

THE WEDNESDAY READER **November 16, 2022**

Please note, with the Thanksgiving holiday next week, there will not be a Wednesday Reader Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Additionally, I will be out of the office beginning Friday afternoon, February 18, returning Monday, February 28. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels if hitting the road or the friendly skies.

December 1 is Deadline to Submit to Present at WBEA 2023—Share a Lesson, Unit, or Project

Do you have a favorite lesson, unit, or project you would like to share with colleagues? Be a part of the [Western Business Education Association 2023 Conference](#) by submitting a [Call for Presentations](#) today; Calls for Presentations are due in two weeks, December 1.

The WBEA 2023 Conference will be held in Helena at the [Best Western Plus Great Northern](#), February 16-20, 2023. There are 25 opportunities available in the conference schedule to present and breakouts will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19.

Both [early-bird registration](#) and [hotel reservations](#) can be completed thru January 15, 2023. The early-bird MBEA/NBEA member rate is \$250 and includes three meal functions—Friday’s Vendor Reception, Saturday’s Luncheon, and the Awards Banquet and Closing Session on Sunday. Rooms can be booked at the Great Northern at the conference rate of \$140. The rate includes breakfast each day, parking, and Wi-Fi.

Please visit the [WBEA 2023 Conference](#) website for more details, including a schedule at-a-glance for planning purposes, a complete conference schedule, and information regarding vendors and sponsorships.

Register Now for NGPF’s Last Certification Course of 2022, Cohort 29

With the end of the year fast approaching, it’s the perfect time to flex your content expertise by taking a [Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) certification course.

Offered in a compact three-week cohort with two-hour classes scheduled twice per week, Cohort 29 empowers you to build your confidence and deep content mastery in a personal finance topic before heading into 2023.

Cohort 29 will run from November 28 to December 15 with an exam window from December 16-23.

Courses being offered—

- [Consumer Skills](#): Mondays and Wednesdays, 3-5 pm (MST)
- [Behavioral Economics](#): Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-7 pm (MST)
- [Cryptocurrency Basics](#): Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-5 pm (MST)

[Register today](#). Certification Courses are NGPF’s most in-depth professional development format. Each course combines nine hours of live virtual sessions focused on a core personal finance content area with a one-hour assessment exam.

These courses are 100% FREE. Work with your school/district to receive OPI Renewal Units for your participation.

In addition to earning [NGPF Academy credit](#) (and swag!), you can also achieve recognition as a [NGPF Distinguished Educator](#) when you complete six or more certifications.

Nominations Due Today for the 2022 Payback Challenge

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) is excited to announce the [2022 Payback Challenge](#) with \$70,000 of scholarship funding for high school students.

The [Payback Challenge](#) is NGPF's annual scholarship contest that gives students a chance to win a \$2500 Grand Prize for their educational pursuits while developing an understanding of what college life will be like. More than \$70,000 in scholarships is available.

The challenge is based on NGPF's Arcade Game, Payback, which allows students to simulate financial decisions to get to and through college. Afterward, they respond to the question: What did you learn from the game that you'll be able to apply to your future experiences?

How to Enter

1. Have your students play Payback in class or at home
2. Students write a 250-word essay OR create a 90-second video
3. Collect your students' responses and nominate ONE student entry for the Payback Challenge Scholarship.

Submissions are open now. Nominations are due November 16.

Student can win over \$70,000 in scholarships. Scholarship winners will be announced in December 2022.

The following prizes will be awarded:

- National Grand Prize: 2 winners at \$2,500 each. All entries are eligible.
- Honorable Mention: 45 winners at \$1,000 each. Remaining entries are eligible.
- Fee Grant Districts: 22 winners at \$1,000 each (2 per district). Students from Financial Empowerment & Equity (FEE) Grant districts are eligible

[View the Payback Challenge rules and regulations.](#)

Mark Your Calendars for the CodeLab LIVE for Montana from Tynker

Like last year's NASA events, Tynker broadcasts LIVE Webcasts called CodeLab, a live learning show for students, hosted by Tynker Teachers, which includes a LIVE walk-through of the Coding Game/Activity during CSEdWeek.

