

## The Wednesday Reader

### March 27, 2013

#### **Save the Date for the Financial Algebra Summer Institute 2013**

Cengage Learning will be holding the 2013 Financial Algebra Summer Institute in Boston, Massachusetts, June 24-26.

Learn more about this professional development workshop designed specifically for teachers who are teaching Financial Algebra or interested in implementing this new course aligned to the Common Core State Standards.

To register now or view additional details, please visit the [registration site](#).

#### **NBEA Early-Bird Registration Ends Today**

Discount registration rates are available through Wednesday, March 27 for the National Business Education Association 2013 Annual Convention and Trade Show. Take action now so that you are part of the largest and most relevant professional development experience dedicated to business education. [Click here](#) to access the registration information.

The NBEA 2013 Annual Convention and Trade Show will be held April 16-20 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Convention rates at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis are also available through Wednesday, March 27. Make your hotel reservation by [clicking here](#) today.

#### **Federal Carl D. Perkins and State Voed Funding 'Intent to Apply' Applications Now Available**

The Office of Public Instruction has again this year 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 funding programs using this one electronic form. Please note these applications should be completed by the *Authorized Representatives* of your school/district. Authorized Representatives are typically the district Superintendent or someone given authority by the district regarding money.

The online link to access and complete the combined Federal and State Funding application is now available and listed below. It is also available on the Secondary CTE web page of the OPI website inside the *Perkins Federal Funding* tab.

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 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 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 at <http://www.keysurvey.com/f/343718/10f4>

The combined Perkins *'Intent to Apply'* AND State Voed Funding application deadline is April 19, 2013.

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

### **2013 Montana Institute on Educational Technology Schedule & Registration Now Available**

The course schedules and registration are now available for the 10th annual Montana Institute on Educational Technology. The 2013 Montana Institute on Educational Technology will be held June 18-21 at Great Falls College Montana State University.

All the details, fees, course schedules and descriptions, and registration can be found at [http://outreach.gfcmsu.edu/MIET\\_web/index.html](http://outreach.gfcmsu.edu/MIET_web/index.html). Early-bird registration ends May 17.

### **Be Sure to Identify and Submit Your District's CTE Concentrators for Perkins Funding**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collections began March 1, 2013, and ends April 26, 2013. High schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2012-2013 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 in any combination. Currently enrolled courses count towards 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 data system. If the student has a child or shares the 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 [http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://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 emailing [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 emailing [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

### **Click the Link & Apply for the CenturyLink Innovative Technology Grants**

CenturyLink has allocated \$35,000 to the Montana Association for Career & Technical Education (Montana ACTE) through an education grant to be awarded to Montana K-12 educators who demonstrate innovative uses of technology in the classroom.

The funds will be disbursed to local school districts on a competitive basis. All current K-12 Montana teachers who reside in the service area of CenturyLink are eligible to apply with the exception of any members who are on the selection committee or are previous grant recipients. Applicants do not need to be customers of CenturyLink.

A teacher may receive a maximum of one grant award but there is no limit to the number of awards given to different teachers at any particular school.

The funds may be used to purchase the following for use in the classroom: supplies and materials, software and hardware, or professional development activities. Any supplies and materials, software and hardware purchased become the property of the school should the teacher leave the school.

The grant application can be found at [www.montanaacte.org](http://www.montanaacte.org). The funds will be available June 2013 and must be spent during the 2013-2014 academic school year. **The application is due April 26, 2013.**

### **Professional Development Opportunities Available for Various Technology Topics**

Lindy Hockenbary, former Business Educator and BPA advisor at Stanford High School, is offering various technology workshops in Bozeman, Manhattan, Townsend, and Helena this spring.

Available through the Montana Region IV Educational Service Agency (RESA4U), the workshops are technology-specific and OPI renewal units are provided for every workshop; college credit is not available.

Details about workshop topics, dates, locations, costs, and renewal units available can be found on the RESA4U website at <http://www.resa4u.org/Page/190>.

For questions, please contact RESA4U Technology Integration Specialist Lindy Hochenbary at [lhockenbary@resa4u.org](mailto:lhockenbary@resa4u.org).

### **Did you know . . .**

over 500 meteorites hit the Earth each year

clouds fly higher during the day than the night

clothes dried outside smell better because of a process called photolysis (sunlight breaks down compounds that cause odor)

the opposite of a 'vacuum' is a 'plenum'

before 1850 golf balls were made of leather and were stuffed with feathers

22% of people skip lunch daily

on average 22% of all restaurant meals include potato chips

the most popular toothbrush color is blue

### **Today is Deadline to Order DECA Blazers for ICDC**

If you need additional blazers for ICDC, the deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 27, 2013, to ensure delivery to your school by Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Another option is to prepay for your blazers and pick them up at ICDC. All payments must be received at DECA Images by close of business March 27, 2013.

### **Pre-Order for ICDC Tours**

You can now purchase attraction tickets for the DECA International Career Development Conference through the online tour order. The deadline to pre-order is Friday, April 19, 2013, at noon EST.

