

The Wednesday Reader

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Educator's Day at Adobe MAX

Are you thinking about or planning to attend the [2018 Adobe MAX](#) conference? If so, check out [Adobe MAX Educator's Day](#). Adobe MAX Educator's Day will be held prior to the start of Adobe MAX on Sunday, October 14.

[Adobe MAX](#)—The Creativity Conference will be take place in Los Angeles, October 15-17, 2018. Adobe MAX participants will join over 12,000 like-minded creatives from around the world for a week of sessions, labs, speakers, events, inspiration and fun.

Adobe MAX Educator's Day is open to both educators not planning to attend Adobe MAX as well as educators already registered for the conference.

To register for Adobe MAX Educator's Day, please visit <https://adobe-max.com/nomination/ancillary.do?event=EducatorDay>.

Complete details regarding Adobe MAX can be found at max.adobe.com.

EVERFI Announces 2 New Courses—The Compassion Project and Honor Code

[EVERFI](#) (everfi.com) is pleased to announce two new courses just in time for the 2018-2018 school year—[The Compassion Project](#) and [Honor Code](#).

[The Compassion Project](#) is the first comprehensive, no-cost program designed to help educators facilitate lessons around fundamental Social Emotional Learning (SEL) skills. This 15-week curriculum combines engaging animated videos, classroom-based lessons, and digital activities into a toolkit that any educator can use. [The Compassion Project](#) is designed for students in grades 2-4 and contains 15 standalone lessons, each approximately 20 minutes.

Positive school climates are critically important for students to achieve their full academic and personal potential. But bullying can negatively impact students' sense of social, emotional and physical safety – key components of a positive school climate. [Honor Code](#) takes a practical approach to bullying prevention by empowering students to create change, whether they're engaging in bullying, on the receiving end of it, or witnessing it in their school. [Honor Code](#) helps them identify their unique talents, grow their resilience in the face of adversity, and build strong connections with others. The same skills students learn to discourage bullying today can also help them become the influential leaders of tomorrow.

[Honor Code](#) is recommended for use with students in grades 8-10 and includes six standalone lessons, taking approximately 10 minutes each.

As always, [all EVERFI resources](#) are available to Montana teachers **at no cost**.

Reach out to Sean Thomas at stthomas@everfi.com for more information.

2019 U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program Now Accepting Applications for March 2019 Event

The [2019 U.S. Senate Youth Program Scholarship](#) is sponsored by the [William Randolph Hearst Foundation](#) and administered by the Office of Public Instruction.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation believes it is in the public interest to encourage outstanding young people to continue their educational development. To this end, the foundation will make available to each of the 104 delegates selected to participate in the program a \$10,000 college scholarship award for undergraduate studies, subject to specific conditions and requirements.

The United States Senate Youth Program will be held in Washington, D.C., March 2-9, 2019. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation pays all expenses for the Washington Week, including transportation, hotel accommodations and meals. The military services will provide specially selected men and women officers to serve as escorts. Click [USSYP 2018 Yearbook](#) to experience the 2018 Washington, D.C., trip.

College Scholarship

--\$10,000 scholarship awarded to two Montana high school students.

How to Qualify

- Be a junior or senior in a Montana public, private, or charter high school; students need not be nominated to apply for the scholarship.
- Currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in student government offices at their Montana high school for the 2018-19 school year student body.
- Be a permanent resident of the United States.
- Be a Montana resident.

For more information on eligibility, download the [USSYP 2019 Brochure](#).

Montana Requirements

Interested students may download or print an Annual United States Senate Youth Program \$10,000 Scholarship Application at <http://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Application2.pdf>. The link to the application will be removed on September 28, 2018. The application must be completed in its entirety and returned by the deadline date of 11:29 p.m. on October 1, 2018.

The two successful delegates and two successful alternates will be notified by the Hearst Foundations in December.

NEW: The William Randolph Hearst Foundation now has a [blog for delegates](#) to share their experiences in Washington, D.C. Applicants can read what the 2018 USSYP delegates experienced. This is a great way to learn about Washington, D.C., Week.

For information about the Montana USSYP Scholarship, email Tobie Liedes, USSYP Coordinator, at tliedes2@mt.gov, or call 406.444.2417.

The 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop—Free Professional Development Specifically for those New to the CTE Classroom

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 17, in Billings, prior to the start of the 2018 Montana ACTE Institute.

After completing a redesign of the event, this year's New CTE Professionals Workshop focuses on early-career professionals—specifically Career & Technical Education professionals within the first five (5) years in a Montana Career & Technical Education classroom. Additionally, Montana CTE professionals who have participated in the past are invited to attend to enhance their classroom skills and knowledge of Career & Technical Education.

