

Beacon



An Association for Business Technology Educators

Virtually Amazing!! by Joy Dougherty, 2008 President



It wasn't that many years ago when we all heard it said: "A meeting of the minds is virtually impossible!" At the time, that statement meant it was a rare thing for people to come to an agreement on any subjects up for discussion and action. The word "virtual" meant something like "in all likelihood" or "in effect." It still does, but "virtual" has taken on another meaning today with the advent of our expanded Internet world.

We can now revise the original sentence to say: "A meeting of the minds is virtually possible!" To OBTA Officers and Executive Board members, the word "virtual" has come to mean holding electronic meetings via the Ohio Learning Network. We can now have a "meeting of the minds" over the Internet to conduct OBTA business--virtually amazing!

For the very first time, both our OBTA Officers' Meeting and Executive Board Meeting were conducted virtually on April 19. Last year, we tried it with just the Executive Board Meeting; this year, it will be both. Many email attachments were sent to those involved so that they had as much information before them as possible to discuss and act intelligently on agenda matters. We will keep our OBTA membership informed on the outcome of these meetings.

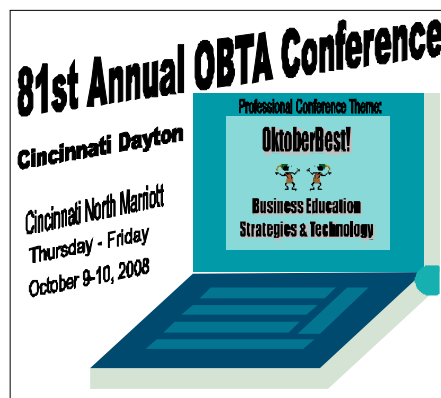
Matt White has written an excellent article on the NBEA Convention for this issue of the *Beacon*. Be sure to read it (page 6). He has given you a convention overview, and I would like to share with you some of the remarks made by two of the keynoters, and invite you to find a common thread running through them.

John Kasich was the dynamic keynote speaker on Wednesday of the convention. As Matt said, he is a former Ohio senator and U.S. Representative and current host of Fox News' *The Heartland*. John had a very interesting childhood and eventually matriculated at OSU. He was - and still is - a man full of ideas,

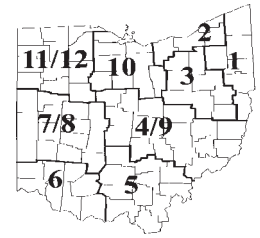
and one of the first things he wanted to do was to discuss them with the OSU president. As a freshman, he called the president's office numerous times but could never get an appointment. Finally, he personally went over to the office and sat in the waiting room until the administrative assistant finally got so tired of seeing him there that she told the president he was waiting and wouldn't leave. He was ushered into his office and began a lengthy conversation with the president about many matters. Finally, the president stood up and said that he needed to catch a flight to Washington, D.C., to meet with the President of the United States. John unabashedly said, "Oh, that sounds very interesting. Can I go along?" The OSU President said, "I'm sorry, but that's impossible."

On his way back to the dormitory, John thought to himself, "Why couldn't I meet with the President of the United States? I have a lot to say to him, too." So he drafted a letter to the White House. A short time later a response came inviting him to D.C. to have an audience with the President. (Don't you wonder what was in his initial letter?) John was elated, but his parents said to him, "You'll never get in, even with that response in hand." But John went to Washington anyway, showed the gatekeeper the letter, entered the White House grounds, and was ushered into the Oval Office waiting room. The President's assistant told him that he would have only five minutes with the President. Soon he was called into the Oval Office. John had his list of discussion topics ready and conversed with the President of the United States for 20 minutes! That was in 1972, and the President of the United States was Richard M. Nixon. During his convention address, John told us that he decided that five minutes was not nearly long enough, and he was going to make the most of his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Is it any wonder that this man held us enthralled for his entire address?

The second keynoter whose remarks I would like to share with you is LaDonna
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SECTIONS REPORTING IN . . .



Section 1/2--Stephanie Sak

Cleveland Area Business Teachers Association

The planning committee needs your help. Please e-mail Stephanie at CABTA@cox.net with any ideas for possible workshops or speakers that you feel will help you in your classroom. This is your organization, and we want to fulfill your needs for staying updated on the constant changes in business.

