

**This Sunday, January 15 is Deadline for WBEA Early Bird Registration & Hotel Reservations**

This coming Sunday, January 15, is the deadline to [register for the conference](#) at the early bird rate of \$250 and to [reserve rooms](#) at the Great Northern Hotel at the conference rate of \$140, plus taxes, and includes daily breakfast.

The Western Business Education Association's [2023 Conference](#) will be February 16-19, 2023, in Helena at the [Best Western Premier Helena Great Northern Hotel](#).

The conference registration includes the Exhibitors' Networking Reception on Friday evening, the Saturday Luncheon, and the Awards Banquet and Closing Session on Sunday evening. Other conference activities include the WBEA Silent Auction, the Great WBEA Pineapple Pull, and Saturday's Dining Up the Gulch.

There will over 20 breakout sessions available focusing on a variety of topics and technologies, including accounting, classroom activities and management, computer programming, cybersecurity, drones, economics and financial literacy, entrepreneurship, eSports, leadership, and many, many more.

Please visit the [WBEA 2023 Conference](#) website for more details and to register and book hotel rooms.

**Make the Move from Holiday Season to Tax Season with Intuit with FREE Financial Tools**

Get ready for the new semester with free financial literacy tools and curriculum for your classroom from Intuit.

**Personal Finance Resources**

Teaching Taxes: Intuit and EVERFI are helping students develop healthy financial habits by building confidence around handling their taxes with the new TurboTax simulation. [Explore tax modules](#).

Interactive Budgeting Course: Intuit's new Mint simulation is a guided, interactive budgeting tool introducing students to real-world financial scenarios with embedded quizzes and activities. [Check out the simulation](#).

Financial literacy basics: Use these 7 online modules to provide students with basic personal finance knowledge, including topics like budgeting, retirement planning, credit scores, and more. [Dive into the curriculum](#).

**Entrepreneurship Tools**

Design Thinking & Innovation: Intuit's Design for Delight course provides students with the tools to innovate and think creatively about customer-focused products and solutions. [Teach design thinking](#).

Small Business Accounting: Prepare your aspiring student entrepreneurs for business ownership with valuable accounting skills and experience using a powerful, real-world tool. [Sign up for QuickBooks](#).

**Upcoming Programs**

Intuit is always working to support teachers and students through interactive programming, training, and workshops.

Spring Social Innovation Challenge: Get ready for the Spring Social Innovation Challenge, beginning in March. Students will learn durable skills, build innovative solutions, and win prizes. [Registration opens January 17](#).

Financial Literacy Workshops: Intuit is working with students and teachers across the country, building financial literacy through interactive workshops for your classroom. [Learn more about workshops.](#)

Play Kahoots!: Engage your students with Intuit's fun financial literacy Kahoots! Students will learn about real-world financial events, personal finance best practices, and much more. [Play now.](#)

### **[NBEA to Pay Contributors Up To \\$200/Lesson Plan for New Lesson Vault](#)**

The new [National Business Education Association](#) (NBEA) strategic plan passed by the Board of Directors last November calls for developing a unique lesson plan archive that allows teachers to access relevant, standards-based lesson plans for flexible implementation in the classroom or online environment. NBEA has completed the specifications for proposed lesson plans and is now calling on teachers interested in providing lesson plans to find out more.

NBEA will pay authors up to \$200 per lesson plan submitted. The lesson plans in this new "[Lesson Plan Vault](#)" are designed with a teacher's edition, including teaching tips, objectives, assessments, answer keys, and to be taught in 50 minutes, an easy printable lesson for the learner.

Lesson plans are subject to approval via a blind review by a task force that will evaluate each lesson against the criteria for each lesson plan. NBEA seeks to have over one hundred lesson plans in the vault by the start of the 2023 school year. NBEA Executive Director Joe McClary said, "this is a great opportunity for us to pay our members what they are worth and build something that could serve the whole community. Our members have asked for this for years, and I'm happy our Board has provided the leadership to make it a priority." Those interested should register their interest with [jmccclary@nbea.org](mailto:jmccclary@nbea.org) before February 1, 2023.

Get more details about the Lesson Plan Vault on the [NBEA website](#).

