**Financial Literacy Week Ideas: Find these on the Broughton High School Career Development website**

Objective: Every student understands the value of saving early and regularly, avoiding debt, protecting identity and credit rating, and the power of his own financial decisions

[**Should financial literacy be taught in schools?**](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/dmvHDEmQwsebsboofDcTfccOuQGF?format=standard)U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan is urging an advisory council on financial literacy to be bold with its recommendations for changes in school curriculum. Duncan said personal finance should be taught early as part of schools' core curricula, suggesting that basic courses could begin in kindergarten. "[W]e don't have a financially literate population," Duncan told the panel. "... As important as reading and math and social studies and science [are], I think today more than ever financial literacy has to be part of that." [OnWallStreet.com](http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/dmvHDEmQwsebsboofDcTfccOuQGF?format=standard) Nov 8, 2011

A Sampling of Activities:

--Folks from a local meet up that plays “Rich Dad Poor Dad” board games come in and explain the financial concepts reiterated by the game, and then play the game with the students

--PTSA gives out “PayDay” candy bars, bubble gum that look like coins, along with a wallet $Reminder Card$

On front side of card: *I am CFO of My Own Financial Future*

*I can* ***change*** *my life by making every* ***cent*** *count!*

***Now*** *is the time to save and invest for my secure future*

On back side of card: *Amazing example of compound interest:  Save $120 dollars a year (just $10 a month) from age 19-25.  I will have more money at age 65 than if I started saving the same $120 at age 26 and saved this same amount all the years up to age 65! The point is, I’m STARTING TODAY, even if I can put in just a little each month.*

--Business Alliance gets panel and individual guest speakers to speak to CTE and other classes—tie in with curriculum, such as math figuring of compound interest, history of banking, gain skills to save money in CTE.

--Posters all over school, daily announcements, treasure hunt, essay contest , Media Center display/promotion

--Financial literacy themed, student-written and -performed skits broadcast to each classroom

--Financial Literacy Fair including parents—Agricultural Extension Service and other community resources

--Teachers post their own favorite financial literacy tip on their classroom door, and talk about it with students

Financial Literacy Resources Websites:

<http://www.feedthepig.org/>

<http://www.360financialliteracy.org/>

<http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson232.shtml>

<http://www.jumpstart.org/>

<http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

<http://www.cfnc.org/index.jsp>

http://www.lmci.state.tx.us/realitycheck/flash.html