The [CodeLab LIVE for Montana](#) is Wednesday, December 7 at 11 am (MST). Registration can be completed [here](#). The virtual session will be recorded for viewing later. If you are not able to make the 11 am live session, please register so you can have access to the recording.

New to Hour of Code 2022—NASA, Beyoncé, Maps, and More

[Code.org](#) hopes you are as excited as they are about Hour of Code 2022 during CSEdWeek, December 5-11 They have big plans, including a partnership with NASA, new activities, and new artists participating in Dance Party. As you make your plans, do not forget to register your Hour of Code event at [hourofcode.com](#).

What's new at Code.org? This year, they are adding two new themes to the [Hello World](#) activity to embody the spirit of "Explore, play, create:" Soccer and space. Create a winning scene straight out of

the World Cup or code something out-of-this-world using images from the Webb Space Telescope, courtesy of the partnership with NASA. You can even make a mashup: soccer in space, anyone?

[Code.org](#) is also updating the popular [Dance Party](#) activity with some awesome songs from iconic artists like Beyoncé, Harry Styles, Lizzo, and more.

Even more can't-miss activities...

[NASA's Space Jam](#): Create a solar system that really rocks. Program planets to make music, creating your own musical solar system, complete with spacey melodies. Appropriate for grades 2 and up.

[3D Space Invaders](#): Code the classic Space Invaders game in 3D while learning about the basics of game development, including fundamental programming concepts like loops, conditionals, and keyboard events. Appropriate for grades 2 and up.

[Minecraft Escape Estate](#): Solve puzzles to escape from Dr. Breakowski's mysterious mansion in the new Minecraft Hour of Code: Escape Estate. Use coding and computational thinking to unlock secrets, open trap doors, and reveal hidden clues! Appropriate for grades 2 and up.

[Maps](#): In this universe, different maps are the backdrop for fun challenges with vehicles that obey your programs. To win, you will have to interpret each map and program not only the movements, but adapt to the unexpected. Appropriate for grades 9 and up.

[Check out the Code.org blog](#) for featured unplugged activities, lesson plans, virtual field trips, and more!

Have you entered to win \$10K? Do not forget about the biggest news of all: Your school could win \$10,000 to expand computer science. Enter to win by telling your school's plan to add a new computer science course at [code.org/prize](#). Two schools in each U.S. state, plus the District of Columbia, will win \$10,000. That's more than \$1 million in awards at stake. Do not miss out.

Prepare for CS Ed Week with CodeHS

Computer Science Education Week is December 5-11, 2022. To celebrate, [CodeHS](#) will be running live Hour of Code workshops for students around the country. [Register](#) your class today to join CodeHS.

Workshops topics include

- Generating Art with Code
- Coding in Music
- Design a Drawing App with Scratch
- Creating Virtual Worlds
- Turtle Graphics with Tracy the Turtle
- Program a Story in Scratch Jr

If you cannot attend a live workshop, watch pre-recorded workshops [here](#).

CodeHS is also offering webinars on how to run an Hour of Code. Join a 45-minute webinar to learn about the free hour-long tutorials on CodeHS, how to pick the right tutorial for your students, and tips on hosting a successful workshop.

Dates:

- [Tuesday, November 29 at 3:30 pm \(MST\)](#)
- [Wednesday, November 30 at 1:30 pm \(MST\) for elementary school teachers](#)
- [Thursday, December 1 at 1:30 pm \(MST\)](#)

CodeHS offer over 20 free hour-long [Hour of Code tutorials and lesson plans](#) at codehs.com/hoc including Coding for Art, Building Mobile Apps, and much more.

Tynker is Offering a CodeLab LIVE for Montana Educators

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NBEA 2023 Annual Convention & Trade Show Registration Now Open—Attend Live or Online

The [National Business Education Association](#) (NBEA) is again offering the [2023 Annual Convention and Trade Show](#) as hybrid event, April 3-6, 2023.

The [NBEA 2023 Annual Convention](#) will be held in Kansas City Missouri, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown as well as online via Zoom. There will be a streamlined convention schedule with an abundance of concurrent sessions that guarantee something for everyone, keynote speakers to spark your passion and drive, and new networking opportunities.

