

## The Wednesday Reader

### April 11, 2012

Please note: There will not be a Wednesday Reader on April 25 due to the 2012 BPA National Leadership Conference.

### Nominations Being Accepted for the OPI Student Advisory Board

High school administrators, guidance counselors, teachers, and community members are invited to nominate high school students to serve on the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Student Advisory Board for the 2012-2013 school year. Students selected for this board interact directly with Superintendent Denise Juneau. They will attend two annual board meetings, network with state leaders and experience professional and leadership development.

#### **Nomination Guidelines**

The Student Advisory Board is looking for a Student Advisory Board comprised of students who:

- Are currently enrolled in a Montana public high school,
- Represent a mix of high schools in both urban and rural locations,
- Have overcome obstacles,
- Represent an even mix of gender, and
- Represent a mix of all high school grade levels.

All students who are nominated should be highly interested in the purpose of the Student Advisory Board and able to actively participate as a board member.

Each year about 2,000 students in our state drop out of high school. I believe that we can do better. Our two previous boards have included students who were valedictorians and highly engaged in school activities along with students who have struggled and contemplated dropping out. This year we are interested in students who have overcome obstacles so we can better understand the challenges Montana students face and how we can better support them. I take their advice and feedback very seriously and have incorporated their ideas into my initiatives and advocacy.

#### **Nomination Timeline**

- March 30 – Online Application Open for Nominator and Student
- May 1 – Online Application Closed for Nominator and Student
- Week of May 28 – Nominators and Students Notified

To nominate a student, please go <http://graduationmatters.mt.gov/> and click the "Apply to become a SAB member" button. For the student's application to be complete they **must** have an adult nominator who has completed the online nomination. Nominees will then be asked to fill out a brief application which should take about 30 minutes to complete.

### Register for the Financial Algebra Summer Institute in San Francisco, CA

Register now for the Financial Algebra Summer Institute presented by award winning teachers, presenters, and authors, Robert Gerver and Richard Sgroi.

This is your chance to learn from the experts about a 3rd/4th year math course that addresses the Common Core Math Standards.

The workshop will be held June 26-27 and registration is \$275 per person if registered by May 1 and \$300 after May 1. Registration fee includes: attendance, meals, Annotated Instructor's Edition, and certificate of completion.

For more details about the Financial Algebra Summer Institute please visit <http://bit.ly/IpQNsJ>.

This 1.5 day workshop is designed for teachers who are using Financial Algebra or are interested in implementing this new course.

### Check With Your CTE/Perkins Coordinators to be sure the 'Intent to Apply' has been Submitted

Again this year, the Office of Public Instruction has combined both the federal Carl D. Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND the State Voed Funding application for school districts' convenience. You can apply for one or both of these funding programs using this one electronic form.

The online link to access and complete the combined Federal Perkins 'Intent to Apply;' and the State Voed Funding application is now available and listed below. It is also available on the Secondary CTE web page of the OPI website.

Authorized Representatives of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will use the online link to access and complete the Perkins 'Intent to Apply' electronic form and the State Voed Funding application for the 2012-2013 E-Grants cycle. All public high schools and K-12 districts with qualifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are eligible to apply for funding. Elementary districts are not eligible for Perkins or State Voed monies. **Districts will NOT receive a 2012-2013 Perkins allocation unless this electronic form is completed and submitted online at the OPI on or before the deadline.** These designations are binding and cannot be changed once allocations have been downloaded into the E-Grants system.

The online link is located here: <http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/343718/124f/>.

The combined Perkins 'Intent to Apply' AND State Voed Funding application **deadline is April 20, 2012.**

If you have questions, please contact Diana Fiedler, Accountability Specialist, at [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov) or by phone at 406.444.9019.

### Receive \$3000 for Student Repayment through the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program

The Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program provides for the direct repayment of educational loans. The total loan repayment assistance may not exceed \$3,000 per year for up to four years. Qualified applicants will be ranked based on a scoring system that takes into account the impacted schools and academic areas.

Applicants must submit a completed application to the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program (MGSLP) no later than April 30, 2012. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The number of annual awards is limited and contingent upon legislative appropriations. Each applicant will be scored according to the endorsement area and school of the applicant. Not all qualified applicants are guaranteed loan assistance. MGSLP will notify all award recipients by July 30, 2012. A notice will not be sent to non-recipients.

#### **Program Requirements**

To qualify for the program you must meet the following requirements:

- A full-time educator holding a valid educator license or a licensed professional providing services to students in a school district, an education cooperative, the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, the Montana Youth Challenge Program or a state youth correctional facility,
- Teaching in an impacted school. These are defined as more rural, have a higher percentage of economically disadvantaged students, and/or have greater challenges in closing the achievement gap
- Teaching in an [academic area impacted by critical educator shortages](#) (which includes all Career & Technical Education program areas)

[Click here to download the application and instructions](#) in PDF format.

### Registration for the 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology Opens April 16

The 2012 Montana Institute on Educational Technology will again be held on the MSU-Great Falls College of Technology campus June 18-22. Registration for the 2012 MIET begins Monday, April 16.

Registration rates, renewal unit/college credit, and other MIET-related details can be found at [http://outreach.msugf.edu/MIET\\_web/index.html](http://outreach.msugf.edu/MIET_web/index.html).