Please visit <https://www.decaregistration.com/tours/default.asp> for more info.

Included in the tours this year is the 3rd Annual DECA Dash for the Diamonds 5K race. The deadline to register is Friday, April 19 at 4:30 PM, EST. The cost is \$30/person.

### **One Week Left to Complete Piper Jaffray/DECA Teen Survey**

If you haven't done so already, please consider participating in the Piper Jaffray/DECA Teen Survey.

The survey is a great independent learning activity that reinforces your classroom teaching of marketing research. The spring [survey](#) is now available online until Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Please visit <http://www.decadirect.org/March-2013/Piper-Jaffray-DECA-Teen-Survey/> for more info and to take the survey!

### **2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference Evaluations Due Friday**

The evaluation for the 2013 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference is being conducted via SurveyMonkey. All Montana BPA chapter advisors are encouraged to complete the evaluation at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QS6Q2HY>.

Evaluations must be completed by Friday, March 29.

### **Monday, April 1 is the Deadline for NLC Registration, Event Pre-Submission, Torch Awards, & Quality Chapter Distinction**

April 1 is the deadline date for many items related to the 2013 National Leadership Conference.

On Monday, [registration and hotel reservations](#) must be completed. Also, all required materials for those judged events which must be pre-submitted must be uploaded via the [www.bpa.org/submit](http://www.bpa.org/submit) site. Please refer to either the [Pre-Conference Publication](#) or the [2013 Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines](#) for a complete listing of the events with an April 1 pre-submission requirement.

Monday, April 1, is all National-level Ambassador Torch Award resumes must be submitted via the [Online Torch Award System](#). Local Chapter Advisors must review all chapter resumes before they are submitted.

Applications for the [Quality Chapter Distinction](#) must also be completed and submitted by April 1.

### **Notice Regarding Tours Purchased through BPA NLC Registration**

Please note, if you purchase tours through your chapter's NLC registration—including Disney World and Universal Studios park tickets—you will not be able to pick up your tour tickets until the NLC Tour Desk opens at 7 am on Tuesday, May 7.

### **Montana BPA Trading Pins for the National Leadership Conference Orders Due April 12**

The deadline for ordering your 2013 Montana BPA trading pins is Friday, April 12. Trading pins can be ordered using the order form at

[http://www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor\\_manual/tab\\_3\\_state/trading\\_pin\\_order\\_form\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor_manual/tab_3_state/trading_pin_order_form_2013.pdf).

All orders must include payment in full.

### **Montana BPA Special Event – A Day at Daytona Beach with Bubba Gump**

Enjoy the Florida sunshine, the Atlantic coast's sandy beaches, and the history and entertainment of Forrest Gump as Montana BPA hosts a day trip to Daytona Beach with lunch at Bubba Gump's on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Reservations are \$45.00 per person and includes transportation to Daytona Beach and lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company.

Chapters may complete and submit the 2013 NLC Montana BPA Special Event reservation form at [www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor\\_manual/tab\\_3\\_state/montanabpa\\_nlc\\_special\\_event\\_2013.pdf](http://www.bpamt.org/documents/advisor_manual/tab_3_state/montanabpa_nlc_special_event_2013.pdf).

Reservations and payment in full must be submitted to Montana BPA Executive Secretary Anza Ketterman by Friday, April 12. Include a list of attendees when you submit your reservation and payment. Refunds will not be offered after Friday, April 12.

Please be sure to check the National Leadership Conference schedule within the 2013 NLC Pre-Conference Publication as some competitive events and meetings are scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, May 8.

### **Application for Florida Tax Exemption**

Schools interested in applying for exemption of the Florida state sales tax for 2013 National Leadership Conference hotel reservations should download and complete the Application for Consumer's Certification of Exemption at <http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/forms/2003/dr5.pdf>.

Please be sure to direct all questions related to the application to the phone number listed on page 1 of the application.

### **Group Discounts Available for Disney World & Universal Studios**

Elaine Stedman at Sidney shared the following information regarding group tickets for Disney World and Universal Studios theme parks—

I found a great contact through Disney called Disney Youth Program which offers discounted Disney tickets for school groups. For instance, my chapter is doing the two-day park hopper which allows access to all four Disney parks for two days and they can jump back and forth at will on those two days. We have also added on the water park upgrade. The tickets for all of this are only \$154 per person. We are also getting two free chaperone tickets with the same upgrades. The number to call is 888-779-1757, Option 2. You might want to check it out. Additional details, including group qualification requirements, can be found at <http://www.disneyyouth.com/>.

Universal Studios also has a discounted group rate for students. We are taking our own bus to Universal on Saturday if anyone would like to join us. I think the discounted tickets and your share of the bus would be cheaper than the

BPA tour rate as the bus would only be about \$10 per person and the tickets are \$59, so you would save \$30 per person. Details and eligibility requirements can be found at [www.uogroupsales.com](http://www.uogroupsales.com). Please contact Elaine directly ([estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us](mailto:estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us)) if you are interested in sharing the Sidney chapter's bus to Universal Studios.

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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