Registration is now open for both the participation options. The early bird NBEA member registration rate for the in-person option is \$399 and \$249 for virtual. Early bird registration rates end February 20, 2023.

Montana Harvest of the Month Showcase: Park County

Registration is currently open for the [Montana Harvest of the Month Showcase: Park County](#). Anyone interested in farm to cafeteria is invited to attend the Harvest of the Month Showcase. This includes school staff, CACFP providers, farmers, ranchers, food businesses, organizations, and community members.

[Montana Harvest of the Month Showcase: Park County](#) will take place Friday, December 2 from 10 am-3:30p pm at Gardiner Public Schools (510 Stone Street, Gardiner). [Registration](#) is \$15 for individuals and \$50 for a group.

The event will highlight Park County's farm to school activities, provide training on Harvest of the Month taste tests, activities, recipes, promotion, team-building strategies, and offer opportunities for networking. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of Montana Harvest of the Month and how they can use it to further their farm to cafeteria program. Lunch and snacks made with local foods will be provided.

Tis the Season to Check and Verify TEAMS Data

The Office of Public Instruction's [Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule](#) (TEAMS) system closed for data entry on Tuesday, November 1. Data reported in TEAMS includes all courses being taught for the 2022-2023 school year, number students enrolled, and the length of extended contracts, if offered.

For Career & Technical Education programs, TEAMS data is used to determine State CTE/VoEd funding allocations, for Perkins Grant data reporting, and Montana Career Pathways. Therefore, it is imperative the CTE data schools report is complete and correct.

Now is the time to check the data in TEAMS to be sure all your courses are listed, are aligned to the correct course code, and the correct student enrollment is listed. Any and all updates must be completed by December 1. Updates to TEAMS data can be submitted to Accreditation Data Specialist Ellery Bresler at ellery.bresler@mt.gov.

Should you need a copy, the complete listing of [Montana OPI TEAMS K-12 Course Codes](#) can be downloaded from the [Montana Business Education 22-23](#) shared Google folder at bit.ly/MTBusEd22-23.

If you are not able to view your TEAMS data and if the school will not share a copy of your data with you, please send me an email and I can send you a screen shot of your course data in TEAMS. For larger programs, I can send the course data in an Excel spreadsheet.

Montana State CTE/VoEd Funding Allocations for 2022-2023 Now Posted

The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocations for the 2022-2023 school year are posted; the funds were released to schools on November 1. The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocations are generated based on the data entered in TEAMS (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule) for the prior 2022-2023 school year.

The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocations include funds for student enrollment within CTE program area courses and funds for having an active Career & Technical Student Organization CTSO.

The CTE tab in TEAMS was made available last March and districts were asked to complete a few additional items on the tab and review the details carefully to make sure the data was accurate.

The [2023 Final VoEd Payment Detail by Legal Entity](#) report can be found on the [CTE page](#) of the [OPI website](#) under the Funding menu.

The direct link to a PDF of the final allocations can be found at https://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=VND8xj_rtCA%3d&portalid=182.

Updated Work-Based Learning Manual Available

The Career, Technical & Adult Education unit of the Office of Public Instruction has updated and posted the [Work-Based Learning Manual](#) on the [CTE page](#) of the OPI website.

This manual was developed to serve as a guide for meeting the Montana vision for work-based learning, but also as a resource for secondary staff initiating, coordinating or improving work-based learning. This includes instructors, administrators, counselors, coordinators, and support personnel.

This manual can also be helpful to employers and others in the community who are interested in increasing their understanding of work-based learning.

There are four objectives addressed in this guidance document:

- To define work-based learning and its benefits to a student's personalized career plan
- To be a detailed reference for districts developing work-based learning programs
- to be a comprehensive resource for individuals already involved in providing work-based learning programs
- Provide districts with an understanding of the state legislature's request for formula funding to include work-based learning and industry recognized credentials

Intuit's new Mint Simulation has Arrived

Give your students an interactive way to build financial literacy and confidence for their future. Check out [Mint](#) today.