If you would be interested in taking on a leadership role in Section 1 or Section 2/CABTA as a team member, please contact Stephanie at CABTA@cox.net.

Section 3--Rob O'Donnell

Take a Relaxing OBTA Vacation!

We will be having our annual late summer meeting again this year. The exact date is still to be determined.



We will be expecting a great turnout again. Last year we had about 50 people attend the meeting. If you are not in Section 3 and would like to attend,

e-mail Rob at smiley63@roadrunner.com so he can keep you posted on the details.

Section 4/5/9--Matt White

Section 4/9 held its Spring 2008 Conference on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at Worthington Industries in Worthington, Ohio. The conference kicked off with a guest speaker presenting on the topic of 21st Century Skills (soft skills). Following this presentation a short business meeting was held to discuss increasing section membership and the 2009 OBTA Professional Development Conference to be held in Columbus.

Additional members are still needed on the 2009 Conference Planning Committee. Key positions to be filled include Conference Co-Chairs (2) and Conference Treasurers (2). Committee participation is also needed for the Awards Luncheon, Conference Evaluation, Exhibitors, Printing, Section Baskets, and Tours. If you are interested in par-

ticipating in any of these capacities, please contact Matt White at MCWhite@itt-tech.edu or whitemc@prodigy.net.

Strong section membership for sections 4/9 and 5 is critical as we move into the future of business education. Current members are encouraged to spread the word to colleagues at their current school or friends or family working at neighboring schools. In 2008, as a section, we need to encourage new and seasoned business and technology educators alike to join OBTA and share with them the wealth of resources that membership can provide. Membership details can be accessed at www.obta-ohio.org or by contacting Matt directly.

Let's make 2008 great for sections 4/9 and 5!

Section 6--SWOBTA--Linda Brockman

SWOBTA is busy planning the 2008 OBTA Professional Development Conference. If you would like to become involved, contact Linda at lbrockman@cinci.rr.com.

Section 7/8--Roger and Vicki Fulk

"What's New in Microsoft Office 07?" will be the topic for our Spring Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Wright State University - Lake Campus, Celina, Ohio. This workshop will be hands-on using the latest features in Microsoft Office 07--Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Publisher, and others.

To reserve your spot (limit of 20), e-mail Roger Fulk (roger.fulk@wright.edu) or Vicki Fulk (fulkv@sidney.k12.oh.us). Refreshments will be served.

Following the workshop, attendees are invited to remain for a boat ride around Grand Lake St. Marys.

Section 10--Kristi Glanz

Several Section 10 OBTA members have been helping to wrap up the 2007 OBTA Conference in Toledo.

Contact information: Kristi Glanz at glanz635@bright.net.

Section 11/12--Shawn Orr

We are currently wrapping up the OBTA 80th Professional Development Conference in Toledo. A Spring meeting is being planned to tour the new Start High School in Toledo and learn about their business technology offerings.

Contact information: Shawn Orr at sorr@daviscollege.edu.

Maintaining Your Certificate/License

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Do you hear it?

Nominate a deserving colleague for the OBTA Distinguished Service Awards

Application Deadline
July 15, 2008

Contact:

Christy Culver
culverc@mtc.edu
or

find the information on the
OBTA website
www.obta-ohio.org.

In February 2008, the State Board of Education voted to modify the fee structure for all educator licenses and permits in Ohio. The change was effective March 1, 2008. Except for a \$2 increase in fees eight years ago, this is the first increase in fees in more than 14 years. To learn more about the fee increase and to view a fee schedule, go to: www.ode.state.oh.us and enter "licensure costs" in the search box.

The Office of Educator License has provided educators with options for aligning licenses. Ohio educators who have multiple license types now have flexibility regarding the alignment of license validity periods. The "one-licensure approach" allows for multiple license types to be combined on one professional license spanning the same time period. By using the "one-

licensure approach" educators have the potential for a substantial savings in renewing their certificates/licenses. Visit www.ode.state.oh.us and enter "license alignment options" in the search box for more information about the alignment of licenses/certificates and to view an illustration of the cost savings that may be realized via alignment.

For additional information regarding either the fee schedule or the alignment of certificates/licenses, contact the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Educator Licensure at: Educator.Licensure@ode.state.oh.us or at 614-466-3593.

