

The Wednesday Reader

December 19, 2012

This will be the last *Wednesday Reader* of 2012; the first *Wednesday Reader* of 2013 will be Wednesday, January 9. Additionally, I will be out for Christmas vacation starting Friday, December 21 and will return to the office on Monday, January 7. *Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and have a relaxing break.*

FEFE Announces the 2013 National Financial Educator Trainings

The [Family Economics & Financial Education \(FEFE\) Project \(www.fefe.arizona.edu\)](http://www.fefe.arizona.edu) is excited to announce their [2013 National Financial Educator Trainings](#) to be held Summer 2013.

For 2013, Family Economics & Financial Education has teamed up with Junior Achievement and the Maryland State Department of Education to offer training opportunities making a difference in how America's youth think about money.

The trainings are designed to provide educators with the skills and confidence to teach financial education, ultimately empowering future generations to be financially literate and savvy consumers. [The 2013 National Financial Educator Trainings](#):

- Provide interactive workshops led by current *classroom educators* modeling lesson plan activities
- Create *networking opportunities* for meaningful and relevant discussions about best practices within the classroom
- Invite participants to *connect with industry and university experts* as they discuss cutting-edge research and trends
- Offer an abundance of *ready-to-teach* curriculum materials *designed by educators*

Three trainings have been created specifically with you in mind and will be held July 30-August 1 at Stevenson University in Owings Mills, Maryland.

National Financial Educator Training: Elementary Education

- Who: Elementary educators K-6 teaching financial education
- When: July 30-31
- Cost: \$120—includes breakfasts, lunches and event materials (Optional curriculum add-on for \$25)
- Why: This hands-on session, led by Junior Achievement (JA), features JA and several other partner program resources that will help students learn basic economics in fun and age-appropriate ways.

National Financial Educator Training: Deep Dive

- Who: Educators who teach young adults (grades 7-12)
- When: July 30-August 1
- Cost: \$150—includes breakfasts, lunches and event materials (Optional curriculum add-on for \$225. Includes both the FEFE Get Ready to Take Charge Introductory level and FEFE Take Charge of Your Finances Advanced level materials.)
- Why: This interactive training is guaranteed to save you preparation time next year as you:
 - Receive comprehensive instruction about the entire FEFE curriculum
 - Explore effective ways to integrate technology into your classroom
 - Discuss classroom strategies and best practices
 - Learn from nationally renowned experts

National Financial Educator Training: New and Improved Resources

- Who: Middle and high school educators who have previously attended a FEFE 3 or 4-day training
- When: July 31-August 1
- Cost: \$120—includes breakfast, lunches and event materials (Optional curriculum add-on for \$175. Includes the FEFE Take Charge of Your Finances Advanced level materials.)
- Why: The FEFE curriculum and website are being significantly updated to be more effective and user-friendly. Previously trained FEFE educators are encouraged to attend this training to:
 - Learn about the new and improved lesson plans for over half of the FEFE advanced level course, Take Charge of Your Finances (released May 2013)
 - Examine the new recommended course flow
 - Explore effective ways to integrate technology into your classroom
 - Use the new FEFE website (released May 2013)

Registration for the [2013 National Financial Educator Trainings](#) will open January 2013. Check the FEFE website after the first of the year for additional details and information about how to register.

ACTE Region V Announces Pin Design Contest

If you have a student that is a good designer who would like to win \$50, have them design the next Region V pin.

The only requirements are that the pin must have Region V and the year 2013 on the design.

Designs must be received to Chuck Gallagher at Charles.gallagher@tusd1.org no later than January 15.

Last Call to Report 2011-2012 CTE Concentrators Follow-Up Data

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.

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 opiaimhelp@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.

Remember to Submit Projects for the FLIC Jr. Film Festival by January 2, 2013

Polson, Montana hosts the first annual Flathead Lake International Cinemafest (FLIC) February 1-3, 2013. Filmmakers from around the world are invited to showcase their films on the beautiful shores of Flathead Lake.

The festival promotes awareness, knowledge and understanding of community, communication, culture, habitat, people and nature through excellence in film. Also, Montana's first high school film festival FLIC Jr. invites students from across the state to submit their short to feature-length films.

Highlights include: appearances by filmmakers, screenwriters and producers who will share their experiences working in the film industry; multi-award-winning animation and documentary film maker Jeff Chuba will present and share his experiences from over a decade of work in this art form.

Showboat Cinemas will host the three-day festival with an opening party Friday night complete with red carpet.

