



## GCS Celebrates National Volunteer Week April 17 - 23, 2022



**Thank You GCS Volunteers!**  
**#GCSVolunteers**

April 13, 2022

## GCS College Decision Day



### GCS COLLEGE DECISION DAY

We're asking parents and students to submit photos and short videos announcing their choice in college to be shared on CCS social media and CCSTV.

Submissions should include the student's name, high school and where they will be attending college this fall.

Students/parents send photos/videos to [goodnews@gcsnc.com](mailto:goodnews@gcsnc.com) no later than **Thursday, April 21.**

## Guilford County Schools Adjusts Restart Calendar for 2022-23

Guilford County Schools has made adjustments to the restart calendar for 2022-23, in response to feedback from educators.

The **updated calendar** reduces the number of mandated teacher workdays from 15 to 9 and requires teachers to report on August 8 instead of August 1, 2022. It also decreases the number of student days from 183 to 181.

For students, the first day of school is now August 15 instead of August 9, and the last day of school is June 9 instead of June 14, which is consistent with schools on the traditional calendar.

Restart schools have calendar flexibility through the state Board of Education. Twenty-three schools follow the restart calendar in GCS: Bessemer Elementary, Bluford STEM Academy, Cone Elementary, Falkener Elementary, Ferndale Middle, Foust Elementary, Frazier Elementary, Gillespie Park Elementary, Hairston Middle, Jackson Middle, Vandalia Elementary, Welborn Middle, Wiley Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Northeast Middle, Washington Elementary, Alderman Elementary, Oak View Elementary, Sedgefield Elementary, Montlieu Academy of Technology, Eastern Middle, Swann Middle and Western Middle.

## Kindergarten Registration Opens April 1 for 2022-23 School Year

Spring is here, and it's time to register for kindergarten! Parents of children who will be five years old by August 31 can enroll their children for the upcoming school year beginning, April 1st.

Registration takes place online at [gcsnc.schoolmint.net](https://gcsnc.schoolmint.net). Parents will want to gather several documents, including the child's birth certificate, health records and proof of residence to determine their assigned school. [Click here for details](#).

Please contact your school for questions about kindergarten registration. If you need assistance with SchoolMint, please contact the Student Assignment office at 336-370-8303.

Parents or guardians interested in the district's Pre-K program for 4-year-olds should follow the instructions for the [Pre-K Application](#) and deadline. For additional information please visit the [Pre-K website](#) or call 336-370-2362.

## GCS to Expand Telehealth Clinics in Schools

Guilford County Schools is expanding its telehealth clinic at Bessemer Elementary to two additional elementary schools. The clinics, which operate through a partnership with Cone Health and grant support from the Duke Endowment, will be added to Cone Elementary and Washington Montessori this spring.

The telehealth clinic at Bessemer Elementary opened in April 2021. The clinic allows parents and students, in separate locations, to join in a virtual doctor's visit. A specialized camera and digital stethoscope allow the doctor to virtually exam the child in real time while sharing the exam and plan of care directly with the parent.

The clinics will operate in areas where families historically lack access to routine medical care and instead visit the emergency room for non-emergency needs. Providing clinics in the school setting gives families easier access to care and limits lost instructional time. Of the 300 patients seen at the Bessemer Elementary clinic since it opened, 240 returned to the classroom the same day.

Guilford County Schools envisions adding these clinics to all Title I elementary schools in the future and expanding access to include employees.

## Two Proposed School Names Out for 30-Day Public Comment Period

The GCS Facilities Naming Committee has proposed names for two future GCS schools: The High Point-area newcomer's school and the Southwest area K-8 school.

The High Point newcomer's school, which is a counterpart to the [Doris Henderson Newcomer's School](#) in Greensboro, is proposed to be named in honor of civil rights activist Sylvia Mendez, who is of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage. Born in Santa Ana, Calif., her parents moved the family to nearby Westminster. When her parents tried to

register her and her siblings at a nearby public school, they were denied enrollment and told the children would have to enroll at a school specifically for Mexican-Americans.

This prompted her parents to file a federal lawsuit, *Mendez v. Westminster*, which was the precursor to *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision establishing that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

The committee also recommended that the new Southwest area K-8 school be named in honor of NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson. Johnson was an African-American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. manned spaceflights. The non-fiction book and film, “Hidden Figures,” is based on her work, along with that of her African-American female colleagues Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan, which proved critical to the success of launching astronaut John Glenn into orbit. The Southwest area K-8 school will have a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) component.