*Submitted by Ruth Ann Falconer
OBTA Certification/Licensure
Committee Chair*

Virtually Amazing

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Gatlin, younger sister of the Gatlin Brothers and a one-time member of that famous singing group. The title of her presentation was "Tune Up Your Life," and using the steps on the musical scale, she suggested how we might do that. First, always do the right thing. Second, realize your potential and help others to realize theirs. Third, mind your manners. Fourth, turn your failures into fertilizer through your learning experiences. Fifth, realize that solutions begin with me. Sixth, laugh, laugh, laugh! It still is the best medicine. Seventh, time is incredibly valuable, so make the most of it. That brings us back to do the right thing. LaDonna told us that it was extremely hard for her to leave the family singing group to get married and raise a family, but she did it and has never regretted it. She is now in great demand as a certified speaking

professional and travels throughout the country inspiring others with her message.

Now, what's the common thread? I guess there is more than just one. To me, persistence and the courage of one's convictions stand out loud and clear. I think we can all practice those as teachers, homemakers, volunteers, educators working on the acceptance of our business standards, and even as students working on advanced degrees. Since the majority of you couldn't attend the NBEA Convention, it is my hope that you have been inspired vicariously through these wonderful presenters. They were "virtually amazing"!!

Now what's in store to inspire you even more as OBTA members?

❖ You had the opportunity to attend the 2008 Statewide Office Administration Faculty Meeting at Marion Technical College in Marion, Ohio, on

May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christy Culver has sent notices to you about it.

❖ Several OBTA section meetings have been planned as well. I attended the April 29 Section 10/11/12 meeting of the NWOBTA toured the new Start High School in Toledo and learned about their business technology programs. On April 30 I attended the Section 4/5/9 meeting at Worthington Industries in Worthington on 21st Century Soft Skills. Has your section planned a spring meeting yet? Please let me know so that I can attend.

❖ Our 81st OBTA Professional Development Conference, "Oktober-Best," will be held on October 9-10 on your calendars and plan to attend.

❖ "Each One, Reach One" is this year's membership theme. Experience the joy of recruiting a new member for OBTA this year!

Have a wonderful spring and summer! Joy

NBEA 2008 - San Antonio, TX

by Matt White, 2008 OBTA Secretary



The Alamo. The San Antonio Riverwalk. The Tower of the Americas. The Knibbe Ranch. These are just a few of the sights attendees of the 2008 NBEA Annual Convention encountered.

The Convention was held in San Antonio, TX, March 19-22, 2008, at the San Antonio Rivercenter & Riverwalk Hotels. These venues provided a perfect backdrop for the convention with convenient access to the famed San Antonio Riverwalk and just a block from the Alamo. In Texas style, attendees experienced a wide variety of concurrent educational and hands-on computer sessions, first-rate general session speakers, professional networking opportunities, displays from leading business education vendors, and even a little bit of Lone Star State entertainment.

Concurrent educational session topics included entrepreneurship, personal finance literacy, business ethics, international business, teaching methods, and presentation of innovative business and technology education products and services through Super Business in Action sessions.

The general sessions provided unique insights from three very different individuals. The opening general session speaker, former Ohio senator and U.S. Representative and current host of Fox News' *The Heartland*, John Kasich, provided a candid view of his life as well as education today and gave his personal endorsement on the importance of personal finance literacy and entrepreneurship education. On day two, Dr. William C. Boshier, former teacher, principal, state director, and local and state superintendent in the

Commonwealth of Virginia, gave a very informative and heartfelt talk on the importance of business education and the urgent need for reformed strength of this vital educational content area. The closing general session speaker, LaDonna Gatlin, little sister of the famed Gatlin Brothers and certified speaking professional, used her musical talent and speaking abilities to raise awareness with attendees for the need to continuously redefine ourselves personally and professionally.

In NBEA tradition, professional networking opportunities were provided, such as the annual Presidents' Reception and Annual NBEA Awards Luncheon. Rounding out the action-packed week was Friday night's San Antonio Night at The Knibbe Ranch. Conference attendees had the opportunity to kick up their cowboy

boots, eat a little Texas barbecue, do a little country line dancing, and even take a hayride tour of the ranch.

Overall, NBEA 2008 was certainly an exciting personal and professional experience for all attendees. Representing OBTA were Joy Dougherty, 2008 President, Matt White, 2008 Secretary, Susan Bobey, Editor of Publications--*The Beacon*, Stella Hull, Executive Secretary, and representatives from the University of Cincinnati, Davis College, the University of Toledo, and Belpre High School.

