

The Wednesday Reader
November 1, 2017

Remember this weekend marks the end of Daylight Saving Time and to fall back Saturday night.

5 PM TODAY is Deadline to Verify & Update TEAMS Data—Data Used for Perkins, CTE Funding, & Pathways Reporting

Schools are currently entering data into OPI's TEAMS System (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule). Data from TEAMS pertaining to Career and Technical Education courses, student enrollments, and teacher certification is used for Carl Perkins accountability reporting and factors that determine the State CTE (State VoEd) allocations. Additionally, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the data will be used to verify and approve Montana Career Pathways (formerly Big Sky Pathways).

Therefore, it is imperative that the information submitted is complete and accurate. Any high school district planning to apply for Carl Perkins and/or State CTE (State VoEd) funding for next year (2018-2019) should submit the additional data in TEAMS for all current CTE programs at their high school.

When reviewing the data for your courses within the TEAMS System, please verify the following information is correct—

--Name of teacher(s) for courses

--All current courses being taught for the 2017-2018 school year are listed and the correct course title is listed under for the District Course Title

--All courses listed are aligned to the correct Course Code & Title

--Number of students enrolled and breakdown of males and females

--Term Type for courses (Semester, Full Year, Quarter, etc.)

--Class Minutes (the minutes of instruction for each individual course per the term type)

--If an extended contract is identified along with the number of days of the contract

If you need a listing of the OPI Course Codes and Descriptions, a [Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education](#) can be downloaded from the Business Education page of the OPI website at opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education/Business-Education.

All data should be reviewed, verified, and corrected by November 1. After this date, TEAMS will close for new data entries.

If you have questions about your data in TEAMS or if you cannot get access to your data, please let me know.

WBEA 2018—Registration is Now Open

The 2018 [Western Business Education Association](#) (WBEA) Conference will be held February 15-19, 2018, in downtown Boise at the Grove Hotel. Plan to attend the [2018 WBEA Conference](#) and *Empower Your Why*.

Registration for the [2018 WBEA Conference](#) is now open with the early-bird rate of \$195 through November 30. After November 30, the rate increases to \$225. Registration can be completed online at www.wbea2018.info.

Lodging reservations can also be completed at this time at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/76224?groupID=1544481> or by contacting the Grove Hotel directly at 888.961.5000 and using either WBEA 2018 or Group ID 1544481. The rate at the Grove Hotel is \$125/night plus tax. Free shuttle service is available to and from the Boise Airport (BOI).

Make your reservations at the Grove Hotel before January 23, 2018 to be sure to get the conference rate. More details about the Grove Hotel can be found at grovehotelboise.com.

For a schedule of the [2018 WBEA Conference](#), please visit www.wbea2018.info/schedules and review the current listing of breakout sessions, www.wbea2018.info/session-presenters, and computer workshops, www.wbea2018.info/copy-of-session-descriptions. Also, be sure to check out the tour options, including a Hockey Night with the Idaho Steelheads, at www.wbea2018.info/idaho-steelheads.

Spring Time in the Rockies with ACTE Region V—Colorado Springs, April 2018

Region V is the [Association for Career and Technical Education](#)'s (ACTE) western region and the 2018 Region V Conference will be held just down the road in Colorado Springs.

The [2018 ACTE Region V Conference](#) will take place April 11-14 at the [Cheyenne Mountain Resort](#) in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Registration for the [2018 ACTE Region V Conference](#) is \$425 and includes most meals during the conference. Hotel rooms can be booked directly at the [Cheyenne Mountain Resort](#) for \$144 per night plus tax.

If you are interested in presenting, at the [2018 ACTE Region V Conference](#), a Speaker Proposal can be completed at https://docs.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6ARLfJHeG6h2Gtvdf17HTw3h3F5EEIAkulsJK5IKcgclmg/viewform?usp=sf_link.

For more information about Region V and the 2018 Region V Conference, visit www.acteonline.org/regionv.

Please note, the 2019 ACTE Region V Conference will be hosted by [Montana ACTE](#) and in Bozeman, April 2019.

Fall 2017 CTE Data Collection—Today is Deadline to Add/Change CTE Concentrators for 2017 Grads

The Fall 2017 CTE Data Collection begins on October 1 and ends December 31, 2017. The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection for Perkins grant reporting.

Students identified as CTE Concentrators last year (2016-2017) and graduated in the spring of 2017 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 2016-2017 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 AIM User Guides and also on the [CTE web page](#) under the *'Data Collections'* button.

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 1, 2017**, 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 Christy Hendricks, CTE/Perkins Data Control Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email chendricks@mt.gov.

NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing—Only 1 Week Left in the Contest!

This is the 6th year and we need your help.

For a number of years, the NCWIT (National Center for Women and Information Technology) has given national awards to high school girls. The **NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing** is for young women with aspirations and achievements in technology and computing.

This year will be the sixth year that there also will be a MONTANA contest for Montana girls. The time to submit applications is **September 1 through November 6** and the application is found at <http://www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school>.

There are many qualified high school girls that would apply if they just had a little push from a leader like you. Any interested female high school student would need to fill in the on-line application, and get a parent and a school official to approve it to be entered into both the national and Montana contests.

We have had winners from high schools in Absarokee, Anaconda, Arlee, Beaverhead County, Bozeman, Cascade, Cut Bank, Helena Capital, Helena High, Jefferson High, Libby, Missoula Big Sky, Missoula Hellgate, Missoula Sentinel, Noxon, Park County, Simms and Whitefish High School. We hope your school will be represented on the winners list this year. But girls have to apply.

We are looking forward to recognizing Montana's talent, and hope that you would encourage the young women that you know to apply. Sometimes all they need is a little encouragement and you are the person to provide that.

Visit www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school for more information.

Sign up for the Hour of Code—December 4-10

In six weeks, it will be time to kick off the largest learning event in history ... for the fifth time. December 4-10, during [Computer Science Education Week](#), tens of millions of students will gather all around the world to participate in the annual [Hour of Code](#). For many, it will be their first introduction to computer science, but for others, it has become an annual celebration of computer science and the movement to expand opportunity.

Plan for you and your students to join in and [sign up your classroom](#) today for the Hour of Code. And as you do, please go one step further - let us know how computer science is offered at your school, and join the thousands of teachers in pledging to expand access.

Visit hourofcode.com/us#join to sign up and join in the fun.

If computer science is not offered at your school, the Hour of Code is a great way to build excitement and support to start a new program.

Schools already offering computer science find the Hour of Code an ideal way to celebrate CS Education Week, raise awareness of their programs, recruit students into courses, and explore expansion. There are one-hour activities for both beginners and experienced coders. Consider reaching beyond your classroom this week. Host a school assembly, a parent's coding night, or an activity in your community.

Get started with the easy [how-to guide](#). You can even do an Hour of Code without computers or an internet connection.

12 Free Posters. As a special thank you, Code.org is giving one free set of 12 inspirational posters to teachers hosting an Hour of Code while supplies last (shipping not included). You'll receive a discount code to use in our [online store](#) after you sign up.

And, Code.org has upgraded their servers. As always, you do not need to create accounts or log in to participate in the Hour of Code. But, if you want to, [Code.org](#) and many other partners support classroom management throughout the Hour of Code. In the past, this has been disabled due to not being prepared for so many users. This year, they are prepared. Teachers can set up a classroom, assign a [Code.org](#) activity, and track student progress in their dashboard. You can also continue to use our other courses such as CS Fundamentals and save progress throughout the week.

Invite a technology professional to your classroom*

Check out the [Code.org volunteer database](#) and schedule a classroom visit! Code.org is excited to have university students, independent professionals, and volunteers from technology companies available to make the Hour of Code even more special.

Spread the word. Technology is changing every industry on the planet, and computer science has become relevant to a wide range of careers—even those outside technology and engineering. For millions of students, the Hour of Code will be an inspiring introduction to crucial 21st century skills. Help us reach even more people by forwarding this email to another teacher. Or forward it to a principal to get your whole school on board.

Montana Business Educator Named Teacher of the Year

Molly Barta, business educator and BPA chapter advisor at Billings Skyview High School, was named 2017 Teacher of the Year by the [Montana Association for Career and Technical Education](#).

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education held the 2017 Montana ACTE Fall Institute at Fairmont Hot Springs, October 19-20. During the Awards Luncheon Thursday afternoon, Montana ACTE honored last year's retirees and presented this year's awards program.

Molly competed against other teachers from Montana's career and technical education program areas and will now advance to represent Montana at the ACTE Region V conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in April 2018.

In addition to Molly being the Montana Business Education Association's nominee for Montana ACTE Teacher of the Year, Bozeman High School business educator Casey Donahue was also an award nominee for Montana ACTE New Teacher of the Year.

Congratulation to both Casey and Molly and thank you for your contributions to the classroom and the business education profession.

Montana Business Educators Awarded during the 2017 MBEA Business Meeting

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) held its annual business meeting Thursday, October 19 as part of the 2017 Montana ACTE Fall Institute at Fairmont Hot Springs.

