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Did You Know?

Economics Arkansas provides regular outreach via email to multiple program groups, plus invites teachers to participate in webinars. Below is a list of these opportunities. If you would like to receive these emails or participate in a webinar, let us know via email to acee@economicsarkansas.org.

SMG Snippets: Targeting teachers participating in the Stock Market Gamet™ Program, these Snippets are sent weekly during the active 10-weeks in fall and spring.

Partner Posts: Sent every other week to partnering school districts to share PD opportunities, aligned lessons & activities, programs, online resources and more!

Tuesday Tidbits: Outreach to the Master Economics Teachers (METs) sent weekly on Tuesdays.

Webinars or On-Line Meetings: On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, staff hosts webinars on various topics. Just log on to <https://join.me/economicsarkansas> at 3:30 pm. Check our event calendar for upcoming webinars and meetings.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

New Teacher Tab Live

The new teacher tab of our website is up and running.

We have reorganized all sections by category and grade level and hope it will allow you to find everything you need with just a click or two.

Check it out at www.economicsarkansas.org and click on “for teachers” on the green navigation bar.



Econ in the Rock



Come discover economics in the Little Rock/North Little Rock area as we go on location and find economics here, there and everywhere.

All attending will receive professional development, refreshments, resources, and curriculum ready to use in the classroom.

Storytime:

Economics inside the Pages of Your Favorite Children’s Book

April 4, 2017 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Hillary Rodham Clinton Children’s Library
Little Rock

Audience: PreK - 6 grade educators

Social Media and Marketing: A Key Ingredient in Entrepreneurship

April 5, 2017 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Innovation Hub
North Little Rock

Audience: PreK - 12 grade educators

Dinners and Dollars

April 11, 2017 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
William J. Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock

Audience: PreK - 12 grade educators

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

April 20, 2017 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dickey Stephens Park
North Little Rock

Audience: PreK- 12 grade educators

Register today by clicking [here](#).

Arkansas Reads One Book

Economics Arkansas is pleased to be assisting with a Family Financial Literacy Initiative for grades K-5 in partnership with Read to Them. Five school districts in Arkansas will be piloting this program this spring and next fall.



The premise of this initiative is for schools and families to read *The Lemonade War* book together and discuss

economic and financial literacy concepts that appear in each chapter. Schools will reinforce the concepts through engaging classroom activities. Each participating district is creating district wide culminating events.

Economics Arkansas has developed a webpage to house resources for teachers, students and parents to extend and apply these concepts through lessons, games and family activities. To assess these free resources, click [here](#).





Economic Concept Connector Cards

Economics Arkansas is excited to give you a sneak peek of our latest resource: Economic Concept Connector Cards. This new resource consists of K-5 cards/guides bundling economic concepts into 12 statements that tell the “story” of economics in a thoughtfully-sequenced manner. Each durable, eight-page, fold-out guide contains a concept background and examples, an introductory activity, three reproducible activity pages with teaching notes, key points for students to understand, and extension ideas (activities, children’s literature connections, online connections, writing prompts, and more). Some cards will be available this summer, and additional resources placed on our website.

The project development team consists of Deborah Shearer, Geanie Channell, and Dr. Curt Anderson.



Rejuvenating Your Economics Class

Are you a new or experienced middle school economics teacher or a curriculum specialist? This one-day program is designed to help you refresh your economic understanding and to provide dynamic teaching methodologies to engage students in group structured activities that will complement a variety of economic principles.

June 12, 2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Don Tyson School of Innovation
Springdale, AR

Participants will receive great resources, lunch and refreshments, \$50 stipend and six hours of professional development.

Space is limited!

Register today by clicking [here](#).

Key topics / concepts:

- Demand and Supply
- Economic Goals
- The Federal Reserve
- International Trade



Congratulations to Fall 2016 Winners!

Winners of the Fall 2016 Stock Market Game™ (SMG) Program were honored during an awards luncheon January 11th in Little Rock. For a complete list of winners, visit http://www.economicsarkansas.org/for_teachers/stock_market_game.html.



Waldron Middle School finished 1st in the state overall growing their portfolio by over 21 percent during the 10-week period. Pictured from left: Christina Manning, Abbi Wright and teacher advisor Doug Maxwell.



1st place Elementary Division winners Sheridan Intermediate School entertained luncheon guests in “Cool fashion.” Pictured from left: Cade Reed, Peyton Varnell, teacher advisor Sherri DeSoto, Zach McClain, Noah Huddleston, and Ian Goins.



1st place Senior High division winners Mountain Home High School Career Academies. Pictured from left: Jason Standridge, Peyton Edington, Caitlyn Ferguson, and teacher advisor Johnny Caststeel.

New: We presented SMG winners with the Bear & Bull Award. Special thanks to our friends and partners at Innovation Hub.



2017-2018 News Flash: Next year in addition to the 10 week fall and spring sessions, there will be a year long simulation. More details to come!