Mark your calendar and join NBEA for the 2009 NBEA Annual Convention in the windy city of Chicago, IL, April 8-11, 2009!

Legislation Update

I am still working hard and feel confident we will have state standards for Business Education. I should know in a couple of months if this requirement for Business Education standards, to be written by the State Department of Education, is adopted into law.

I am constantly watching for activities regarding business education in Ohio and addressing the issues as needed.

Rob O'Donnell
Legislation Chairperson

Teachers Academy for Personal Finance

Senate Bill 311 requires the integration of financial literacy into the high school curriculum for students entering high school beginning in 2010. This summer, the Ohio Centers for Economic Education is offering several two-day workshops to support an implementation plan. This program will provide you with classroom-ready, interactive resources to deliver the required instruction and help support an implementation plan.

Visit www.ashland.edu/economicsamericacleveland for information on dates, locations, and registration.

Membership

Log on to www.nbea.org for current membership form and a list of benefits. Benefits include membership in NCBEA.

NCBEA Conference

NCBEA Conference, October 3-4, 2008, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. First time attendees to the conference can apply for a stipend. For more information on the conference or a stipend application, visit www.ncbea.net.

NBEA Conference

Start planning now to attend the NBEA Conference in the Spring of 2009. The conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois. First time attendees to the conference can apply for a stipend. Stipend applications are available at the NBEA website or will be published in the fall issue of the Business Education Forum. Applications have a December 2008 deadline.



2008 OBTA Cincinnati/Dayton Conference Highlights!

- ☺ Patti Holmes, Thursday afternoon Keynote Speaker--*Bring Your Best Self to Work!*
- ☺ Hands-On Computer Workshops offered on site at the hotel!
- ☺ Informative and Educational Concurrent Sessions!
- ☺ First-Time Attendee Stipends Available-Limited number so it's first come, first served!
- ☺ New IKEA store just five minutes away-make it a shopping weekend!

More to come! Don't miss this one!

Call for Workshop Presenters!

If you would like to be a computer or concurrent workshop presenter at the 2008 OBTA Professional Development Conference, please send a short description of your workshop or presentation to the Speaker Coordinator, Maureen Margolies, at maureen.margolies@uc.edu by Friday, May 31, 2008.

We appreciate your participation!

Attention OBTA Section Leaders!

Silent Auction baskets created by each section for our 2008 OBTA Professional Development Conference will have a theme of festivals this year.

Please select a holiday and e-mail your choice to our Raffle/Silent Auction coordinator, Deb Howard at debrahoward@uc.edu

Thank you for your creativity!

NEED A THANK YOU GIFT OR TWO?

You can now purchase an OBTA calculator! These calculators make a perfect gift for your advisory committee members, your administration, those special students, or even yourself.



What a way to say "Thank You" and to promote OBTA. Calculators are \$8 each (includes shipping) and may be ordered by sending a check to Christy Culver, 216 West Bigelow Street, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.

Ohio Business Teachers Foundation Seeking Contributions

Christy Culver, 2007-2008 OBTF President

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio Business Teachers Foundation, Inc. (OBTF) has identified 2008 as a rebuilding year and is seeking funds to grow the endowment fund. The purpose of the Foundation, established in 1980, is to improve business education through research.

The idea to develop the foundation for Ohio's business education professions was originated by the late Dr. Frank Liguori, noted author and professor of business education at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio. The first two grants were given to Larry G. Siferd and Nelson D. Madden in 1984.

For the past 24 years, OBTF has awarded monies in three categories: financial assistance grants, grants-in-aid, and scholarships. The availability of monies awarded each year depends upon the availability of funds. The OBTF Selection Committee screens all applications and makes recommendations to the OBTF Board of Trustees.



Acceptance of grant monies under any category requires the recipient to disseminate information about business technology education to business technology educators in Ohio.

The management of the Foundation is vested in trustees who represent OBTA--An Association for Business

Technology Educators, Association for Career & Technical Education--Business & Information Technology Division, and the Ohio Marketing Education Association. Over the past 13 years, OBTF has granted over \$14,500.

Individuals, businesses, and other interested groups may make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation at any time. Whether it is a donation of \$20, \$100, or \$1,000, all donations are appreciated. Please make checks payable to

The Ohio Business Teachers Foundation and send your contributions to: OBTF, c/o Heather Phillips, 4498 Megan Danielle Drive, Morrow, OH 45152.