## Register Today for the 2012 Family Economics & Financial Education National Training

Come to Tucson, Arizona, June 25-28, and be a part of this unforgettable, 4-day National Educator Training experience! By attending, you will have the opportunity to:

- Attend interactive workshops led by current classroom educators (the FEFE National Master Educator Team), modeling lesson plan activities
- Network with other educators from throughout the country on best practices within the financial literacy classroom
- Connect with industry and university experts as they discuss cutting edge research and trends, experience the FEFE ready-to-teach curriculum materials designed by educators
- Enjoy many different amenities provided by the Omni Tucson National Resort

Thanks to partner support from Take Charge America, Inc., the registration package (valued at over \$1,200) **starts at just \$200** (with basic registration package, no curriculum, and no lodging)! FEFE's all-inclusive registration package (includes curriculum and lodging in a shared room) is only **\$550!**

Registration is now open! Register before **April 20** to receive the early bird rate.

More details and registration materials can be found at <http://fefe.arizona.edu/pro-dev/training/national-training>.

## Have You Collected Your Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection began March 1 and will close April 27, 2012. High schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2011-2012 school year and have met the definition of a CTE Concentrator.

CTE Concentrators are high school 12th graders who have earned three (3) or more credits in any CTE Area of Concentration. Courses that students are currently enrolled in count toward credits earned. Students meeting the CTE Concentrator definition must have the Concentrator box checked and an Area of Concentration entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus system. If the student has a child or shares parenting of a child, the Single Parent box should also be marked. All schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found inside the 'Data Collections' tab on the Secondary CTE web page located at this link: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6). Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 or [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov).

Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Diana Fiedler at 406.444.9019 or [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

## On This Day in History . . .

### **April 11**

- 1814: Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor of France and one of the greatest military leaders in history, abdicates the throne, and, in the Treaty of Fontainebleau, is banished to the Mediterranean island of Elba
- 1961: Bob Dylan played his first live gig in New York City at Gerde's Folk City, opening for John Lee Hooker
- 1970: *Apollo 13*, the third lunar landing mission, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert, and Fred W. Haise and destined for the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon; although, after an oxygen tank exploded on the evening of April 13 the new mission objective became to get the *Apollo 13* crew home alive
- 1992: Pearl Jam appeared on US TV show *Saturday Night Live* from New York City.

### **April 12**

- 1861: The Civil War begins when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay
- 1954: Bill Haley and the Comets recorded (*We're Gonna*) *Rock Around The Clock*
- 1961: Aboard the spacecraft *Vostok 1*, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin becomes the first human being to travel into space

### **April 13**

- 1742: Handel's Messiah premieres in Dublin
- 1743: Future President Thomas Jefferson, drafter of *the Declaration of Independence* and the nation's preeminent political theorist, is born
- 1974: Elton John went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *Bennie And The Jets*
- 1985: USA for Africa started a four week run at No.1 on the US singles chart with *We Are The World*

### **April 14**

- 1865: John Wilkes Booth, an actor and Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C.
- 1912: Just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS *Titanic* fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull, and begins to sink
- 1967: A riot broke out at Warsaw's Palace Of Culture as The Rolling Stones made their first appearance in an Iron curtain Country

### **April 15**

- 1865: At 7:22 a.m., Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, dies from a bullet wound inflicted the night before by John Wilkes Booth
- 1947: Jackie Robinson, age 28, becomes the first African-American player in Major League Baseball when he steps onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn to compete for the Brooklyn Dodgers
- 1989: The Fine Young Cannibals went to No.1 on the US singles chart with *She Drives Me Crazy*

### **April 16**

- 1943: The hallucinogenic effects of LSD discovered when Albert Hoffman, a Swiss chemist working at the Sandoz pharmaceutical research laboratory, accidentally consumes LSD-25 (lysergic acid diethylamide), a synthetic drug he had created in 1938 as part of his research into the medicinal value of lysergic acid compounds
- 1970: Led Zeppelin's *Whole Lotta Love* was certified Gold in the US after selling over a million copies. The single had peaked at No. 4 on the US singles chart
- 1972: From Cape Canaveral, Florida, *Apollo 16*, the fifth of six U.S. lunar landing missions, is successfully launched on its 238,000-mile journey to the moon

### **April 17**

- 1961: President John F. Kennedy waits for word on the success of a covert plan to overthrow Cuba's government known as the Bay of Pigs Invasion
- 1964: The Ford Mustang, a two-seat, mid-engine sports car, is officially unveiled by Henry Ford II at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York, on April 17, 1964
- 1975: Elvis Presley bought a Convair 880 Jet formally owned by Delta Airlines for \$250,000, which he re-christened Lisa Marie. Presley spent a further \$600,000 refurbishing the Jet to include personal quarters, a meeting area and a dance floor.
- 1991: Nirvana appeared at the OK Hotel in Seattle, Washington, where they played a new song, *Smells Like Teen Spirit* live for the first time

### **Montana BPA Trading Pins will be Available in Chicago**

If you did not get your 2012 NLC Trading Pins ordered by the April 6 deadline or if you and/or your students want more pins, I will have some available for purchase during the National Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Pins will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis with payment in full. I will have pins at the Montana state association meeting Wednesday night, April 25.

*Past issues of the 2011-2012 school year's Wednesday Reader are now archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at [www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info). The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.*

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