

The Wednesday Reader

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Please note—with the 2014 New CTE Professionals Workshop and MBEA/Montana ACTE Institute next week, there will not be a Wednesday Reader for Wednesday, October 15.

Teaching Computer Coding, Computer Programming, & Robotics

Kerri Cobb with the Bozeman High School Business Education Department is working with CodeMontana to get free curriculum materials for teachers and needs some information. Kerri needs to know what schools in the state are teaching computer coding, computer programming, and/or robotics.

If you, or another teacher in your school district, are teaching computer coding, computer programming, and/or robotics please complete the following survey by Friday, October 31.

Survey link: <http://goo.gl/forms/FQ88eHgGcH>.

For questions or additional information, please contact Kerri at kerri.cobb@bsd7.org.

WBEA Professional Development Leadership Training for 2015

The Professional Development Leadership Training encompasses the Presidents-elect workshop, Membership Directors workshop, and leadership training. The Western Business Education Association encourages all Presidents-elect, Membership Directors, and those interested in leadership training to sign up for this workshop.

The workshop will be held on Friday morning of the 2015 Western Business Education Association Conference, May 22, 2015 from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Some of the topics the workshop will cover are

- Structure of Professional Organization Leadership
- Communications
- Meeting Management
- Other Leadership Responsibilities

Participants will receive valuable information that will be needed throughout the year.

More details can be found on the Western Business Education Association website at <http://wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html>.

CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant Now Available

CenturyLink Foundation has allocated \$20,000 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.

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 funds will be available May 2015 and must be spent during the 2015-2016 academic school year. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2016.

The complete CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant application is available on the Montana ACTE website at www.montanaacte.org. The deadline for applications is January 2, 2015.

The grant application process will be administered by a partnership of Montana ACTE and CenturyLink.

Math in CTE--Professional Development Opportunity

Register now to participate in the Strategies for Meeting Math Common Core State Standards in CTE Courses. Fulfill your CTE Professional Development and Math Improvement Plan requirements.

Description: Strategies for Meeting Math Common Core State Standards in CTE Courses. This class is based on the National Research Center for Career Technical Education (NRCCTE) philosophy of contextualized integration of math skills into existing classes, also known as Math-in-CTE. You do not change your class, just the way you teach it. The Math-in-CTE class focuses on a CTE teacher working with a math teacher to identify the math concepts in a CTE class. This process leads to the development of curriculum maps used to create math-enhanced lessons.

By the end of the class, you learn this process and create at least four lessons to use next semester. You also learn how the strategies of this class help you meet the math standards associated with the Montana Common Core State Standards. Dr. Parr, along with CTE/Math Teacher assistant teams, works with each team to complete classroom-ready lessons.

Who should attend: This conference requires a team consisting of a CTE teacher and a math teacher. The team works together to create the math-enhanced lesson plans. Bring one laptop per team to this class. If you are unable to bring a math teacher (or vice versa), institute teacher assistants will work with you.

Schedule: Twelve (12) hours at the Montana ACTE Fall Institute (Wednesday afternoon, October 15, Thursday afternoon, October 16, and Friday morning, October 17, 2014).

Optional Graduate Credit: Montana State University-Billings is offering one (1) graduate credit. The fee is \$199. You must register for the graduate credits directly through MSU-Billings at the Montana ACTE Fall Institute. A syllabus will be posted on the Montana ACTE website located here: <http://www.montanaacte.org>.

Conference Registration Link: <http://montanaacte.org/documents/registration.pdf>.

For more information or questions, contact Nicole Wanago, Institute Coordinator, by phone at 406.581.7285 or by email at nwanago@hotmail.com.

Apply Today for 2014 WBEA Educational Improvement Scholarship Application

The Western Business Education Association (WBEA) announces the annual WBEA Educational Improvement Scholarship for business and computer science educators. This Scholarship is provided to help offset tuition costs for educators who are pursuing an ADVANCED degree to support teaching in the area of Business Education. It is available for tuition and is offered and managed by the WBEA Executive Board through the

WBEA Professional Development Committee. Funding for the scholarship will be through donations from individuals, companies, and other sources.

The scholarship is for \$500 and to apply, applicants must

1. Be a current member of an S/T/P (State/Territory/Province Business Education Association and a member of NBEA/WBEA,
2. Be currently engaged as an instructor in business/computer education
3. Be currently accepted in a business/computer education degree (Proof of an unofficial transcript and/or grade sheet showing completion of at least one class) must be submitted with application),
4. Additional information submitted as stated on application.

For additional details and to complete the application, please visit the WBEA Scholarship page of the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/eos.html>.