BGSU Offers Summer Workshops

Bowling Green State University will be conducting three workshops this summer for business, information technology, and marketing teachers. Each workshop is 2 1/2 days in length and carries 1 semester credit.

If you are interested in attending a workshop, visit the web site: summer.bgsu.edu, click "admission registration," download and complete the following three forms: admission, credit registration, and financial responsibility. Fax the completed forms to: 419-372-8667 (attention Judy Donald).

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Judy at 419-372-8181 or JudyD@bgsu.edu. For other information, contact Dr. Robert G. Berns at 419-372-2904 or rberns@bgsu.edu.



The courses are:

BUSE 583--Photoshop

Monday, June 16, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and
Tuesday, June 17, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and
Wednesday, June 18, 8:30 am - 11:30 am
1 semester credit

BUSE 583--Dreamweaver

Monday, June 23, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and
Tuesday, June 24, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and
Wednesday, June 25, 8:30 am - 11:30 am
1 semester credit

BUSE 583--InDesign

Wednesday, June 25, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 26, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday, June 27, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
1 semester credit

Journal Submissions Due July 1

The Ohio Business Technology Educator--OBTA's official refereed journal committed to professional excellence. It is published annually when submissions are adequate. Manuscripts vary in length, with 2,500 words being an approximate guideline. Submission deadline for the October 2007 journal is July 1, 2008. Contact Dr. Ken Martin, University of Cincinnati, CECH, ML22, 5130D, Edwards One, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0022, phone 513-556-3592, or e-mail ken.martin@uc.edu. Please include KEN in the subject line.

L-I-N-G-O B-I-N-G-O

Objective: To review terminology in a business class-in preparation for a test or for fun on a Friday afternoon.

Supplies: Blank BINGO cards, Smarties for markers, vocabulary list

Directions: Distribute BINGO cards to each student in your class. Have the students write their vocabulary words on the blank spaces on the card. As the definition is given, students having the correct answer on their cards get to put a “Smartie” candy on the blank. When a student has a BINGO, a small prize is given. Various types of arrangements can be used to win: diagonal, four corners, X, railroad, coverall, and others. A small prize is given for each winner. Keep playing until a person has his or her entire card covered. A larger prize may be given for the final winner!

Note: This game can be used in any class involving terminology. I use it in my Accounting class using Accounting terminology. *See sample card below.*

D	E	B	I	T
Capital	Owner’s Equity	Liability	Chart of Accounts	Journal
Budget	Assets	Accountant	Balance Sheet	Rent
Income Statement	Credit	A = L + OE (FREE SPOT)		Entries
Depreciation	Statement	Bank Account	Property	Receivables
Expenses	Cash	Accuracy	Check	Money

T-Accounts

Vicki Fulk, Sidney High School

Microsoft Project: Task Management

Microsoft Project is a software application program used by project and resource managers to primarily organize and analyze the details involved with a specific goal or objective. Because the focus of the software is on task management, the students are assigned the following activities to keep them on track and to make the course relevant:



1. Write a goal statement for the first assignment. I explain to them that the goal statement is like a mission statement for their project, and every decision that is made for the project should identify with the goal.
2. Write the tasks and resources that are essential to approach the assignment. I explain that I want all the necessary steps and resources involved to get ready to do the exercise.
3. Keep a weekly calendar in Outlook. At the end of the week, they print the calendar and cross out every activity that was completed.

Linda Maatta, Davis College

John Smith--Out; Frank N. Stein--In

Rather than using those ‘normal’ textbook names, I create names or use student names in the various projects my students prepare.

After learning how to create a payroll spreadsheet, the students create a payroll using classmates’ names. Current students are the employees. In order for me to know whose paper has printed, one employee is always ‘your name’. The student replaces ‘your name’ with their own. Invariably, I receive a couple spreadsheets with y-o-u-r-n-a-m-e, but soon they catch on. This personal name usage also seems to help the students to better understand the concept of gross pay minus deductions equals net pay.

The students also prepare documents for Frank N. Stein, Dr. Hunch Back, R. U. Sleeping, Bea Yon Say, Char Truce, Dr. Eiffel Fine, C. D. Player, Bea Good, Stormy Weather on Raintree Blvd., Les Moore on Giventake Lane, and the list goes on.