New school year, new features--

Simplified teacher guide: Getting started is easier than ever with a simplified 'Getting Started' teacher guide. [Download the teacher guide.](#)

Embedded activities: Teacher guided activities are embedded directly within the student experience to prevent students from getting lost while exploring the tool. [Explore new activities.](#)

Integrated quizzes: Each learning module includes an integrated quiz with answers provided and embedded directly within the simulation, guiding students to the correct answer when needed. [View the new simulation.](#)

Have questions? Find answers to your questions about getting started with Intuit's new Mint simulation. [Contact Intuit.](#)

The Prospects 2023 is Now Open—A High School & Middle School Business Plan & Pitch Competition

The [Montana Chamber Foundation](#) is excited to again be hosting this [competition](#) and cannot wait to see what ideas are submitted. There are thousands of dollars in cash, scholarships, and experiences available. Last year there was over \$75,000 in cash and prizes awarded. This is a great opportunity to get your students' ideas exposed to business leaders in Montana.

[Tiana Yates](#) (tiana@montanachamber.com), the Montana Chamber Empowered Coordinator, will be your main contact for this year's competition. You do not have to be teaching [Empowered](#) to participate in the contest.

[The Prospects](#) includes both a high school and a middle school division. The Fall competition is open now with first submissions due January 6, 2023. Spring, or final submissions, are due March 10, 2023. The Awards Show will be held virtually, April 20.

Key Dates for The Prospects 2023

- January 6: First Submission Date
- January 12: Advancements Announced
- March 10: Final Submission Date
- March 24: Final Advancements Announced
- April 20: Virtual Awards Show
- May 21-23: In-person competition in Bozeman for the Grand Champion prize

After the first submission date (January 6), the current entries will be reviewed and then those to be judged for prizes will be announced. After the final submission date (March 10), any new submissions will be reviewed and the submissions out of that group that will be moving on to be judged for prizes will be announced. Judges will have four (4) weeks to review all the advanced submissions and winners from those will be announced on the virtual awards show, April 20.

The submissions that place in the top 5 for new and existing businesses (10 submissions total) will be invited to Bozeman to compete for the Grand Champion prize. They will have in person mentorship opportunities, get a tour of the college, explore Bozeman, and compete Shark Tank style with their submission.

Eligibility: Any of Montana's high school and middle school students are encouraged to submit their innovative ideas and solutions or enter their existing businesses.

Submissions: Pitch Video (2 minutes or less), Business Summary (1,000 words max.), a Waiver Form signed by an Educator and/or Parent or Guardian, and a completed W-9 Form.

Complete contest and submission details can be found on [The Prospects page](#) of the Montana Chamber Foundation website.

For questions, please contact Tiana Yates at tiana@montanachamber.com.

Looking for Career Development Month Resources?

November is Career Development month. All teachers have free access to EVERFI's online career exploration, college planning, and soft skill development lessons. [Check them out](#) then [quickly create your account](#).

Extend student learning by using the Elementary, Middle School, and High School Planning Calendars and Day-in-the-Life videos found in the [Resource Hub](#).

Questions? Reach out to your local Implementation Specialist Sean at sthomas@everfi.com.

Early-Bird Registration for Stukent's ProfCon 2023 Now Available

[Stukent](#) will be holding its [Marketing ProfCon 2023](#) in Idaho Falls, Idaho, June 14-16, 2023. Early-bird registration is now open through November 25 with a registration rate of \$297.

After November 25, the rate will increase to \$397 thru January 5, then increase to \$447 thru April 10. After April 10, 2023, the rate will increase to the full rate of \$497.

The [Marketing ProfCon 2023](#) will be held at the Shilo Inn Idaho Falls. Each year, ProfCon brings you the latest trends, strategies, and best practices in the marketing industry.

[Stukent](#) provides cutting-edge simulations and courseware to help educators help students help the world. Visit their [website](#) to see all courses and simulations available for use in your classroom.

\$1 Million to Schools to Help More Students Access Computer Science

As part of the 10th Hour of Code, Code.org is awarding \$10,000 to one high school and one middle school in all fifty states + D.C. to assist districts with establishing a computer science pathway.

