



Please see below for a list of upcoming events and opportunities for December 2024 and beyond.

[Our website](#) offers free, curriculum-connected lessons and activities for K-12 classrooms. We also offer live learning opportunities such as virtual or in-person tours, webinars, guest speakers, contests, and professional learning. Check the website regularly for opportunities to engage. Alternatively, reach out directly to [COE@gnb.ca](mailto:COE@gnb.ca) to collaborate with a Centre Lead.



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LANGUAGE LEARNING

**Manie Musicale Professional Learning & support: Grades 5-12 FSL**

Manie Musicale is an annual bracket-style competition for students and teachers of French, where participants try to predict which of 16 francophone songs will be the most popular. Once the tournament starts, voters decide which song will advance to the next round until we have a champion. The best part? Students learn French while having fun with students from all over the world. The tournament will be held the week of March 17, 2025, however the sign up for the competition begins in early December. [Click here](#) to learn more about this global competition and how to join a supportive network of educators.

**Joyeux Castors : Grades 2-3 FILA, Science, Math**

In this outdoor learning activity students will build mini beaver lodges. Using natural materials and techniques inspired by these remarkable builders, students will bring to life the well-known story *Five Busy Beavers/Cinq Joyeux Castors* with their finished projects. [Click here](#) to access this hands-on learning activity that was co-created with our Centre of Excellence in Skilled Trades and Manufacturing.

**Le Tourisme Durable au Nouveau Brunswick: Resource package for Grades 6-12 FILA, Social Studies, Personal Wellness.**

Students will strengthen their French language skills in an authentic context, as they discover key aspects of sustainable tourism and apply these concepts to the local industry in a culminating experiential learning project. [Click here](#) to access this educational resource package, designed specifically to support FSL learners. Final projects can be entered into the Tourism Industry Association of NB (TIANB) "Sustainability in Tourism Contest" - open province wide, from Oct 21<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. For additional information on this exciting contest [click here](#).



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SKILLED TRADES &  
MANUFACTURING

**The Great Potato Adventure: A Potato Supply Chain Journey – A Grade K-2 LIVE Event**

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 10:00 am**

With their own uniquely designed potato character, primary learners will experience a spud's journey from the farm to their plate! Through hands-on activities, role play, and expert knowledge from McCain Foods, young learners will discover the true link between supply chains and the foods that we love. Kits are limited. Materials will be distributed to 40 classes who register, with equitable distribution across schools and districts. To learn more and register for this event, [click here](#).

**From Farm to Fry: A Quality Control Experience – A Grade 3-5 LIVE Event**

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:45 am to 11:45 am**

Elementary learners will journey through the life of a potato – from its humble beginnings on the farm to becoming golden, crispy McCain french fries on a fork! However, not just any potato can become french fry worthy. Learners will discover the true standard for quality through hands-on activities, virtual tours, and a real-life factory experience. Kits are limited. Materials will be distributed to 40 classes who register, with equitable distribution across schools and districts. To learn more and register for this event, [click here](#).



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DIGITAL INNOVATION

**Digital Learning SharePoint**

The [EECD Digital Learning SharePoint](#) is a one-stop shop for all of your technology questions, with links to resources on provincial software subscriptions, artificial intelligence, lesson resources and professional learning opportunities. Info for accessing Sora, EBSCO, Tumblebooks, and more can be found there.

**Computer Science Education Week/Hour of Code**

**December 9-15**

Computer Science Education Week is an annual call to action to inspire K-12 students to learn computer science, advocate for equity, and celebrate the contributions of students, teachers, and partners in the field. A highlight of this week is the international [Hour of Code](#) event. Visit <https://www.csedweek.org/> or <https://hourofcode.com/ca> for details on how to get involved and resources for getting started.



### **Giving Back Challenge December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>**

Join COE Health in giving back this holiday season! Have your students complete the four challenges below and your class will be entered in a draw for classroom prizes!

1. *Create cards or artwork for residents or employees in a Long-Term Care facility.*
2. *Write thank you letters or artwork for allied health professionals in your community.*
3. *Create an appreciation wall in your school.*
4. *Random acts of kindness.*

[Click here](#) to learn more.

### **NBCC Allied Health Professional Learning Opportunity Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 3:45-4:45pm**

The School of Health and Wellness at the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) will be offering a virtual professional learning opportunity for educators and school counsellors. NBCC staff will present information about eight programs and associated professions including: Pharmacy Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Laboratory Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Opticianry, Personal Support Worker, and Practical Nurse. Join COE Health and subject matter experts virtually for elevator pitches designed to inform you and to provide contacts in each area. To register, [click here](#).



### **EGGS AWAY! A Grade K-2 LIVE Event**

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00am and 10:30-11:30am**

Join the Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship for a one-hour hands-on learning activity which will test students' entrepreneurial spirit. K-2 students will be challenged to create, construct, and develop a solution to an age-old problem for Humpty Dumpty and his love of walls, all while learning what an entrepreneur truly is. Kit materials will be provided, and spaces are limited! To learn more and register your K-2 class, please [click here](#).

### **New Presentation from FCNB: Understanding Credit and Debt – Grades 9-12**

Get ready to dive into the world of credit and debt! This engaging session will help students unravel the mysteries of: Debt and Credit, Total Cost of Credit and Smart Spending Habits: [Click here](#) to register for a presentation (two or more classes recommended).

### **Funding Opportunities for Youth Entrepreneurs from CBDC**

Calling all Youth Entrepreneurs! CBDC, a valued Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship partner, has highlighted grants available to youth entrepreneurs in different regions of New Brunswick. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Middle School Resource Kit - A Cross-Curricular Learning Resource for Math, Personal Wellness and Social Studies**

Free resources for your class! Bring the new holistic curriculum to life with hands-on, engaging content from the Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship partners. The package is designed to enhance various curriculum strands, with a focus on supporting the teaching of subjects like Personal Wellness, Math, and Social Studies for Grades 6, 7, and 8. These resources aim to inspire entrepreneurial thinking and practical application in the classroom, helping students to connect with the material in a meaningful and impactful way. [Click here](#) to register for a kit. Inventory is limited. Please choose the French or English option according to preference.



### **Engagement Days with NB Power**

Interested in taking your **High School class** on a tour of an NB Power facility? Complete the registration form to receive correspondence about these experiential learning opportunities, as dates become available. For more information and link to register, [click here](#). Please note: this opportunity is only for high schools at this time.

### **Middle School Wind Energy Blitz – In Person Event January & February**

The Cove and the Centre of Excellence for Energy are looking for host middle schools to deliver sessions on wind energy. In these hands-on lessons students will learn more about wind energy and other renewable energy sources, the physics of wind turbines, and careers in the wind energy sector. Please reach out to [warren.coombs@gnb.ca](mailto:warren.coombs@gnb.ca) if your middle school is interested in this opportunity!



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**COE Website** - Find classroom activities, live events, experiential learning opportunities, career pathway information, speaker series videos and more!



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