We all know habits are formed young in life. That includes economics which is the “science of decision making.” Itty Bitty Economics is a fast paced,

engaging professional development offering for teachers of young learners. These sessions will provide lessons tied to popular children’s literature books introducing students to basic personal finance and economic concepts. Don’t miss out on your opportunity to attend one of the many offerings being hosted through your local Educational Service Cooperative. For a list of dates and locations, see page 3.

To register or explore more offerings, click [here](#) to access our events calendar.

April is Financial Literacy Month

Looking for some fun and engaging financial literacy resources? Look no further than this April calendar filled with links to PreK - 12 lessons and activities! Visit our Educational Resources [webpage](#) to start planning today!

Summer 2017 Professional Development Opportunities

Economics Arkansas is offering an abundance of PD opportunities this summer around the state! To learn more about a specific offering, please visit http://www.economicsarkansas.org/our_supporters/event_calendar.html and click on the date that interests you. You may register from that page as well. **NEW:** Your check for the registration fee will be cashed upon receipt. A refund, if applicable, will be issued to teachers from Economics Arkansas Partner School Districts upon successful completion or if cancellation is received two weeks prior to the event. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Free Enterprise Conference

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to hear from experts in the field and receive great resources to teach entrepreneurship and free enterprise in your classroom.

June 6, 2017

Arkansas State University
Jonesboro, AR
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

E³: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education Conference

Need creative, real world examples and ideas to "feed the seeds" of entrepreneurship? Join us for our fifth annual E³ Conference.

July 11, 2017

John Tyson School of Innovation
Springdale, AR
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

6th Annual R.E.A.L. Econ for All Conference

Where relevant, engaging, activity-based learning opportunities integrating economics and personal finance all come together!

July 19 - 20, 2017

Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock
North Little Rock, AR
8:30 am - 4:30 pm daily

Preconference: "The ULTIMATE Guide to Economics": Disneynomics Lyric Animation, Humor & Active Learning to Learn Econ

Bring your own device and don't miss out on this fun technology session with innovative approaches to teaching economic foundations.

July 18, 2017

Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock
North Little Rock, AR
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Connecting Educators to Industry

Connecting Educators to Industry are workshops intended to bridge the perception gap and connect educators with industry experts in their region of the state. Experts will provide educators with research, data, and information that can be shared with students as they make decisions about future career paths in manufacturing, trucking, construction, agriculture and other fields in Arkansas.

Workshop planning is underway for the following locations: Conway, El Dorado, Fort Smith, Hot Springs and Little Rock. More details to come!

Economics Arkansas Plans Multiple Stops at ESC's This Summer!

Economics: It's Elementary Workshops for PreK - 6

June 6 - Arkansas River
June 19 - Northwest Arkansas
July 6 - Northcentral Arkansas
July 12 - Arch Ford
July 31 - Southwest Arkansas

Itty Bitty Economics Workshops for PreK - 2

June 14 - Arkansas River
June 15 - Wilbur Mills
July 23 - Northwest Arkansas

Financial Literacy, Economics & Technology Workshops 6-12

June 5 - Wilbur D. Mills
June 14 - Northcentral Arkansas
June 14 - Arkansas River
June 14 - Northwest Arkansas
July 5 - Arch Ford
July 12 - Southwest Arkansas
July 13 - Southeast Arkansas
July 14 - South Central

It's Time to Get in the Game: The Stock Market Game 4 - 12

July 24 - Wilbur D. Mills
July 25 - Southeast Arkansas

Join Us Online:

April 18, 2017

Join.Me to learn More about the Bessie B. Moore Awards Program.

May 9, 2017

High School Hot Topic Online Meeting

May 11, 2017

Bessie B. Moore Awards Webinar

May 16, 2017

Join.Me to Learn about Summer Opportunities

Click [here](#), to learn more!

More Great Resources...



The Foundation offers free workshops for high school educators and students. The website contains workshop dates, locations, and registration information, as well as resources, activities, and lesson plans for teaching economics. www.fte.org



Marginal Revolution University, called MRUniversity for short, is an online education website run by Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok, bloggers at the Marginal Revolution weblog and economics professors at George Mason University. www.mruniversity.com



Great on-line lessons for K-12 educators are found here! EconEdLink provides a premier source of classroom-tested, Internet-based economics and personal finance lesson materials for teachers and their students. Over 435 lessons to choose from! <http://www.econedlink.org/>



Fun, Formative Assessments - Econ Style! Looking for engaging ways to assess student understanding? Then visit our LiveBinder [here](#).



This site hosts great resources for preK-12 educators. Online courses, lesson plans, videos, white board activities and more are available [here](#).

Please give on final ArkansasGives Day, April 6, 2017



Seize the day on **April 6** and join in during the third, fabulous ArkansasGives Day 2017. Your donation of \$25 (or more) supports your PD training and resources from Economics Arkansas.

Any amount you give qualifies for matching dollars so you create more bang for your charitable buck.

On April 6, 2017, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., go to <http://www.arkansasgives.org/> and search for "Economics Arkansas." For each donation we receive during this dynamic online giving campaign, we earn additional bonus dollars from a match pool from the Arkansas Community Foundation.

Thank you. Your gift makes a difference!

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