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Over the past month, several changes have been made to the United States Mint H.I.P. Pocket Change TM 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.



<u>Presidential Portraits</u> – How well do your students know the presidents on the coins in your pocket? Find out with this new game! Just match the clues you get with a presidential head or the "heads" side of a coin. Great fun--and the clues are never the same twice!

Quarter Explorer – In this popular game, students will march down Main Street in Bison City, USA, completing tasks in order to earn Bill the Mint Buffalo enough quarters to go on a trip across the country. Students will use their knowledge of United States geography and the 50 State Quarters® Program in order to complete the tasks and earn quarters. The more quarters your students receive, the nicer Bill's trip will be. This game is now updated with the 2004 quarters!



<u>March's Coin of the Month</u> – Join Flip the Mint Seal as he explores the new Florida quarter and the state's rich history of exploration.

<u>Circulating Coins</u> –Do you need information on the coins in your pocket? Then visit the brand new Circulating Coin section of the site, where you'll find not only interesting information for each circulating coin, but a collection of educational resources as well!

<u>Fun Facts</u> – 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!



<u>Resource Room</u> – Introducing three ways to find new ideas for the classroom! Simply click on one of the icons and discover all the educational resources that H.I.P. Pocket Change has to offer.

<u>Coin Curricula</u> – Are you searching for a lesson plan on the penny? Or perhaps you are looking for a teacher feature for the half-dollar? Look no further! Simply

visit the Coin Curricula Center and click on a coin to explore all of the educational resources for that coin on the H.I.P. Pocket Change Web site.

<u>Teacher Features</u> – While you can always find these 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.	Exploring Sounds	March's Coin of the Month	Language Arts
2.	Cha-Ching!	Plinky's Create a Card Game	Social Studies, Language Arts, and Mathematics
3.	Scavenger Hunt!	Coins of the World Cartoon	Social Studies, Language Arts, and Technology

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!