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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.

Do you have any questions or comments about H.I.P. Pocket Change? Do you have a great idea for using coins in the classroom? Send your thoughts to TeachersNetwork@usmint.treas.gov! We look forward to hearing your comments.



[August Coin of the Month](#) – It’s August and Peter the Mint Eagle can’t wait to show you the brand new Iowa quarter! Come celebrate the spirit of Grant Wood’s “Arbor Day” painting and learn more about Iowa’s strong tradition of education and improving the environment.

[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 Inspector Collector’s new and improved Coin Course, the school that raised one million pennies, the brand new Lewis and Clark Adventure game, and the premiere of the Iowa quarter and the Keelboat Nickel. And don’t forget to watch for the Making Cents Teachers Extras email, filled with classroom activities directly related to the articles in the Summer 2004 edition of Making Cents!

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

[Fun Facts](#) – A new Fun Fact is available each month, but you don’t have to settle for one fun fact at a time! 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!



[Get a Clue About Collecting](#) – Inspector Collector is excited to announce five new mysteries in the Get a Clue About Collecting portion of his **[Coin Course](#)**. Explore the thrilling world of coin collecting today by solving these coin conundrums!



Westward Journey Nickel Series™ Lesson Plans – The Peace Medal Nickel, the first nickel in the Westward Journey Nickel Series made its premiere in March. This month the Keelboat Nickel, the newest nickel in the series, will make its debut. These new designs commemorate the Louisiana Purchase and the journey of Lewis and Clark. **We are very excited to announce that the lesson plans designed for the new Keelboat Nickel are now available for free download!** The Westward Journey Nickel Series Lesson Plans were designed for teachers, by teachers, for grades K-12. A Resource Guide (K-12) is also available for download. Visit the [New Nickel Lesson Plans](#) page today!



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. Aluminum Altruism	August’s Coin of the Month	Math, Social Studies

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!