MBEA Interim President Nicole Bogunovich, Billings West High School, recognized Montana Business Educators who retired at the end of the 2016-2017 school year—Laura Bakich, Absarokee; Cheryl Graham, Bainville; Angela Toner, Dutton-Brady; Tine Wheeler, Thompson Falls—and also presented MBEA awards to an outstanding professional and a supporting business/corporate sponsor.

The 2017 MBEA Outstanding Secondary Business Teacher of the Year award was presented to Terri Norman of (Helena) Capital High School. Terri has taught at both the junior high and high school levels for the Helena School District., advises the Capital High School BPA chapter, is a facilitator for Capital High School's Montana Behavioral Initiative Multi-Tiered System of Support, and is also heavily involved in the Special Olympics Montana and the Tri-County area where she serves as a regional coordinator and a mentor for the Tri-County Youth Activation Committee.

The 2017 Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by a Business/Corporate Sponsor was presented to GE Capital of Billings. GE Capital and the employees of the Billings office have donated curriculum materials to the business department of Billings West High School. The materials are used by Billings West business students as they complete a variety of projects and as part of the Introduction to Business dual credit course with MSU Billings.

Thank you MBEA retirees for your years of dedication, inspiration, leadership, and professionalism and congratulations to MBEA's truly-deserving award winners.

The 2018 Montana ACTE Fall Institute will be held in Billings, October 18-19, at the Red Lion Inn & Convention Center.

Officers Selected for 2018 for the Montana Business Education Association

Members of the [Montana Business Education Association \(MBEA\)](http://www.mbea.info) (www.mbea.info) elected a new slate of officers for 2018 during the 2017 MBEA Business Meeting. The 2017 MBEA Business Meeting was held in Bozeman on Thursday, October 19 during the Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

The 2018 MBEA officers include

- President: Nicole Bogunovich, Billings West
- President Elect: Calie Wineinger, Froid
- Vice President: Casey Donahue, Bozeman
- Secretary: Laurie Koeplin, St. Regis
- Treasurer: Terri Norman, Capital (Helena)
- Membership Director: Jeanette Barreto, Colstrip
- Past President: Brad Mehr, Bozeman

\$1000 529 College Savings Scholarship Opportunity

The EVERFI Scholarship Contest has begun! Take advantage of our Financial Literacy and Career Exploration resources, provided at **no cost** by generous national sponsors, and your students will have the opportunity to submit an entry into the contest.

Students who complete either [FutureSmart](#), a 6th-8th Financial Literacy course, or [Endeavor](#), a 6-9 STEM Career Exploration course, are eligible to win! All entries must be [submitted here](#) by **January 19, 2018**.

Reach out to Cari Turner, cturner@everfi.com, for more information about how to [register](#) and get students started!

Fun Facts and Trivia

Hippopotamuses are found in Africa.

The name hippopotamus means ‘river horse’ and is often shortened to hippo.

The hippopotamus is generally considered the third largest land mammal--after the White rhinoceros and elephant.

Hippopotamuses spend a large amount of time in water such as rivers, lakes and swamps

The ears and nostrils—located at the top of the head—close automatically when the animal is under water.

Hippopotamuses give birth in water, after a gestation of around 230 days.

The closest relations of the hippopotamus are surprisingly cetaceans such as whales and dolphins.

Although hippos might look a little chubby, they can easily outrun a human.

A male hippopotamus is called a bull, a female hippopotamus is a cow, and baby hippos are calves.

A group of hippos is known as a 'herd', 'pod', 'dale' or 'bloat'.

The hippo's yawn is not a sign of sleepiness or boredom but is actually a threat gesture, displaying long, thick, razor-sharp canine teeth, or tusks, with which it is capable of biting a small boat in half.

A hippo eats about 80 lbs. of grass each night and they also eat fruit they find during their nightly scavenging.

Hungry Hungry Hippos is a tabletop game made for 2–4 players, produced by Hasbro, under the brand of its subsidiary, Milton Bradley.

The idea for Hungry Hungry Hippos was published in 1967 by toy inventor Fred Kroll and it was introduced in 1978.

The game has been referenced in *The Simpsons* and *Toy Story 3*.

There were four hippos in the original version of t Hungry Hungry Hippos: Lizzie Hippo (purple), Henry Hippo (orange), Homer Hippo (green), and Harry Hippo (yellow). A later edition of the game replaces the purple hippo, Lizzie, with a pink one named Happy.

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"You don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right." ~Rev. Theodore Hesburgh