This **FREE** professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with five (5) years or less of experience, with information on a variety of roundtable and breakout sessions essential for success in the career and technical education classroom including

- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development organizations,
- Instructional strategies for the CTE classroom,
- Work-Based Learning
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career & Technical Student Organizations.

The workshop will be held at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center ([1223 Mallowney Lane](#)) from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm. The training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to six (6) OPI Renewal Units will be offered. Attendees are responsible for their own travel and substitutes.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Workshop, including a schedule of events, are currently posted on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website (<http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education>) under the [CTE Updates](#) heading and can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=laiBYFs7zxo%3d&portalid=182>

Registration for the 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop can be completed and submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3SQ6YVN>. The deadline to register is Monday, October 1.

Please note, registration for the 2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop does not also include the Montana ACTE Institute. Registration for the Montana ACTE Institute must be submitted separately. Montana ACTE Fall Institute registration details can be found at <http://montanaacte.org/prodevel.shtml>.

Plan to “Say Yes to CTE: Educating the Next Generation” at the Montana ACTE 2018 Fall Institute

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education, www.montanaacte.org, invites you to participate in this year’s [Fall Institute](#) to be held in Billings, October 18-19, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

The Montana ACTE’s 2018 Fall Institute is the premier professional development event for all of Montana’s Career & Technical Education professionals. This year’s Institute features a welcome from ACTE President Rebecca Cox, keynote from [Andrew McPeak](#) entitled “Connecting with Generation Z”, and both general and breakout sessions from [Youth Entrepreneurs](#).

Making a long-awaited return—the Montana Business Education Association Social will be held Thursday evening (7-9:30 pm) , October 18, at [Last Chance Pub & Cider Mill \(2203 Montana Avenue, Billings\)](#). MBEA President Nicole Bogunovich invites all Montana business & marketing educators attend for beverages, conversation, networking, and patio games with other business teachers across the state.

Early-Bird registration for the 2018 Fall Institute is \$135 if paid before October 1, 2018. All new members and retired teachers will receive a \$67.50 registration discount. Complete registration details, along with an Agenda-at-a-Glance can be found in the 2018 Registration Packet montanaacte.org/prodevel.shtml.

Rooms can be booked at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center for \$95+tax using the Montana ACTE group ID either online at www.billingshotel.com or by calling 800.427.4809. The room block ends Tuesday, September 18.

Nomination Being Accepted for Montana Business Education Association Awards

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) is accepting nominations for the 2018 awards program. MBEA awards will be presented during the MBEA Business Meeting to be held Thursday, October 18, during the 2018 Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

Nomination letter are currently being sought for the following MBEA awards:

1. Outstanding Montana Business Education Teacher
2. Outstanding Young Business Teacher of the Year
3. Corporate Sponsor

Letters of nomination can be submitted to MBEA President Nicole Bogunovich at bogunovichn@billingssschools.org. The deadline to submit nominations is October 1.

FinCamp Making a Return to Montana—October 19 & 20 in Billings

[NGPF FinCamp: Montana](#) is a two-day professional development opportunity sponsored by [Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) (www.ngpf.org) and the [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA).

FinCamps (Financial Camps) are a financial education professional development featuring collaboration with educators, content to grow your knowledge, curated resources for your class, and a customized approach to meet your needs.

[NGPF FinCamp: Montana](#) participants will be able to understand the resources available and where to find them on the NGPF’s website; build a teacher toolkit for current classroom challenges by collaborating with others; and work with other teachers to share ideas, receive feedback, and expand their network.

[NGPF FinCamp: Montana](#) will be held at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center and will begin following the conclusion of the 2018 Montana ACTE Fall Institute. You do not have to attend the Montana ACTE Fall Institute to participate in [NGPF FinCamp: Montana](#).

The FinCamp in Montana will consist of 2 sessions—Session 1 is Friday afternoon only (1:30-4:30 pm) and Session 2 will include Friday afternoon along with a Saturday morning session (8-11 am). For those interested in attending both sessions (Friday afternoon AND Saturday morning), your hotel accommodation will be covered.

In addition, OPI Renewal Unit will be available for those who attend either the Friday afternoon session only or the Friday afternoon & Saturday morning sessions.

Registration for [NGPF FinCamp: Montana](#) can be completed online at bit.ly/FinCampMontana.

Questions regarding [NGPF FinCamp: Montana](#) can be sent to MBEA President Nicole Bogunovich at bogunovichn@billingssschools.org.