For more information call 406-274-0181, write to 42915 Tawni Drive, Polson MT 59860 or e-mail flic@montanasky.com

Additional details about the first annual Flathead Lake International Cinemafest and procedures for entry can be found at <http://www.flicpolson.com/>.

Register for the MCEE Learning, Earning, and Investing for a New Generation Workshop in Lewistown Before All the Spots are Full

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) announces a Learning, Earning and Investing (LEI) workshop preceded by the High School Business Challenge Training to be held in Lewistown on January 31-February 1.

Registration and more details are available at http://econedmontana.org/LEI/LEI_Registration.html.

The workshop will begin with a hosted lunch on Thursday noon, January 31, with sessions until 5:00, and dinner on your own. The workshop resumes with a hosted breakfast Friday morning at 7:30, and sessions will conclude at noon. The LEI workshop will be filed for eight OPI units.

Attendees will receive a book containing 21 lesson plans, resources by the presenters, reimbursement for substitute teachers (2 days max), shared motel rooms, and meals as indicated.

For those interested, a four-hour training on the High School Business Challenge will precede the LEI workshop on Thursday, January 31 from 8am-12pm (five minimum pre-registrants by January 11 required). The High School Business Challenge training will be filed for four OPI units.

For more details about the Learning, Earning and Investing workshop or the High School Business Challenge, please visit the [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) website at www.econedmontana.edu.

Did you know . . .

flies always launch backwards for a quick getaway

bats are the only mammals that fly

every day 7% of the US eats at McDonalds

crocodiles are color blind

whales can't swim backwards

crocodiles swallow rocks to help them dive deeper

it takes 4 hours to hard boil an ostrich egg

Brazil got its name from the Brazilian nut (not the other way around)

Montana BPA Winter 2012 Newsletter Ready to Download, Distribute, & Read

The [Winter issue](#) of the Montana BPA Newsletter has been completed and posted to the [Advisor Manual page](#) of the [Montana BPA website](#), www.bpamt.org.

The Winter newsletter is posted under Tab 5 Communications on the [Advisor Manual page](#). Be sure to download and share the [Winter newsletter](#) with your chapter members.

State Leadership Conference First Update Available on Montana BPA Website

The Montana BPA [2013 State Leadership Conference—First Update](#) was emailed to all Montana BPA chapter advisors on Monday, December 17. The First Update is now posted on the [Advisor Manual page](#) of the Montana BPA website (www.bpamt.org) under Tab 5 Communications, Item 2A.

Remember registration for the Montana BPA 2013 State Leadership Conference opens Monday, January 7 and will close on Tuesday, February 5.

Judges Sought for the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference

Molly Barta is looking for judges. Our 2013 State Leadership Conference Judged Events Recruiter is now accepting names and contact information for individuals who would be interested in volunteering to judge for the State BPA conference.

If you have names and emails of potential judges, please send them to Molly at bartam@billingschools.org.

Montana DECA Design Contest Winners Announced

Montana DECA is pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 State Conference Program Design Contest and the 2013 ICDC Pin Design Contest.

Kenzie Lombardi, from Sentinel High School, submitted the winning design for the State Conference Program and Kelly Seitz, from Big Sky High School, submitted the winning design for the ICDC Pin.

Each of these ladies will receive \$50 for their winning design. Congratulations!

Make Your Membership Lists, Check the Twice, and then Submit

With Christmas fast approaching, don't forget to register your students with DECA, Inc. so they will be eligible to register for the State Conference. Don't wait until the last minute! Students who are not registered AND paid will NOT be allowed to compete at the State Conference.

The State Conference registration deadline is January 11. All hotel information must be submitted by that date as well.

Registration for Montana DECA SCDC is Open & Due January 11

Montana DECA State Conference Registration is under way! Please remember all registration, other than hotel rooms, will be done online this year by visiting <https://www.decaregistration.com/mt>.

All hotel room registration will be as it has in the past and must be sent directly to the Brie at the hotel. You can email it to her at bried@helenacolonialhotel.com.

Online registration for the conference is linked directly to the DECA, Inc. Membership site, so all students MUST be registered and paid through DECA, Inc. before they can be registered for the state conference. All registration is due no later than Friday, January 11 at 5:00 pm. Please contact Erin at erinweisgerber@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

January 11 is Deadline for School-Based Enterprises Entries

The School-Based Enterprise certification deadline is coming up soon. All entries must be postmarked by January 11.

Visit <http://www.decadirect.org/November-2012/Get-Recognized-for-Your-School-Based-Enterprise/> for more information and to find out how you can submit certification documentation.

Past issues of the Wednesday Reader are archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at www.mbea.info. The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most-recent first.

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