



Keeping you current with
What's New For You?



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Over the past month, several changes have been made to the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change™ Web site, specifically with teachers in mind! To help you learn about “What’s New For You”, explore some of the links that have been listed below.



[Happy Birthday United States Mint!](#) – Has another year already passed? Celebrate the United States Mint’s 212th birthday with the pals from H.I.P. Pocket Change! The H.I.P. Pocket Change pals will take you on a journey through the past 212 years, and show you how greatly our country’s coins have changed.



[Inventor’s Challenge](#) – In the newest game on the H.I.P. Pocket Change Web site, your students will race against another inventor (the computer) to make the longest-burning light bulb. How long the light burns depends on which material is selected for the filament and how many molecules of that filament are gathered in one minute.



[April’s Coin of the Month](#) – Join Bill the Mint Buffalo as he learns all about the Peace Medal Nickel and the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

[Making Cents](#) – The latest edition of the H.I.P. Pocket Change newsletter has finally hit the Web! Read it through to learn all about the new nickels, the release of the Florida and Texas quarters, and the brand new [Circulating Coins](#) section of the H.I.P. Pocket Change Web site. And don’t forget to watch for the Making Cents Teachers Extras email, filled with classroom activities directly related to the articles in the Spring 2004 edition of Making Cents!

If you’d like to sign up to receive this email each month, visit the [Teachers’ Network](#) page and sign in to update your profile.



[State Quarter Day in the Classroom](#) – Examine all of the fun classroom activity ideas that H.I.P. Pocket Change has developed to help you celebrate the launch of the new Florida quarter in your own classroom!

Fun Facts – A new Fun Fact is available each month, but you don't have to settle for one fun fact at a time! You can have even more fun and see pictures that go with the facts on the special Fun Facts pages. Just click on a fact at the top of any H.I.P. Pocket Change page and learn some little known stories of the United States Mint and American coinage!



New Nickel Lesson Plans – The Peace Medal Nickel, the first nickel in the Westward Journey Nickel Series™ made its premiere in March. **We are very excited to announce that the lesson plans designed for the new nickels premiering in 2004 are now available for free download!**

These new designs commemorate the Louisiana Purchase and the journey of Lewis and Clark. The Westward Journey Nickel Series Lesson Plans were designed for teachers, by teachers, for grades K-6. A Resource Guide (K-12) is also available for download. Visit the [New Nickel Lesson Plans](#) page today!

Teachers' Guide – Ever wondered where to find classroom materials about certain coins or how to locate a game teaching financial literacy on the site? Learn more about all of the educational resources that H.I.P. Pocket Change has to offer by visiting the Teachers' Guide.

Travel Guide Quiz – Try out the new and improved Travel Guide Quiz, now updated with trivia questions for the Florida quarter! Students will test their knowledge of the quarter designs by answering trivia questions. The quiz is a part of the [Seeing the States Web Quest](#), which challenges students to explore the coins in the 50 State Quarters® Program, and the unique heritage of our nation.



Teacher Features – While you can always find great classroom ideas in the Teachers section of H.I.P. Pocket Change, be sure to click on the Teacher Feature icon whenever you spot it on the site to find ideas that relate directly to whatever you've just read!

Feature Name	Related Content	Covered Curricular Area
1. A Medal for Peace	April's Coin of the Month	Language Arts, Social Studies

Be on the lookout for...

There are a lot of exciting things taking place at H.I.P. Pocket Change this month! You're going to want to make sure to return to the site throughout the month to explore the following new feature:

National Coin Week – This year National Coin Week falls between April 18 and 24. Examine all of the fun classroom activity ideas that H.I.P. Pocket Change has marked to help you celebrate National Coin Week in your own classroom!

Financial Literacy Month – We know how important financial literacy is in dealing with the concepts of saving, spending, and investing money, but do your students? Take some time this month to reinforce financial literacy in your classroom by visiting the Financial Literacy Month page on H.I.P. Pocket Change and help your students prepare for a financially sound future.

All of these resources, and more, are at your fingertips each time you return to [H.I.P. Pocket Change!](#)

Thanks again for your interest in all United States Mint activities. If you find this information useful, make sure you share it with a friend!