A simple idea that puts a smile on the students’ faces or makes them laugh.

Susan Bobey, Jane Addams Business Careers Center

Dry Erase Board Project

Using Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, or another software package, you can have your students create a Dry Erase Board to use in the classroom or at home. This is a fun activity to do after covering the basics of the software package.

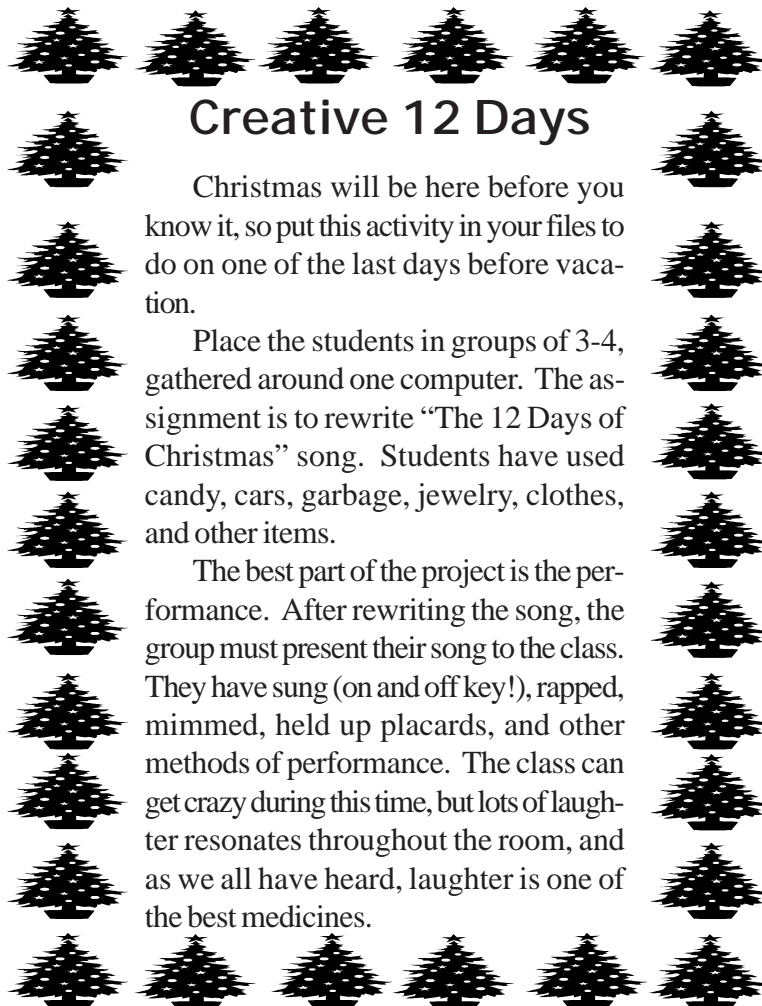
Instructions/Supplies Needed:

- Using Publisher, PowerPoint, or Word, you can begin with a template (delete or edit items as needed), or you can begin with a blank document.
- Size - 8 ½ x 11” (can be designed either in portrait or landscape)
- Add WordArt, borders, lines, graphics, etc. to personalize.
- Print on card stock paper (heavyweight) in color.
- Laminate.
- Attach magnets to back for hanging.
- Attach velcro piece to board front and to a small thin dry erase marker. (Before affixing velcro, decide where pen is to be located).
- Enjoy!

Suggestions for Themes: (for students and teachers)

- Message Board - While You Were Out, Leave A Message, Notes, Shopping Lists, etc.
- Writing Board - With lines for students to practice math, speedwriting/shorthand, etc.
- Shopping List - Wal-Mart, grocery shopping list, etc.
- Checklist of Things To Do
- Calendar
- Birthday Board - Today is _____’s birthday!
- Student of the Week
- Assignments Due (locate by door)
- Next Club Meeting (locate by door to remind members of upcoming club meetings and times)

H. Roger Fulk, Wright State University - Lake Campus



Creative 12 Days

Christmas will be here before you know it, so put this activity in your files to do on one of the last days before vacation.

Place the students in groups of 3-4, gathered around one computer. The assignment is to rewrite “The 12 Days of Christmas” song. Students have used candy, cars, garbage, jewelry, clothes, and other items.

