

The Wednesday Reader

April 10, 2013

Please note—I will be out of the office beginning Monday, April 15 and returning Tuesday, April 23 to attend the 2013 NBEA Convention in Atlanta. Therefore, there will not be a Wednesday Reader next week, April 17.

Register Today for the 2013 MCEE Sponsored ECNS 594 in Bozeman this June

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) is pleased to announce the next annual ECNS 594 will be held June 19-21, 2013, at the Museum of the Rockies board room in Bozeman.

This year's ECNS 594 will be discussing some of the Economic Learning Modules and various current topics from an economic perspective...all thought provoking materials for you to take back to the classroom. MCEE is delighted that Dr. Terry Anderson has again graciously agreed to provide attendees with his knowledge and expertise of the Madison Buffalo Jump for an enjoyable field trip, and information that will be very useful for your "Indian Education for All" lessons.

If you are a teacher new to teaching economics, or have not attended MCEE our workshops previously, you will find this session extremely beneficial.

Space is limited; so be sure to send your \$50 registration fee in right away with the [registration form](#) to secure your spot. Registration is due May 24.

Provided to you is the seminar and its materials, campus lodging and parking and most meals.

ECNS 594 will start bright and early on Wednesday morning, and conclude Friday noon, with evenings also used to fill the 22 CEUs and requirements for the one 500-level credit from MSU for those who elect that option.

Please contact the Montana Council on Economic Education if you have any questions at mcee@montana.edu and visit the ECNS 594 website at www.econedmontana.org/ecns594/ecns594_registration.html for details about this year's event.

Take Advantage of the Early-Bird Rate & Wide-Range of MIET Sessions

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. Early-bird registration ends May 17.

Federal Perkins and State Voed Funding 'Intent to Apply' Applications Due Next Week, April 19

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 or by phone at 406.444.9019.

CTE Concentrators Due April 26

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.

Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 or emailing 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.

The Clock is Ticking to Submit 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. 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.**

Did you know . . .

the number 4 is the only number that has the same number of letters in it

jellyfish don't have a brain

45% of Americans don't know that the sun is a star

the 'you are here' arrow on maps is called an ideographic locator

the smallest unit of time is a yoctosecond (1 septillionth which is 10 to the power of negative 24)

A Boeing 747 airliner holds 57,285 gallons of fuel

a hippopotamus can run faster than a man

elephants can run up to 25 mph

Be Sure to Pre-Order DECA ICDC Tours by Next Friday, April 19

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.

Friday is Deadline to Order Montana BPA Trading Pins for the National Leadership Conference

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.

All orders must include payment in full.

Last Day to Register for the Montana BPA Special Event at NLC is Friday, April 12

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.

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.

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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