To learn more about Next Gen Personal Finance, please visit www.ngpf.org.

Mark Your Calendars for 2018-2019 Business Education & CTE Professional Development Opportunities

Below is a listing, with links to more details, for Business Education- and Career & Technical Education-related professional development opportunities on the state, regional, and national levels for this school year.

[2018 New CTE Professionals Workshop](#): October 17; Billings Hotel & Convention Center

[Montana CTE 2018 Fall Institute](#): October 18-19; Billings Hotel & Convention Center

[Adobe MAX—The Creativity Conference](#): October 15-17; Los Angeles, CA

[Jump\\$tart National Educator Conference](#): November 3-5; Cleveland, OH

[ACTE CareerTech VISION 2018](#): November 28-December 1; San Antonio, TX

[Western Business Education Association 2019 Conference](#): February 14-18; Tucson, AZ

[Northwest Council for Computer Education](#): February 26-28-16; Seattle, WA

[ACTE Region V 2019 Conference](#): April 10-13; *Bozeman, MT*

[National Business Education Association 2019 Annual Convention](#): April 16-19; Chicago, IL

[2019 Computer Science Teachers Association \(CSTA\) Annual Conference](#): July 7-10, 2019; Phoenix, AZ

All of these professional development events are Perkins and State CTE/VoEd funding eligible.

Welcome Back to School from All the OPI Staff in the Career and Technical Education Division

Over the past few months, updates have been made to the Career & Technical Education page of the OPI website. The CTE web page is located on the home page under the **Educators** menu (opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education).

Helpful CALENDARS now on the CTE web page

As you get back into the swing of things, we thought you might like a little reminder of what is coming up for the school year. Although all CTE due dates and deadlines are already posted on the general OPI calendar, we thought this would be an additional help to you.

First, the [DUE DATES and DEADLINES Calendar](#) lists all due dates and deadlines relating to CTE accountability data and money-related concerns. Second, the [2018-2019 CTE Calendar of Events](#) lists additional dates and happenings related to Career and Technical Education such as student organization conference dates and teacher professional development.

You will find both calendars as well as the latest monthly updates from our CTE Division Specialists on the CTE web page under the 'CTE Updates' tab and located here: <http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education>.

As always, please feel free to contact us at 406.444.9019 if you have any questions or if we can be of service or help to you as we all serve the great students in our Montana schools.

Red Ants Pants Foundation Girls Leadership Program for Fall 2018

This October, the Red Ants Pants Foundation (redantspantsfoundation.org) will launch our inaugural girls leadership program. The purpose of this program is to inspire hope for our youth, develop pride in our rural communities, and foster strength and courage in our leadership. We believe this will result in increased girls leadership competency and confidence, cultivated specifically to create positive social change and positive community impacts.

Applicants must be entering their junior year of high school and be able to attend three retreats and three webinars throughout the year. Each participant will be asked to plan a community project in their respective communities and will be provided with a mentor who will offer developmental support and coaching throughout the program.

This program will be run by a highly experienced facilitation team of women from across Montana with a broad range of professional backgrounds. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Sarah Calhoun, Red Ants Pants Foundation Executive Director, at info@redantspantsfoundation.org.

There will be no costs incurred for any participants throughout this program with the exception of travel to and from retreats.

Girls Leadership Program Dates:

- Retreat 1: October 26-28, 2018; Double T River Ranch, Clyde Park, MT
- Webinar 1: December 4, 2018 (7:00 PM); Participants will share selected community project.
- Retreat 2: February 8-10, 2019; Double T River Ranch, Clyde Park, MT
- Webinar 2: March 12, 2019 (7:00 PM); Participants will update on community project.
- Retreat 3: April 26-28, 2019; Double T River Ranch, Clyde Park, MT
- Webinar 3: June 4, 2019 (7:00 PM); Participants presentation on community project.
- Red Ants Pants Music Festival: July 26-28, 2019: (optional but highly encouraged)

Application deadline: August 31, 2018. The applicant selection process will begin on September 1 and will continue accepting applications until all spots are filled.

Priority will be given to qualified applicants who submit their applications early.

Better Money Habits—A Free Financial Education Resource from Bank of America & Khan Academy

As you head back to school, have you thought about ways to engage students in learning about their financial futures? A free resource from Bank of America, BetterMoneyHabits.com, is designed for the way students learn today. It is easy-to-understand tools and resources help students and parents master core financial concepts, and take steps toward applying that know-how to their lives.