The application deadline is December 1, 2014.

Dual Enrollment Webinar

High school principals, guidance counselors, and teachers who would like to know how to start or expand a successful dual enrollment program can participate in a live webinar on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

You will learn about:

- Montana's dual credit incentive program
- How to establish partnerships with local colleges
- Ways to ensure student success

There will also be time for you to ask questions of the presenters from OPI, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, and EdNorthwest.

Please click on the link to register for the webinar:

<https://educationnorthwest.webex.com/educationnorthwest/onstage/g.php?d=291787860&t=a>.

Fall 2014 CTE Data Collection Begins – Time to Find your 2014 Graduates

The Fall 2014 CTE Data Collection begins on October 1 and ends December 31, 2014.

The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators last year (2013-2014) and graduated in the spring of 2014 should be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and asked their current post-graduation status. After contact, the appropriate post-graduation status code must be entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system for each CTE Concentrator.

All high schools that received funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program in 2013-2014 are required to complete this fall follow up collection to maintain their eligibility to receive Perkins funding.

Instructions for completing the Fall CTE Data Collection—called the 'Quick Reference Guide' for the Fall CTE Data Collection—are located in two places on the OPI website: on the AIM web page listed in Reports and Data and also on the Secondary CTE web page under the 'Data Collections' tab.

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted last spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2014, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance indicators for your school.

Technical AIM questions regarding the Fall CTE Data Collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or email opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program data requirements should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email dfiedler@mt.gov.

For more information, contact [Diana Fiedler](#), 406.444.9019.

Study Abroad This Summer

Take advantage of a great opportunity. Two Montana educators and 20 Montana high school students will travel to Thailand in the summer of 2015 to compare and contrast food security, climate change, and culture between Southeast Asia and the US. No advance knowledge of these issues is required, though demonstrated interest is preferred.

The travel expenses for the trip are paid through the Mansfield Center.

The deadline to apply is November 2, 2014 for educators and, November 9, 2014 for students.

For information on how to apply, please visit

<http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/internationalprograms/aylpthailand/default.php>.

2014-2015 Grant Approval Reminder to High School Districts Who Apply For Perkins Funding

The CTE Division of the OPI is sending this reminder to all districts intending to submit a 2014-2015 Perkins grant application to please obtain final OPI approval of your initial Perkins application through the E-Grants system no later than **Friday, October 31, 2014**.

Only the initial/original application is subject to this deadline. Amendments to your approved Perkins application can occur after the October date. If you have questions regarding the status of your Perkins grant application, please contact one of the following CTE Division staff:

Brad King: phone: 406.444.4451; email: bking2@mt.gov

Renee Harris: phone: 406.994.6986; email: rharris3@mt.gov

Diana Fiedler: phone: 406.444.9019; email dfiedler@mt.gov

Recognize Montana's Safest Workplaces! WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award

The [WorkSafeMT](#) Governor's Safety Achievement Award recognizes Montana employers that are committed to safety in the workplace. Through their commitment to safety, these employers are not only creating a safe place

to work; they are reducing their workers' comp rate making them leaders in their industry.

The [WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Awards](#) recognize and celebrate Montana employers for safety excellence and leadership. These employers model workplace safety practices and procedures that help keep employees safe from workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths. They are role models for other Montana employers.

We encourage you to nominate a Montana employer for this award.

Basic eligibility requirements include:

- Better than (industry) average e-mod and/or evidence of total recordable incident rate below industry average for the last 3 years if employer does not have an e-mod.
- Demonstration of excellence in implementing the Montana Safety Culture Act (MSCA; <http://erd.dli.mt.gov/safety-health/montana-safety-culture-act/montana-safety-culture-act>).
- Electronic submission of a completed [WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award Nomination form](#); and narratives describing implementation of Montana Safety Culture Act and other application documentation/materials in PDF format.

Deadline for submitting nominations for the next round of awards is October 31, 2014.

The nomination [WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award Nomination form](#) can be download at <http://www.worksafemt.com/safety/safety-achievement-awards/>.

A selection committee will review all nomination forms and select the WorkSafeMT Governor's Safety Achievement Award recipient(s).

In order to be considered for the awards at the upcoming [SafetyFestMT](#) in Kalispell, Montana (January 12-15) applications must be received by the deadline of October 31, 2014.

Email application documents in PDF format to exdir@worksafemt.com.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Pinocchio is Italian for "pine eye"

The average life span of a major league baseball is 5-7 pitches

The Mint once considered producing doughnut-shaped coins

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable"

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds

The sloth (a mammal) moves so slowly that green algae can grow undisturbed on its fur

The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1

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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