

## The Wednesday Reader

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### Wednesday Reader Skipping Next Week & Last Edition for 2012-2013 School Year May 15

With the 2013 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference taking place next week, I will be out of the office beginning May 5 and will be back on Wednesday, 15; therefore, there will not be a *Wednesday Reader* for Wednesday, May 8.

Also, the last *Wednesday Reader* for the 2012-2013 school year will be Wednesday, May 15.

### New US Department of Education Website with Resources For & About CTE

The [National Center for Innovation in Career and Technical Education \(NCICTE\)](#) performs scientifically based research and evaluation to expand the understanding, increase the effectiveness, and improve the delivery of career and technical education (CTE). Center work is directed toward exploring the contribution that CTE can make to raising student engagement and achievement, and improving student transitions from secondary to postsecondary education and work.

Career & Technical Education professionals are encouraged to use this website to learn more about [NCICTE's research](#) or to find related studies in the [CTE resources](#) section. Ultimately, NCICTE believes that research is only useful when it is applied. To support educators in translating research into action, NCICTE is creating a series of online [training modules](#) that offer practical guidance for how you can translate Center studies for use in your own college, district or school.

For more information and to check out the resources available, please visit <http://ctecenter.ed.gov/>.

### Resources for Teaching Financial Literacy

The following are a few free resources for teaching personal financial literacy which were provided by Business Professionals of America in the April 24 edition of *The Source*.

[Budget Worksheets](#) has free easy to use printable budget worksheets. You can use the premade worksheets, create your own, or tailor one for your individual classroom needs.

[360 degrees of Financial Literacy](#) is full of free resources for your classroom provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA). The wide variety of topics includes credit and debit, college costs, budgeting, insurance, retirement, and investing.

[Feedthepig.org](#) has free sources for post-secondary and [Feed the Pig for Tweens](#) has material for middle school learners; however, both can be utilized at the secondary level. Both sites focus on savings and are supported by AICPA and the Ad Council.

Finally visit [MyMoney.gov](#) to find a wealth of resources organized by major life events, financial tools, or a list of free resources grouped by demographics.

### Montana Institute on Education Technology Early-Bird Registration Ends May 17

Early-bird registration ends May 17 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).

## **Get Pre-Approval to Receive OPI Renewal Units for Summer Workshops and Conferences**

If you are planning to attend a professional development event, workshop, or conference this over the summer either in-state or out-of-state and they are not offering OPI Renewal Units, be sure to get OPI Renewal Units for these events.

The Educator Licensure division of the Office of Public Instruction will grant renewal units for certificate renewal when a Montana educator wishes to receive renewal units for attending an event not either delivered by an approved OPI provider or approved by OPI as a single event. To gain the renewal units, you must complete the [Educator's Application for Prior Approval of Professional Development Activities for Renewal Units](#) form.

The fillable PDF [Pre-Approval form](#) can be downloaded from the [Renewal Applications—Educators page](#) of the [Educator Licensure section](#) of the OPI website, [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov). The completed form and a copy of the documentation, brochure, or promotional materials about the event need to be mailed to the address indicated on the form and be received at least seven (7) days prior to the event's start.

After you download the form, complete the required educator information and information about the course, conference, workshop, event or seminar. To determine the number of number of renewal units requested, most event documentation states the number of contact hours, the number of credits granted (1 semester credit=15 hours/units and 1 quarter credit-10 hours/units); or the number of credit hours granted by another education-related agency. Remember, units are awarded in whole hours—1 hour=1 unit; 1.5 hours=1 unit; 1.75 hours=2 units.

When the event is completed, submit documentation of your participation (most likely a certificate of completion including the number of contact hours) and a copy of your approval letter from the OPI and OPI will send you an official certificate. The certificate should be filed with your renewal unit certificates and college transcripts to be used as evidence when you apply for renewal of your Educator License.

Please keep in mind, if you have applied to receive college credit for the event, you cannot request approval for renewal units.

Should you have questions about the preapproval process, you may call or contact the Educator Licensure office at 406.444.3150.

## **MCEE Announces A Special Event Featuring Former Microsoft CFO John Connors**

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) is excited to announce a special event featuring former Microsoft CFO John Connors entitled "Competition in a Global World".

This event will take place on Wednesday, July 17 in Bozeman at the Best Western at 12 pm. John Connors is a Miles City native and former CFO of Microsoft. John is currently a partner with Ignition Partners, Inc. (<http://www.ignitionpartners.com/>), a cloud computing firm.

Additional details an registration for the event can be found on the Montana Council on Economic Education website ([www.econedmontana.org](http://www.econedmontana.org)) or directly at [www.econedmontana.org/events/JohnConnors.html](http://www.econedmontana.org/events/JohnConnors.html). Teachers are welcome to attend at a 50% discounted price.

## **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](mailto:mcee@montana.edu) and visit the ECNS 594 website at [www.econedmontana.org/ecns594/ecns594\\_registration.html](http://www.econedmontana.org/ecns594/ecns594_registration.html) for details about this year's event.

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

fresh apples float because they contain 25% air

green tea has 50% more vitamin C than black tea

more people are allergic to cows milk than any other food

Antarctica is 98% ice and 2% barren rock

Finland has the largest number of islands in the world (over 179,550)

80% of all people hit by lightning are men

a nanosecond is one billionth of a second

brontology is the study of thunder

### **Notice Regarding Student Schedules for 2013 BPA NLC**

In preparation for next week's 2013 National Leadership Conference, student competitive event schedules have been posted within your chapter's conference registration system.

While working to resolve all student competitive event schedule conflicts, National Center staff found a glitch in the database; unfortunately, it was necessary to reschedule a number of events to correct the problem Tuesday night, April 30.

Please be sure to go to the national website and review your student schedules for changes.

Please review your students' schedules by completing the following steps:

1. log in to <https://www.registermychapter.com/bpamem>
2. select conference login
3. select national leadership conference
4. click on "view your schedules" on the bottom left of the screen

If you find a conflict between two competitive events or have any scheduling concerns or questions please email Dave Coffman at [dcoffman@bpa.org](mailto:dcoffman@bpa.org).

### **Get the 2013 National Leadership Conference Program & Text Alerts**

Countdown to the 2013 BPA National Leadership Conference in Orlando begins this week!

View our 2013 Conference Program & Seating Charts Online Today: [www.bpa.org/nlc](http://www.bpa.org/nlc)

Don't forget to sign up for live text alerts. Your chance to win free theme park tickets! Text: @nationall to 614-328-9396.

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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