

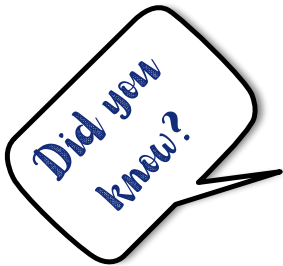
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Personal Finance Monthly Newsletter

Professional Development Edition | January 2023



At the beginning of each new year, many people resolve to continue good practices, change undesired traits or behaviors, or set personal goals. As teachers, we may choose to continue expanding our content knowledge and pedagogical skills to provide the most up to date and engaging academic experiences for our students.



According to a [Pennington Biomedical Research Center study](#), 60% of respondents had stopped keeping their New Year's resolutions within six months.

This issue is all about the free professional development opportunities that are available to you as you begin teaching a new cohort of Personal Finance and Economics. I hope that you find the information provided to be useful, convenient, and supportive.

Celebrations!



Congratulations to Salmata Lyons of Langston Hughes High School for completing the NGPF Consumer Skills Certification Exam!

The winners for the December PD Challenge are:

Salmata Lyons (Langston Hughes High School)
Richard Goldsmith (Langston Hughes High School)
Delaine Langston (North Springs High School)

Langston Hughes leads Fulton County with the largest number of teachers who have completed at least 5 NGPF professional development courses.



Fulton County Schools led the nation with the largest number of scholarship submissions for the NGPF Payback Challenge!

The NGPF Scholarship winners from Fulton County are:

Christopher Lambry (Tri-Cities High School)
Caren Quijada (Benjamin Banneker High School)
Ayman Suleman (Westlake High School)

Congratulations to the following schools for winning the GCEE Stock Market Game:

Main Street Charter Academy: Congressional District 5 Middle School Winner
Creekside High School: Congressional District 13 High School Winner

If you have any questions about the Personal Finance course, or would like to know more about how you can get involved, please contact me!

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Upcoming Professional Development Sessions

January 17th District PDs

Pre-register in Atlas
Click the titles for links to the trainings

The Interest We Pay (11:30 am- 12:30 am):

In this training, teachers will explore credit and loan interest from a variety of angles.

Investing for Beginners

(1:00 pm- 2:00 pm):

In this 60-minutes session, teachers will Learn basic investing terminology and how the stock market works..

Intro to NGPF (Pre-Recorded Session):

New for 2022-2023 are personal finance standards in the required Economics course. To better prepare students to be financially capable, the district has partnered with national nonprofit Next Gen Personal Finance. This 60-minute kick-off session will serve as an introduction to the no-cost curriculum, resources, and professional development NGPF has to offer. Come away with engaging activity ideas to use immediately with students.



Have you ever thought about investing in the Stock Market? Do you have students who would totally dominate in a simulation of the stock market? If you're interested in real-world learning that is fun, effective, and has long-term financial potential, then you may be interested in The Stock Market Game. Over the course of eight-weeks, students are given an opportunity to invest a virtual \$100,000 in real stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.

NGPF Virtual Tools for Teaching Excellence *Conference*

Date: January 21, 2023

Register for your sessions [here](#)



NGPF VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
Tools for Teaching Excellence

Join NGPF for their first FREE conference of 2023! Start your semester off by checking out a mix of brand new sessions and fan favorites, all with a lens of how different tools can help you maximize impact in the classroom and help motivate and inspire your students.

Some sessions include:

- Using podcasts in the classroom
- Investing Trends in Digital Finance
- Enriching Personal Finance in the Digital Age
- Where's the FIRE? (Financial Independence, Retire Early)

You will have the opportunity to earn up to 7 NGPF Professional Development credits!

Professional Development Opportunities

Do you wish to expand your professional knowledge about specific topics taught in January?
NGPF can help with that!

Live Virtual Options:

- 1/9: Exploring NGPF's Semester Course
- 1/21: Using Podcasts in the Classroom
- 1/21: Best and Worst Personal Finance Project Ideas
- 1/21: Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age

On-Demand Options:

- Unit Planning with NGPF
- Popular Budgeting Methods & Strategies
- Banking in the 21st Century
- Building Credit
- The Fed: Bank of Banks
- Basics of Bitcoin
- Mutual Funds & Index Funds
- Alternatives to 4-Year Colleges
- 2023-2024 FAFSA Basics
- Federal Student Loan Payment
- Savings Tools & Strategies
- The Psychology of Saving
- 3 Tough Must Teach Tax Topics
- Tackling the 1040



Certification Courses:

Sessions begin January 9th: Register for any of the following cohorts:

- Consumer Skills
- Psychology of Money
- Credit
- Banking and Budgeting
- Insurance
- Behavioral Economics
- Career
- Investing
- Cryptocurrency Basics
- Paying for College

Curriculum Corner

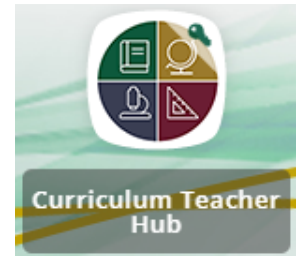
Updated Curriculum Hub Resources!

Have you accessed the updated **Personal Finance and Economics Resources?**

All resources can be found in the Personal Finance and Economics course section in the curriculum hub!

Available resources include:

1. **Semesters 1 & 2 Pacing Guidance**
2. **Weekly pacing guide:** Includes direct links to full lesson plans with Nearpod presentations, kahoot, quizizz, or quizlet deck review options, focus lesson availability, and assessment options.
3. **Instructional Calendar:** Daily lesson activities



What are students learning in *January?*

SSEPF8 Describe how the earnings of workers are determined in the marketplace.

- a. Identify skills that are required to be successful in the workplace, including positive work ethic, punctuality, time management, teamwork, and communication skills

Soft skills, also known as "people skills", are character traits that one would need in order to excel in the workplace and even in their personal lives. Some of these soft skills include work ethic, punctuality, time management, teamwork, communication skills, and good character. Here are a few activities that can support teaching "soft skills" in the classroom:

[SOFT SKILLS: Accepting Criticism \(SP\)](#)

[SOFT SKILLS: Conflict Resolution \(SP\)](#)

[SOFT SKILLS: Flexibility \(SP\)](#)

[SOFT SKILLS: Good Communication \(SP\)](#)

[SOFT SKILLS: Positive Attitude \(SP\)](#)

[SOFT SKILLS: Self-Confidence \(SP\)](#)

Resources to support learning

Unit 1:

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta: [Economics Themes Bingo](#)

NGPF: [Scarcity, College and Income](#)

Unit 2:

EF1 (c): NGPF Entrepreneurship Mini-Unit and Federal Reserve Circular Flow Infographic and Activity.

EF1 (d): Opportunity Cost Video.

EF2 (b): NGPF Econ Exchange Rates Activity

EF2(b): NGPF Public Goods Game

Unit 3:

Click [here](#) for daily lesson plans, assessment options, review games, extension and remediation activities.