

## The Wednesday Reader

### February 6, 2013

Please note: There will not be a *Wednesday Reader* next week, February 13, as I will be attending the 2013 Western Business Education Association Conference in Ogden, Utah.

### Now Open – 2013 CTE Student Participation Report Link – Reports Due February 28

The 2012-2013 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Participation Reports are now available for completion electronically via the following link: <http://www.keysurvey.com/f/345142/20c3/>.

The link is also available on the [Data Collection](#) section of the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website, [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov).

Any public high school district planning to apply for Perkins and/or state CTE funding for the 2013-2014 school year must submit Participation Reports by all CTE teachers for all CTE programs at your high school. Please make sure each CTE teacher completes their report and electronically submits it to the OPI by the due date—Thursday, **February 28, 2013**.

The data collected from these Participation Reports is used for Carl D. Perkins accountability reporting and factors that determine the state VoEd formula. Therefore, it is imperative that the information submitted on these reports is complete and accurate—incomplete, missing, or inaccurate data will affect your district's FY13 state CTE and Perkins allocations.

For more information or assistance with this online report, please contact Diana Fiedler, Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or by e-mail at [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### Registration & Training for the Stock Market Game & High School Business Challenge

A friendly reminder the registration deadlines for the following two simulations, administered by the Montana Council on Economic Education—High School Business Challenge and the Stock Market Game.

**High School Business Challenge:** Registration needs to be completed by 5 pm Wednesday, February 13. Please let Tim Alzheimer know via email ([timalz@montana.edu](mailto:timalz@montana.edu)) how many teams you plan to have participating. The first input is due by noon on Wednesday, February 20.

**Stock Market Game:** Registration should be completed by Friday, February 15, at 5 pm, with competition beginning Tuesday, February 19. Registration is allowed after the deadline, but there is a 24 hour waiting period between registration and when students can begin trading. Registration for the Stock Market Game is all online at [www.stockmarketgame.org](http://www.stockmarketgame.org).

**Stock Market Game Training Webinar:** A training webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, February 7, from 4:30-6 pm**. It is designed for those that have never participated in the Stock Market Game, or for those wanting to better understand the game functions. Attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged. Seating is limited. To register for the webinar, go to: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/156240080>

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Alzheimer at [timalz@montana.edu](mailto:timalz@montana.edu), or by telephone, (406) 994-2263.

## **Registration for Montana Economics Challenge Due February 12**

The 2013 Montana Economics Challenge will be held March 4 at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena. The 2013 Economics Challenge will begin at 9 am.

Hosted by the Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve, the purpose of the Economics Challenge is to increase students' exposure to and interest in economics in an entertaining atmosphere. The Economics Challenge began in 1988 as a product of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and its Helena Branch later became involved with the Montana Economics Challenge first being held in 1996.

For additional details about the 2013 Montana Economics Challenge be visit

<http://www.econedmontana.org/programs/econchallenge/2013/2013EconChallengebrochure.pdf>.

Registration can be completed at

<http://www.econedmontana.org/programs/econchallenge/2013/2013EconChallengeRegistrationForm.doc>.

## **CTSO Day at the Capitol: House Bill 86—Strengthening Montana’s Career and Technical Student Organizations Hearing Announced**

A hearing will be held on Monday, February 18 for [House Bill 86](#). House Bill 86—Strengthen Montana's Career and Technical Student Organizations— provides Montana’s qualified Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) funding to support the organizations long-term viability to increase graduation rate, enhance student leadership opportunities, develop workforce skills, and facilitate transitions to postsecondary education and employment ensuring all members are College and Career Ready.

House Bill 86 seeks funds for each of Montana's CTSOs to support their current leadership activities as well as expand the capacity for enhanced involvement at all levels and to support the growth and outreach of each organization at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. If approved, House Bill 96 will also provide funds to each Montana CTO to hire their own state advisor/state director. This individual will be employed by the CTSO instead of being a position shared within the duties of the CTE Specialists within the Office of Public Instruction.

