

# The Wednesday Reader     *Rocktober 31, 2012*

## *Happy Halloween*

### Adobe Products Looking for a Good Home

Alane Dinsdale, Broadwater High School in Townsend, recently updated her Adobe software and has a collection of Adobe software and a nice set classroom textbooks looking for a new classroom in which they could be utilized.

The software is version CS3 and includes InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and Acrobat 9 for Windows and Mac.

If interested, please contact Alane for more details at [adinsdale@townsend.k12.mt.us](mailto:adinsdale@townsend.k12.mt.us) or at 406.441.3436.

### FINAL State CTE (VoEd) Allocations Now POSTED

The FY2013 State Career and Technical Education allocation payments (i.e. State VoEd Allocations) have been finalized and will be automatically deposited with your county treasurer on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

The Payment Report is posted both on the *Payments to Schools & Co-Ops* AND *Secondary CTE* pages of the OPI web site. The following link will take you directly to the FY2013 State VoEd Payment Report:

[http://opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1\\_4](http://opi.mt.gov/Finance&Grants/Index.html?gpm=1_4).

State CTE (VoEd) allocations are based on a formula that factors:

1. Student enrollment in career and technical education classes;
2. Extended contracts for properly endorsed career and technical education instructors;
3. Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) chapters and student membership;
4. District career and technical education expenditures.

The enrollment, extended contract and CTSO information comes from the 'Career and Technical Education Student Participation Reports' your district submits to our office each February. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

Only CTE programs that meet the general guidelines in the Montana Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education are included in the CTE enrollment factor. Enrollment calculations are based on Montana Accreditation Standard 10.55.906 which defines a credit as 225 minutes per week for one year.

State CTE funds are intended to supplement existing district budgets in the area of career and technical education. Examples of approved uses of state CTE funds are: CTE teacher salaries for extended contracts, stipends to CTE teachers for supervision of CTSO's, instructional supplies and/or instructional equipment used in an approved program, instruction-related travel expenses for an approved CTE program or CTSO, repair, maintenance and leasing of instructional equipment for an approved CTE program.

### Western Business Education Association Educational Opportunity Scholarship

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Educational Opportunity Scholarship is provided to help offset tuition costs for educators who are pursuing an advanced degree to support teaching in the area of Business Education. The amount of the yearly scholarship is determined each year according to availability of funds. The application is attached to this e-mail.

Eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- be a current member of an S/T/P and a member of WBEA/NBEA
- be currently engaged in the business/computer education profession in the Western Region
- register for and pass a credit class with a “C” grade or better, or register for and complete a non-credit class.
- provide proof of payment and a grade sheet or unofficial transcript upon completion of the class to the Professional Development Director

The WBEA Educational Opportunity Scholarship application and submission details can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/eos.html>.

### 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute

The Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) and the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) are pleased to announce the 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute will be held February 15, 2012 in Ogden, Utah.

The responsibility of nurturing business educators by providing leadership training opportunities is an integral part of the Strategic Plans of the National Business Education Association (NBEA), WBEA, and your States, Territories, & Province (S/T/P) associations. With this goal in mind, WBEA has provided the Professional Development Institute (PDI) at the regional conference for the past thirteen years. Each S/T/P may nominate two candidates to participate in PDI. The candidates selected should be willing to accept a future leadership role in the S/T/P and/or WBEA. The candidates **SHOULD NOT BE** a current S/T/P president or president elect as they will be busy with other activities during the training.

WBEA will reimburse one-half of the WBEA Conference registration fee for two candidates from each S/T/P provided they are members of NBEA/WBEA. The reimbursement will be paid directly to the participants after the training is completed. The other one half of the WBEA Conference registration fee MAY BE paid by the participant’s S/T/P. Additional representatives from the S/T/Ps may attend the Institute, but WBEA will reimburse the partial registration for only two.

Montana business educators interested in participating in the 2013 WBEA Professional Development Institute will need to complete the application and submit to MBEA President Scott Anderson by December 1, 2013. The application can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html>. The completed application must be submitted via E-mail to Scott at [andersons@baker.k12.mt.us](mailto:andersons@baker.k12.mt.us).

While your basic WBEA Conference registration fee will be reimbursed, other expenses related to attending the 2013 WBEA Conference are the responsibility of the attendee. These expenses are allowable and permissible uses of your Perkins and State CTE funds.

### Registration Open for the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference

This Utah Business and Computer Education Association is hosting the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference. This 2013 WBEA Conference will take place February 15-18 in Ogden, Utah.

Registration for the conference is now open and can be completed at on the WBEA website ([www.wbea.info](http://www.wbea.info)) or directly on the 2013 Conference page at [www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2013/index.html](http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2013/index.html).

Also on the WBEA 2013 Regional Conference page you can also download a copy of the Call for Presentations, the conference informational flyer, and details about tours, lodging, and computer workshops.

Remember, professional development is an allowable expense for Perkins and state CTE funds.

### Have You Found & Reported the Status of Your 2011-2012 CTE Concentrators?

The fall CTE data collection began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2012. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection.

Students identified last year as CTE Concentrators and who also graduated in the spring of 2012 must be contacted between October 1 and December 31. After contacting them, their current post-graduation status must be entered into the AIM Infinite Campus data system. All high schools that receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up data collection.

Instructions for completing the fall CTE data collection are located on the OPI [Secondary CTE](#) web page under the 'Data Collections' tab and located at [http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6).