The best part of the project is the performance. After rewriting the song, the group must present their song to the class. They have sung (on and off key!), rapped, mimmed, held up placards, and other methods of performance. The class can get crazy during this time, but lots of laughter resonates throughout the room, and as we all have heard, laughter is one of the best medicines.

Financial Literacy Info

The 12 Principles of financial literacy that every young person should know according to the Jump\$tart Coalition:

1. Map your financial future
2. Don't expect something for nothing
3. High returns equal high risks
4. Know our take-home pay
5. Compare interest rates
6. Pay yourself first
7. Money doubles by the “Rule of 72”
8. Your credit past is your credit future
9. Start saving young
10. Stay insured
11. Budget your money
12. Don't borrow what you can't repay



The Virginia Council on Economic Education has created mini-lessons for each principle. Review these lessons or obtain other financial information to share with students by logging in to the Jump\$tart Coalition website at www.jumpstart.org.

Jump start financial literacy for students now. Don't wait until 2010!

Membership Update

The 2008-2009 Membership form is in this issue of the Beacon (page 11), and membership renewals will be mailed in late May. For 2007-2008 members—directories and copies of the Journal (for those who did not attend the conference) will be mailed by the end of May. *If you don't receive either of these by early June, please let us know!* As we enter a new membership year, we wanted to answer several questions we have been asked.

I am a lifetime member, why do you still send me a renewal form? Please help us keep our records current by updating or confirming your contact information. Just indicate lifetime member on the form.

I'm not able to renew this year, but I have moved or some of my information changed. Please help us keep our records current by updating address and other information.

Why should I renew my membership? OBTA is an inexpensive way to stay connected with other Ohio Business Teachers. The conference is a great way to network. The location moves around the state, so if it's not convenient to

attend one year, hopefully it is more convenient the following year. Local chapters meet several times a year and receive some money from the state organization to help fund local meetings and activities. All members receive the directory in May (watch for yours to arrive soon!), a copy of the Journal (a refereed journal in which all members are invited and encouraged to publish), and the Beacon several times a year. The Beacon keeps you updated on OBTA activities and provides teaching suggestions from your peers. OBTA awards (open to members only) offer you the opportunity to be recognized by your peers and your institutions, and the opportunity to nominate your students and peers for awards and scholarships.

What can I do to help OBTA? There is a trend of declining memberships across many professional organizations. We are only as strong as our membership. Get involved! Participate in your local chapter, submit articles for the Beacon, publish in the Journal, encourage a peer to join, attend the OBTA conference.

Other membership questions? Please contact pam.rankey@uc.edu.

OBTA Membership Benefits

- * Professional organization membership
- * Networking with professional colleagues
- * OBTA website: www.obta-ohio.org
- * Annual professional conference
- * The Ohio Business Technology Educator--annual refereed journal committed to professional excellence
- * Beacon--three issues
- * BIAC member presentations
- * BIAC student recognition
- * Distinguished Teacher recognition
- * OBTF grant opportunities

Don't Forget!

BIAC Commendations Available

The OBTA Business and Industry Advisory Council wants to remind you to nominate an outstanding graduating high school senior or a post-secondary student who completes a program in Business Education for the Business and Industry Achievement Commendation. These graduates will receive an Achievement Commendation certificate, a letter of recognition, and a small gift from OBTA's Business and Industry Advisory Council.

OBTA members are encouraged to take advantage of this simple and easy opportunity to recognize an outstanding student and your school.

To nominate a student, please provide your name, the student's name, the school address/city/zip, and the date needed. Contact Christy Culver at culverc@mtc.edu. Information and nomination forms may also be found on the OBTA website at www.obta-ohio.org.

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Do you hear it?



Nominate a deserving student for the OBTA Scholarship

Application Deadline
August 30, 2008

Contact:

Christy Culver
culverc@mtc.edu

or

find the information on the
OBTA website
www.obta-ohio.org.

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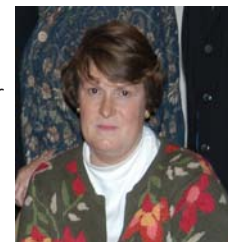
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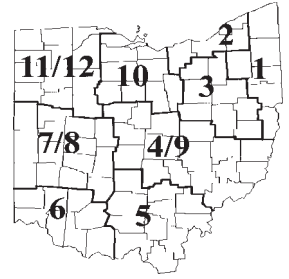
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