

September 2019

Teachers and colleagues,

We hope you're as excited for Labor Day as we are! We have a lot of celebrations to share about economic and personal finance education throughout the Valley. There are a lot of great teachers doing amazing things, please take a minute to read about some of these great teachers and what's happening in our area. We're sure many more of you are doing impressive things in the classroom too! If you are doing anything with econ and personal finance we'd love to hear about it so we can share it in our next newsletter!

## **THIS GREAT ECON NEWS COORDINATES PERFECTLY WITH YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL OUTFIT!**

**Welcome back to the start of the new school year!** We hope you all had a restful summer and a productive start. **Let us be the Snack Pack in your school lunch this year!** We are here to help with all your econ and personal finance education needs.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS AWARD WINNERS!**

### **Grand Prize Winner**

Lauren Shifflett  
*Elkton Elementary School*

### **Reserve Grand Prize Winners**

Dawn Flora and Ann Komara  
*Ottobine Elementary School*

### **Elementary Division Winners**

Janelle Hurst de Mazariegos  
*Smithland Elementary School*

Autumn Pequinot and Tammy May  
*Lacey Spring Elementary School*

### **Secondary Division Winners**

Callie Randolph  
*Skyline Middle School*

Katerini Carpenter  
*Thomas Harrison Middle School*

Brendon Derstine  
*Thomas Harrison Middle School*

These teachers will all be recognized for their hard work at the Harrisonburg Rotary Club meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. ***Please be sure to congratulate these teachers if you see them in the halls!***

We will help you find ways to integrate economic and personal finance concepts into your class. Then you can apply for this award! **There are 14 cash prizes available at the local level alone!**

**[Click here to request information!](#)**

## **NEW YEAR, NEW YOU WITH THESE GREAT NEW WORKSHOPS!**

### **FALL WORKSHOP SERIES**

#### **Stock Market Game™**

**September 5: 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Help your students corner the market and get tips on how to make sure [you can beat them!](#) The Stock Market Game™ allows students to manage a virtual investment portfolio and compete with teams across the state.

**[Learn More](#) -OR- [REGISTER](#)**

#### **Learning Through Play: Using Games to Teach Economics**

**September 26: 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Tap into students' imagination to teach economics and personal finance through games. Featuring board games, card games and online games you can use.

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#### **Teachers Can Be Millionaires, Too.**

**October 16: 4:30pm-6:30pm**

Join us at O'Neill's Grill to **learn personal finance tips and tricks to make the most of your paycheck.** Thumbs and Toes are on us!

**[Learn More](#) -OR- [REGISTER](#)**

#### **Using Sports to Tackle Teaching Econ and Personal Finance (Day-long institute)**

**November 19: 9:00am-3:30pm**

This day-long institute will give you the tools you need to help your students hurdle over any obstacles to learning econ and personal finance.

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#### **Won't You Be My Neighbor?**

**Using Mr. Rogers and Daniel Tiger to Teach Economics**

**September 18: 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Combine students' love of Mr. Rogers and the Neighborhood of Make-Believe with the world of economics and personal finance.

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#### **Econ After Hours:**

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#### **Econ Day Camp:**

**We Want S'More Econ! (Day-long institute)**

**November 15: 9:00am-3:30pm**

Join us at **Brethren Woods** to delve into the world of economic education. Gain content and methods to help teach EPF SOLs 1-9.

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## ECON DAY CAMP: ENVIRONMENTAL ECON



We had a successful first Econ Day Camp this summer. Thanks so much to the people at JMU's Carrier Arboretum for helping host and **thanks to Arboretum Director Jan Sievers Mahon for giving us a guided tour of the Arboretum!**



We also had some GREAT presentations from **Cody Thiel (Sigora Solar)** on solar power, **Calvin Jordan from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality** on the South River Project and from **Megen Dalton from the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District**. Great information and activities were shared and we can't wait to host another Environmental Econ workshop!

## CLASSROOM VISITS



**We had a blast visiting schools this spring!** Don't forget to reach out if you want us to prepare an activity or presentation for your classes. Here we are at Clymore Elementary. **Speaking to Bryce Curd and Elizabeth Coleman's 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Clymore Elementary about the economics of sports and video games was so much fun.** Great kids, great activities and a great day talking about economic decision making and incentives.

**Thanks so much to everyone at Clymore for having us out!**



We made several trips to Bluestone Elementary as well. **Here we are in Andrea King's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class market at Bluestone Elementary. These entrepreneurs were so convincing they even got us helping out serving popcorn to their customers ☺.** Market days are always a blast! It was so much fun seeing young minds learning about personal finance and economics by doing! **We also had a great time discussing entrepreneurship and careers with all the kindergarten classes for their career day.**

**Thanks to everyone at Bluestone that had us out to work with your classes!**

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**We want to help this year be your most successful in any way we can.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to John Kruggel at [kruggejb@jmu.edu](mailto:kruggejb@jmu.edu)  
if you have any questions or want any help.

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