To be eligible a school must commit to:

- Establish a *new* computer science course using [Code.org](https://code.org).
- Describe how you plan to continue expanding access to CS in your school and/or district.
- Provide a short statement of support from district leadership for expanding CS opportunities.
- Organize a school-wide [Hour of Code](https://code.org/hour-of-code) or other event/assembly for [CSEdWeek](https://code.org/csedweek).

In addition to the \$10,000 award, the implementing teacher in each winning school will receive a no-cost scholarship to attend Code.org's Professional Learning Program.

You can find all the details at code.org/prize.

Applications for 2022-2023 Perkins Rural Reserve Grants Due December 1

Applications for the [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve Grant](https://code.org/montana-perkins) can be submitted for the 2022-2023 grant cycle. The purpose of this year's [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve](https://code.org/montana-perkins) grant is to create career awareness, recruit, and retain students within a CTE Secondary Program of Study that leads to a high skill, high wage, or in-demand occupations.

There are currently 176 schools offering over 260 Career and Technical Education courses to students in grades 5-8 in our Montana schools. The most offered course is in career exploration. Since Montana does not receive enough funding to allow us to provide Perkins funding for middle school programs this year's Rural Reserve Grant will be to encourage pathway work for the middle grades.

Schools could use the funds to help:

- establish innovative delivery methods for career exploration
- expose students to employability skills earlier
- establish foundational elements for work-based learning
- improve transitions from middle grades into secondary Career and Technical Education pathways.

[Grants](#) of up to \$5,000 each will be available to secondary Perkins eligible school districts to support CTE work in the middle grades (5-8). Schools will have had to complete the Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), and their E-Grant application must be approved for the 2022-2023 Grant cycle before applying.

Schools that were awarded in previous years are eligible to apply, however, preference will be given to new applicants. The 2022-2023 application can be downloaded from the [CTE page](#) of the OPI website under the Funding menu.

Fun Facts & Trivia

In the late 1860s on a ranch in Texas, a big, mongrel yellow dog befriends the Coates family, and in particular the two boys, Travis and Arliss.

The dog, Old Yeller, proves his loyalty by saving Arliss from a huge bear, Travis from wild pigs, and Mrs. Coates from a wolf infected with hydrophobia.

Old Yeller was a Christmas day release on December 25, 1957.

Old Yeller is based on the well-known book by Fred Gipson.

The film grossed over \$8 million in its initial release and has proved a perennial Disney favorite.

The movie stars Dorothy McGuire (Katie Coates), Fess Parker (Jim Coates), Tommy Kirk (Travis), Kevin Corcoran (Arliiss).

Fess Parker also played Davey Crockett in Disney movies *Davey Crockett*, *King of the Wild Frontier* (1955) and *Davey Crockett and the River Pirates* (1956).

Both Tommy Kirk and Kevin Corcoran would go on to star in Disney movies *The Shaggy Dog* (1959) and *The Swiss Family Robinson* (1960).

The dog who played Old Yeller was named Spike.

In the movie a real golden Lab was used, but in the book the dog was described as a black-mouthed cur, which is similar but less bulky.

The 'wolf' was actually a German shepherd made up to look like a wolf and both dogs were taught how to play-fight.

During these bouts, both dogs were muzzled to avoid any accidental damage.

It was common for Disney to recycle sounds to cut down on costs, so you can hear the same growling sounds made by Old Yeller in *Lady and the Tramp*.

While set in Texas, the movie was filmed in California with the trick being finding areas that looked similar to what might be found in Texas.

Two educational films were made from the film, *Love and Duty: Which Comes First?* (1975) and an episode in the *Films as Literature* series.

A program on the Disneyland television series, *The Best Doggoned Dog in the World*, aired shortly before the film's release to promote the film.

Old Yeller was also featured in an episode of *Friends* when Phoebe's world view is shattered when she learns how *Old Yeller* really ends.

The episode, "The One Where Old Yeller Dies," aired April 4, 1996, as episode 20 of season 2.

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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"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