Whether brushing up on the fundamentals of saving and budgeting, or preparing for college, improving financial wellbeing takes the education and practice that is at the heart of BetterMoneyHabits.com.

Through Bank of America's partnership with Khan Academy, a leader in online learning, BetterMoneyHabits.com is a simple way to get real, practical knowledge about money. The free, accessible tools and information on the site build financial know-how so that people can make confident personal financial decisions.

BetterMoneyHabits.com covers topics people want to learn about—like credit, college savings, personal banking, understanding loans—using terms and examples they can understand. It connects this information to people's goals and situations—so it is easily accessible when and where people need it.

And it works: people who use Better Money Habits are showing signs that they are growing savings, growing checking balances and reducing debt. The financial world can be intimidating, that's why Better Money Habits lays out the facts so people can best decide what makes sense for them.

BetterMoneyHabits.com is free and available on mobile devices, tablets, and laptop computers.

A few places to start:

- Teaching smart saving and [spending habits](#).
- Planning for [college](#).

Teachers and parents can leverage these materials as the basis for a lesson or as a helpful supplement to enhance an existing learning experience.

At the end of last year, Bank of America began rolling out content in Spanish and the full site will be translated by the end of 2018. You can find the current Spanish resources on the site by clicking "[En Español](#)" at the top of the main page.

Bank of America is driven by a common purpose to make financial lives better. Consider using the resources on the Better Money Habits site to help plan for your upcoming school year. With information to teach students how to smartly manage their funds, it can be used effectively help students understand and plan for their financial futures.

2019 ACTE Region V Conference in Bozeman—Call for Presentations Now Open

The [Montana Association for Career & Technical Education](#) will be hosting the [2019 ACTE Region V Conference](#) in Bozeman, April 10-13, on your state association would like **YOU** to be involved.

Do you have a great and/or innovative idea, lesson, project, or talent you would like to share with Career & Technical Education professionals from the Western US? Submit a [Call for Presentations](#) today.

The 2019 Region V Conference Committee is now seeking presenters for breakout sessions on one or more of the following conference themes.

- Best Practices and Innovation in CTE
- Classroom Delivery
- Creating Partnerships: Secondary, Post-secondary, and Business
- Leadership and Advocacy
- Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeships

Breakouts will be scheduled for either Thursday, April 11 or Friday, April 12, and will be 50 minutes in length.

A link to the online Call for Presentations can be found on the ACTE Region V website at acteonline.org/region.

Submissions will be accepted thru January 15, 2019.

Questions regarding the Call for Presentations and/or the [2019 ACTE Region V Conference](#) can be sent to Mark Branger at mbranger@huntley.k12.mt.us.

Advance Registration for ACTE's 2018 VISION in San Antonio is Available thru October 26

The premier event for CTE professionals to connect and collaborate, the Association for Career & Technical Education's [ACTE CareerTech VISION 2018](#) features high-quality CTE programs, strategies for successful collaboration and innovation in the classroom.

This November 28-December 1, thousands of educators, business leaders and industry representatives will gather in San Antonio, Texas, to learn and inspire.

If interested in attending, the [Advance Registration](#) rate is currently available at \$445 and ends on October 26; after which, registration will be \$525.

[Hotel reservations](#) can also be made for [CareerTech VISION 2018](#) at many of the hotels along San Antonio's River Walk and near the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

Also, check out the CareerTech VISION 2018's [Travel page](#) for Delta and United discount codes for airfare.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Brussels was established as a city in the 13th century.

Brussels sprouts have been grown in Belgium for over 700 years.

The Brussels' International Airport is the world's largest chocolate selling point

Brussels is also the world's largest diamond trading center.

Europe's oldest shopping arcades, the "Galeries St Hubert", was opened in 1847 in Brussels.

Brussels has 138 restaurants per square mile.

The world's deepest swimming pool, reaching 35 meters (almost 115 feet) in depth, can be found in Brussels and is a practice ground for scuba divers.

Many walls on houses in Brussels are covered with comic book references—so look up when you walk the city.

The world's first French fry museum, The Frietmuseum opened in 2008 just outside of Brussels in the city of Bruges.

Belgian lore that states that they, in fact, invented frites, which became known as the French fry during World War I.

Belgian troops introduced U.S. soldiers to the snack, and the Americans assumed the French-speaking Belgians were French.

Since the end of the Second World War, Brussels has been the political capital of Europe—the city is home to EU institutions, North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters, international organizations, politicians, diplomats and civil servants. It is also the capital of European Union and Belgium.

Standing at 26,000 square meters, the justice palace in Brussels is the largest court in the world.

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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