Both names have been presented for a 30-day public comment period ending May 12, 2022. The nomination will be brought back before the board for its consideration at the June 14 meeting. To share feedback, please email [boardclerk@gcsnc.com](mailto:boardclerk@gcsnc.com). Feedback may also be sent by U.S. mail to Guilford County Schools, Attn: Naming of Facilities, 712 N. Eugene St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

## **Board Approves New Name for Middle College at N.C. A&T**

The Middle College at N.C. A&T, an all-male high school on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University, will be renamed as the [A&T Four Middle College](#) at North Carolina A&T State University. The Board of Education approved the action at Tuesday’s meeting.

The name honors Ezell Blair, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and David Richmond, the A&T students who refused to give up their seats at the whites-only Woolworth’s lunch counter in downtown Greensboro.

The Facilities Naming Committee, which proposed the name at the March 8 board meeting, wrote, “The A&T Four’s heroic and selfless actions on February 1, 1960 were the impetus for the sit-in movement across the United States. Their actions forever changed the course of U.S. history.”

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# Proclamation

## National Volunteer Week April 17-23, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize individuals to take action that supports our community and public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, organizations and businesses connect with local volunteer opportunities through Guilford County Schools' 126 schools to help transform learning and life outcomes for every student while adhering to school health and safety protocols; and

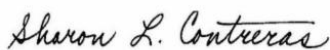
**WHEREAS**, during this week all over the nation, and in Guilford County, projects will be performed, and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and

**WHEREAS**, our schools' volunteer coordinators play an essential role in welcoming, organizing and motivating our district's volunteer force of over 5,000 individuals who have contributed nearly 60,000 service hours thus far; and

**WHEREAS**, our volunteers' and volunteer coordinators contributions are essential to the district's success;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Guilford County Board of Education, hereby recognize April 17-23, 2022 as National Volunteer Week. We encourage all citizens of Guilford County to recognize those who serve and volunteer in the community and in our local public schools as we come together to make a difference.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022,



Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



Deena A. Hayes, Chairperson  
Guilford County Board of Education

## Superintendent Contreras Donates \$50,000 to Guilford Education Alliance

Guilford Education Alliance held its annual Education Summit on Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Superintendent Sharon Contreras received the Margaret Bourdeaux Arbuckle award and donated \$50,000 of her personal money to the organization.

[Watch a video about the event here](#)

**GCS School Bond 2022**



[Click here to visit schoolbondfacts.com](https://schoolbondfacts.com)

## GPA Invites Parents & Caregivers to Director's Choice Book Club

For the first time, Guilford Parent Academy (GPA) is offering a book club for parents and caregivers, offering a chance for them to connect with others while discussing exciting and relevant books.

The GPA Director's Choice Book Club launched on March 10, 2022. LaSheka White, interim director of GPA, has selected the book, "The Five Love Languages of Children" by Drs. Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell.

Evidence shows that when children feel loved, they do their best. Dr. Gary Chapman's best-selling book, "The Five Love Languages," has helped millions of people develop stronger, more fulfilling relationships by teaching them to speak each other's love language.

"Each child, too, expresses and receives love through one of five different communication styles," said White. "This series will teach parents and caregivers how to identify their child's love language style as well as their own."

All sessions will be offered at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the following days:

- [Tuesday, April 26: Defining Love Languages Part II](#)
- [Thursday, May 12: My Child's Primary Love Language](#)
- [Thursday, May 26: Practice What You Know](#)

Sessions will be virtual. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3hw0hsE>. A link to join the session will be sent via email and the book will be sent through U.S. mail. Jason's Deli snack boxes will be provided during the last session.

## United Way Student Art Exhibit

# LIVE UNITED

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OPEN APRIL 10 - 24  
Center for Visual Artists

200 N Davie St #13, Greensboro, NC

United Way of Greater Greensboro (UWGG) invests in children and their success as a strategy for promoting better life outcomes and ending local poverty.

This year, UWGG is celebrating its 100th year in the community, and is also looking to the future. In collaboration with Guilford County Schools, UWGG asked students to submit art pieces that answered the question "What does it mean to LIVE UNITED?"

The submissions overwhelmingly show a common vision for a hopeful future where people can come together despite our differences and create a more kind and compassionate community.