### **[Applications Now Open in Montana for the Code.org Professional Learning Program](#)**

Applications are now open for Code.org's [Professional Learning Program](#) for middle and high school educators. If you are interested in teaching computer science for the 2023-2024 academic year, this is your time to explore the computer science curriculum and collaborate with educators of all experience levels to develop lesson plans and teaching strategies.

What is the Professional Learning Program? Hosted by highly trained facilitators, our professional development workshops will prepare you to confidently bring CS to your students as well as connect with an online and in-person community of peers. Most workshops have scholarship funding available.

[Elementary teachers](#) can sign-up for a one-day workshop near you. Applications are not required for Computer Science Fundamentals workshops and take place throughout the country, year-round.

[Middle and High School teachers](#) will begin with a five-day workshop on Computer Science Discoveries (CSD), Computer Science Principles (CSP), and/or Computer Science A (CSA) in the summer, with academic year workshops thereafter.

--Option 1: Virtual, July 24-28, 2023

--Option 2: University of Idaho–Coeur d'Alene Harbor Center, July 31-August 4, 2023

--Option 3: Raisbeck Aviation High School, Tukwila, Washington, August 7-11, 2023

The cost of CSD, CSP, or CSA is \$1,500/person. This covers the tuition of both the summer and academic year workshops (nine total days of training). Any travel, lodging, or food costs for in-person

trainings are separate. Scholarship opportunities are available to cover the costs of Code.org training tuition for qualified applicants.

If you have any questions, please contact [Code.org](https://code.org).

### **January Activity from Start Here, Go Places.®—The Adviser: Sweater Weather**

[The Adviser](#) is a monthly activity where students take on the role of an accounting adviser. Each month, students will accept a challenge from a local business that needs accounting help. Through a variety of individual and team exercises, your students will learn and incorporate both technical accounting concepts and soft skills needed to be successful.

This month, students will tackle the concepts of supply and demand through a fun, engaging activity. [SubZero](#), a popular local clothing store, needs help with pricing their new line of holiday sweaters. It is up to students to help design a sweater concept, run market research with their classmates, and suggest a selling price for SubZero to receive the highest monetary profit.

The [downloadable activity](#) includes a student worksheet and a teacher answer key can be downloaded from the Start Here, Go Places.® [website](#).

### **Center for Economics Education Offering Free Personal Finance Workshops for High School Girls**

The Montana Council for Economics Education is excited to announce a new opportunity from the national Center for Economics Education—[Invest in Girls](#).

[Invest in Girls](#) is a FREE online program tailored to teen girls so they can learn about money matters in a supportive environment.

This winter, Invest in Girls is inviting your high school students to learn about personal finance through three offerings--

- Master the basics of personal finance,
- Learn how to invest money, and
- Discover careers in finance.

As a bonus, after students complete a course, they will unlock access to summer fellowships, mentorships, and more.

All programs listed are online and free to attend. The winter term starts January 23, 2023.

To learn more about the upcoming offerings and to sign up, click [here](#).

For questions, please reach out to Cristina Medina at [cmedina@investgirls.org](mailto:cmedina@investgirls.org).

### **Register for NGPF's First Virtual Conference of 2023—January 21**

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) announces its first virtual event of 2023—[Tools for Teaching Excellence Conference](#)—on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

The [Tools for Teaching Excellence Conference](#) will be held from 8 am-3:30 pm (MST) with everyone who attends at least two hours of conference programming qualifying to win \$1000 in prizes at the end of the conference during the Raffle and Wrap-Up session.

[Register today](#) for the virtual conference.

### **ISTE is Heading to Philly for ITSELive 23**

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) will be holding the 2023 national conference, [ISTELive 23](#), in Philadelphia, PA, June 25-28, 2023. Registration for ISTE Live 23 opens January 10, 2023. Set a reminder now, then be among the first to discover all the ways to engage and learn—and save your seat.

ISTE is offering both an in-person and virtual option for ISTE Live 23. Pricing and registration deadlines are available on the [ISTELive 23](#) website.

### **Encourage High School Seniors to Apply for the Cutler-Bell Prize**

The [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) (CSTA) has opened applications for the [2022-2023 Cutler-Bell Prize](#), which looks to recognize up to four high school senior students residing in the US for their projects in computer science.