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted last spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2012, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or e-mail [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov). Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### Did you know . . .

if you filled a matchbox with gold it could be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court

only female mosquitoes bite

wind doesn't make a sound until it blows against an object

Bill Gates began programming computers at the of age 13

the word 'uncopyrightable' is the is the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating any letter

almonds are members of the peach family

an egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C

### DECA Month Kicks Off Next Week

It's hard to believe, but October is rapidly coming to a close! Don't forget November is DECA Month...a time for your chapter to concentrate on membership recruitment and setting the tone for the entire year.

Check out <http://www.deca.org/events/decamonth/> for more information on how you can promote your DECA Chapter for a week during November or for the entire month!

As you celebrate DECA Month in November, make sure to check out these great links for more information on the Membership Campaigns:

- DECA Membership Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/membershipcampaign/>
- Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/gew/>
- DECA Community Service Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/service/>
- DECA Advocacy Campaign - <http://www.deca.org/events/ctemonth/>

### The NEW DECA Idea Challenge is Right Around the Corner

Get ready to show off your entrepreneurial spirit! The DECA Idea Challenge 2012 is a fast-paced competition that challenges secondary and college student teams to find new use for a common, everyday item while creating the most value possible.

The 2012 item will remain a mystery until November 7, when DECA will announce the item and officially launch the competition. Visit <http://www.gewusa.org/challenge> for more information.

### BPA Membership Registration Due Tomorrow, November 1

November 1 is the deadline to register your Business Professionals of America chapter membership.

Register your chapter members today and prepare to *Uncover Your Magic* with BPA during the 2012-2013 school year as we all look forward to the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Orlando this coming May.

To access the online membership registration system please go to <http://www.registeryourchapter.com/bpamem/> and enter your username and password.

Directions for utilizing the BPA online membership registration can be found in your Montana Advisor Manual as well as on the [Advisor Manual](#) page Montana BPA website ([www.mtbpa.org](http://www.mtbpa.org)) under Tab 2 Local Chapter, item #2.

Membership dues for this year are \$12.00 per member/advisor for National-level dues and \$8.00 for State-level dues.

If you do not remember your username and/or password or if you are taking over as a chapter advisor please let me know and I will email you the information.

Please note all members must be registered in order to compete at the regional, state, and national levels.

### Only 4 Weeks Left for Montana BPA Program Cover & T-Shirt Design Contest

Last week was the deadline to submit entries for the Montana BPA Trading Pin Design Contest. Currently, the members of the 2012-2013 State Officer Team are evaluating all submitted entries and will be picking the winning design within the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, keep applying those design skills for the Montana BPA [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) contests. Entries for these two design contests are due to State Officer Coordinator by December 1.

All entries must adhere to the [State Leadership Conference Program Cover](#) and [State T-Shirt](#) guidelines; entries not following the guidelines will be disqualified.

Please visit the [Advisor Manual](#) section of the [Montana BPA](#) website for additional details and specifics for the contests.

## Are Your Students Preparing For Regionals? Regional Conferences Quickly Approaching

In just over four weeks, the 2012-2013 Montana BPA Regional Leadership Conference Season begins as Region 7 kicks things off on Monday, December 3.

The following is a listing of Regional Leadership Conference dates, locations, and contacts.

| Region   | Date             | Location           | Contact          | E-mail   |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Region 1 | January 14       | Flathead Valley CC | Ron Hanson       | <a href="mailto:ron.hanson@ronank12.edu">ron.hanson@ronank12.edu</a>                       |
| Region 2 | January 9        | Missoula           | Jamie Toivonen   | <a href="mailto:jtoivonen@sd3.k12.mt.us">jtoivonen@sd3.k12.mt.us</a>                       |
| Region 3 | January 21       | Great Falls        | Carolyn Stone    | <a href="mailto:cstone@moore.k12.mt.us">cstone@moore.k12.mt.us</a>                         |
| Region 4 | December 17      | Helena             | Kerri Cobb       | <a href="mailto:kerri.cobb@bsd7.org">kerri.cobb@bsd7.org</a>                               |
| Region 5 | January 7        | Livingston         | Regina Wood      | <a href="mailto:regina.wood@livingston.k12.mt.us">regina.wood@livingston.k12.mt.us</a>     |
| Region 6 | December 18 & 19 | Billings           | Natalie Schaff   | <a href="mailto:natalieschaff@yahoo.com">natalieschaff@yahoo.com</a>                       |
| Region 7 | December 3       | Baker              | Julie O'Dell     | <a href="mailto:julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us">julie.odell@hardin.k12.mt.us</a>             |
| Region 8 | January 23       | Sidney             | Bertha Kirschten | <a href="mailto:bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us">bkirschten@circleschools.k12.mt.us</a> |

If you have any questions regarding your region's leadership conference, please contact your region's coordinator at the E-mail address noted above.

Be sure to have your BPA membership submitted to ensure you receive all the details and contacts relating to your region's leadership conference.

Remember, all members must be registered in order to compete at the regional, state, and national levels.

Past issues of the Wednesday Reader are 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.

### **Eric Swenson**

Business Education Specialist  
Montana Office of Public Instruction  
PO Box 202501  
Helena, MT 59620-2501  
406.444.7991  
406.444.1373 (Fax)  
[eswenson@mt.gov](mailto:eswenson@mt.gov)

