-year period.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=264100006

Elementary Schools Invited to Apply for Love Your Veggies Nutrition Grant Program

Deadline: November 7, 2009

The Love Your Veggies grant program will award grants of \$10,000 each to ten elementary schools across the United States. Grant awards will be based on proposals that demonstrate need, sustainability, innovation, and potential for community involvement.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=264100008

Young People Invited to Submit After-School Projects for Do Something Grants

Deadline: September 15, 2009

The program partners will award ten grants of \$500 each and five grand-prize grants of \$1,000 each to young people who have started afterschool activities that help youth in their community.

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=264700049

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