House Bill 86 will provide a base funding amount to each CTSO with additional funds allocated on a per-member formula. The goal of House Bill 86 is provide secure and permanent funding to support, as well as expand, the missions and goals of Montana's Career and Technical Students Organizations.

The hearing on House Bill 86 will be held on Monday, February 18 by the House Education Committee in Room 137 of the Capitol Building at 3 pm. This will be the time for CTSO advisors and members to provide information and support for the Bill.

Details about House Bill 86, including links to the text of the bill itself, can be found by going to [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\\$.startup?P\\_SESS=20131](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w$.startup?P_SESS=20131) and selecting "HB" as the Bill Type and "86" for the Number.

The full text of House Bill 86 can be viewed at <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2013/billhtml/HB0086.htm>.

## Career & Technical Education Day in Helena – 2013 Legislative Rotunda Activity

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education (Montana ACTE) has scheduled an opportunity for Career and Technical Education programs to present to our state legislators in the State Capitol Rotunda on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 8 am to 5 pm.

Montana ACTE would like to have all Career and Technical Education organizations and program areas represented at this event. Currently, three Montana programs have committed to present but representation from all CTE programs areas would be greatly appreciated.

Students will set up booths and displays to interact with state legislators and share the variety of skills that they are being offered in their local schools enriching their own and others' lives. They will have an opportunity to encourage our citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in Montana communities.

Career and Technical education is facing some profound economic and technological changes thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system. Students will be able to positively reinforce how career and technical education provides Montana with that school-to-careers connection and can be the foundation for a strong, well-educated workforce that fosters productivity in business, industry, technology and health care and contributes to our state's leadership in the global marketplace.

Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills promoting better career choices; and experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, science, technology and mathematics; thus improving the quality of their education; motivating students to stay in school and giving all students leadership opportunities in career fields and in their communities.

Please contact your local legislators informing them that you will be in Helena for this event, and ask them if they would be willing to introduce you and your students on the legislative floor. You can find your legislative contact information at <http://leg.mt.gov/css/find%20a%20legislator.asp>.

Please feel free to call Kevin Fochs at 406.223.0760 or email at [kfochs@livingston.k12.mt.us](mailto:kfochs@livingston.k12.mt.us) if you have additional questions and to confirm your participation.

### Did you know . . .

the word 'lethologica' describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want

everyday, more money is printed for Monopoly sets than for the U.S. Treasury

wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times

Shakespeare invented the words 'assassination' and 'bump'

over 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens each year

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coconuts kill over 150 people each year (more than sharks)

the most common disease is tooth decay

### **From Montana DECA SCDC to DECA ICDC**

After completing a very successful Montana DECA State Career Development Conference this past weekend in Helena, February 3-5, Montana DECA advisors and members are now preparing for the 2013 International Career Development Conference.

The [2013 DECA International Career Development Conference](#) will be held in Anaheim, April 24-27.

### **With BPA State Leadership Conference Registration Closed Preparation Continues**

February 5 was the deadline to submit registrations for the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference as well as the deadline for the pre-submission of judged events materials and for state officer candidate, conference intern, and Montana BPA State Leadership Scholarship applications.

Now, attention focuses on the next round of deadlines: February 22. Friday, February 22 is the deadline to submit applications for the [Montana Silver Star Award for Chapter Development](#) and the Montana BPA [Member Recruiter Award](#). Details about both of these awards can be found on the [Advisor Manual page](#) of the Montana BPA website—[www.bpamt.org](http://www.bpamt.org).

### **Details for Computerized Accounting—Keep Your Eyes Open**

For Montana BPA members registered to compete in Computerized Accounting at the 2013 State Leadership Conference, the test will be emailed to chapter advisors for students to complete at home.

Completed entries, including the test and all printouts, must be sent to Competitive Events Coordinator Julie O'Dell with a postmark on or before Friday, February 22.

Advisors are asked to keep an eye on their Email accounts for the Computerized Accounting information. When administering Computerized Accounting, advisors need to adhere to and keep track of testing time.

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.

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