Winners will receive a \$10,000 prize to go to their college/university of choice. [Applications](#) are due by January 27, 2023.

Up to four winners will be selected annually and will receive:

--A \$10,000 scholarship (administered through the financial aid department at the university the student will attend).

--Complimentary registration to the virtual CSTA 2023 Annual Conference, a “VIP” swag box with their award, and a featured video spot on the main stage.

--Recognition on CSTA and ACM's websites.

Have questions about the award? [Join the CSTA Awards committee](#) on December 15 for a Q&A session about the award.

### **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.

## **Fun Facts & Trivia**

The *Mary Poppins* film focuses on a magical English nanny who arrives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Banks, facing the park at No. 17, Cherry Tree Lane in London, to the delight of their young children, Jane and Michael.

The proper English father is too preoccupied with his responsibility at the bank; the mother, an ardent suffragette, is not really aware that their two children, left in the care of one nanny after another, are unhappy and unable to communicate with the parents they truly love.

Mary Poppins has come to change all this as she settles into the house, and soon has everyone wrapped around her little finger.

Mary, along with her friend Bert and a host of chimney sweeps, teaches the children how to have fun, and in so doing makes the Banks household a happier place.

By the time she opens her umbrella and flies off on a beautiful spring evening, the family is united together in the park, flying a kite.

This famed Disney masterwork is indeed "practically perfect" in every way, including the cast of Julie Andrews (Mary Poppins), Dick Van Dyke (Bert), David Tomlinson (George Banks), Glynis Johns (Mrs. Banks), Ed Wynn (Uncle Albert), Karen Dotrice (Jane), and Matthew Garber (Michael).

The lavish musical score and delightful songs were provided by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman and includes such favorites as "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Feed the Birds," "Jolly Holiday," "Sister Suffragette," "The Life I Lead," "Step in Time," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," and "Let's Go Fly a Kite."

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences agreed too, giving it 13 nominations from which it won five Oscars for Best Actress (Julie Andrews), Best Song ("Chim Chim Cher-ee"), Best Music Score (the Sherman brothers), Best Film Editing (Cotton Warburton), and Best Special Visual Effects (Peter Ellenshaw, Eustace Lycett, and Hamilton Luske).

There was also a special Scientific award to Petro Vlahos, Wadsworth E. Pohl, and Ub Iwerks for the creation and application to use of Color Traveling Matte Composite Cinematography, which helped make possible the combination of live action with animated actors in the film.

The special effects work on *Mary Poppins* was the most challenging the studio had ever known as everything from the two-strip sodium process and piano wire to bungee cords were used to create the magical sequences.

The work of the special-effects crew, as well as all the production staff, was the culmination of years of Disney innovation.

The entire film was shot on soundstages at the Disney Studio in Burbank.

A lavish premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theater on August 27, 1964, began its fabulous box office run that made it Disney's most successful feature until then.

P. L. Travers, author of the popular books on which the film is based, continued writing new adventures for Mary Poppins long after the film, and in the late 1980s worked with a Disney screenwriter on a film sequel that never materialized.

A *Mary Poppins* stage musical opened for previews in England at the Bristol Hippodrome on September 15, 2004, with regular performances beginning September 28.

The show premiered at the New Amsterdam Theater on Broadway in New York City on November 16, 2006.

Set in In Depression-era London, *Mary Poppins Returns*, the sequel to the 1964, film finds Jane and Michael Banks now grown.

In *Mary Poppins Returns*, Michael and his three children have lost wife and mother, so the enigmatic Mary Poppins returns to the household.

With her magical skills, and aided by her friend, Jack, a street lamplighter, Mary helps the family discover the joy and wonder missing in their lives.

Released on December 19, 2018, *Mary Poppins Returns* stars Emily Blunt (Mary Poppins), Meryl Streep (Topsy), Colin Firth (William Weatherall Watkins), Emily Mortimer (Jane Banks), Dick Van Dyke (Mr. Dawes, Jr.), Angela Lansbury (Balloon Lady), Ben Whishaw (Michael Banks), Julie Walters (Ellen), Lin-Manuel Miranda (Jack).

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