

The Wednesday Reader

February 20, 2013

2013 CTE Student Participation Reports Due Next Week – February 28

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 reports are electronically submitted by the **Thursday, February 28, 2013** due date.

The 2012-2013 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Student Participation Reports can be completed 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.

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.

MCEE Learning, Earning, & Investing Workshop in Kalispell

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) is excited to announce the date for a Learning, Earning and Investing workshop in Kalispell on Friday, March 22, from 7:30 am-3:30 pm.

The seminar includes the workshop, materials, breakfast and lunch, reimbursements for subs, and shared rooms for attendees. (If you prefer to room alone, you'll need to send \$40; if you share a room, there will be no cost).

The class has been filed for seven units with OPI. Please visit the Montana Council on Economic Education website (www.econedmontana.edu) register no later than March 11. This session was given recently in Lewistown and got rated as mostly “excellent” on the evaluations, so don't miss it! Sponsors are PayneWest, Discover Financial Services, and the Council on Economic Education.

Click the following link to register for the Learning, Earning and Investing workshop in Kalispell: http://www.econedmontana.org/lei/LEI_Registration.html

Did you know . . .

the most common time for a wake up call is 7am

blue and white are the most common school colors

the first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum

the first Lifesaver flavor was peppermint

the longest one syllable word in the English language is 'screched'

you're more likely to get stung by a bee on a windy day than any other

the average bank teller loses \$250 every year

Iceland consumes more Coca Cola per capita than any other country

Three is the Magic Number – Three State BPA-Related Items Due Friday, 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.

Additionally, all state-level completed Computerized Accounting materials must be postmarked to Competitive Events Coordinator Julie O'Dell no later than Friday, February 22.

All Computerized Accounting printouts must be mailed to Julie at Hardin High School; 702 North Terry Avenue; Hardin, MT 59034.

Everything You Need to Know about 2013 BPA National Leadership Conference

Visit www.bpa.org/nlc to discover everything you need to know about the Business Professionals of America 2013 National Leadership Conference.

On the www.bpa.org/nlc page you will find links to the NLC [Deadlines and Registration Fees](#), [Pre-Conference Publication](#), the NLC Special Event—[BPA Beach Party: Dreams Come True](#) as well as [NLC Tours](#) and the [NLC Certification Lab](#).

Registration for the 2013 National Leadership Conference opens Monday, February 25 and must be completed on or before Monday, April 1

BPA and Certiport Announce Expanded Relationship for 2013 NLC

Business Professionals of America is excited to announce the expanding relationship between Certiport and Business Professionals of America.

Our Advisors lead the way for students in so many facets of their education. Recognizing this, Certiport and BPA have made the following programs available to all BPA advisors and chapters.

- 1.Introductory Microsoft Office Specialist Site License for new Centers (\$1495 for a 6-month license, which is more than 50% off).
- 2.Free certification prep materials and vouchers for BPA Advisors.
- 3.Five Free certification prep packages and MOS vouchers for BPA students through the Student Test Drive program.

These offers are available for a limited time. Register Now at www.certiport.com/BPAoffers, and start preparing yourself and your students for Microsoft certifications today.

As previously announced, during the 2013 National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Orlando this year BPA will integrate three Certiport certification programs into select competitive events. The certification programs include

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS), Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) and Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3).

To see a list of the associated competitive events and find out how your students can get ready, go to www.certipoint.com/BPA.

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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