



Please see below for a list of upcoming events and opportunities for May 2025 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 to collaborate with a Centre Lead.

Please note: We are experiencing issues with sharing the Centre of Excellence for Language Learning, and Centre of Excellence for Skilled Trades and Manufacturing site links. A solution is in progress. In the meantime, please know that shared links (from these two sites only) may be blocked by the server. The websites can still be accessed through the web browser. Thanks for understanding!



Expression on Interest: Innovation grants for French Language Learning.

Friday, May 16, 2025

We are pleased to re-offer a grant of **up to \$5,000** for schools that are eager to explore innovative approaches to improving French Language Learning, given the unique context of their school community. School-based innovations must continue to adhere to Policy 309 and reflect your district guidelines. Deadline to apply is Friday, May 16, 2025. [Click here](#) to access the application form.

Party Parfait: Grade 6 Early and Late French Immersion

Tuesday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (FRENCH)

The Centres of Excellence for Health and Language Learning, as well as Teach Nutrition, are excited to bring to you Parfait Party (Fête Parfait) in French! In this live event, students will create their own yogurt parfait as each class will be given a **\$50 grocery card and special parfait cups compliments of Teach Nutrition**. A local chef will be joining the session to discuss the benefits (physically and mentally) of preparing and cooking meals, an overview of their profession, and answer any questions the students may have. Lastly, students will be given a creative challenge where they must design, present, and market their own parfait! To register for the session, please go to the link below under COE Health (or [click here](#)).

Win Manie Musicale swag for your class!!

Friday, June 6, 2025

Merci d'avoir participé à Manie Musicale avec vos élèves! We'd love to hear how this experience supported student learning, engagement, and motivation for learning French. By completing [this form](#), you'll be entered for a chance to win a **Manie Musicale sweatshirt and stickers**. Deadline to apply: June 6, 2025.



Marshghetti Bridges: Design, Build, Test

A new learning activity for students in grades 6-8 has been uploaded to the Centre of Excellence for Skilled Trades and Manufacturing website. This STEM activity encourages students to learn about careers in the road/bridge building industry while exploring bridge designs and elements to create their very own bridge using only spaghetti and marshmallows.

Primary and Elementary Learning Activity Resources

We want your feedback on our learning activities! We have many incredible learning activities, developed by NB educators to support your learners. Browse the lessons on the Centre of Excellence for Skilled Trades and Manufacturing website or email nathan.langille@gnb.ca to see how you can get a FREE book. To ensure equitable distribution, there's a limit of one book per educator per school, across all available learning activities. Quantities are limited. Available lessons (book titles) are:

Grades K-2: Busy Beavers (Five Busy Beavers)

Grades K-2: D is for Donut (D is for Donut)

Grades K-2: Great Potato Adventure (Potatoes for Pirate Pearl)

Grades 3-5: Joyeux Castors (Cinq Joyeux Castors)

Grades 3-5: Farm to Fry (Life of a Potato)

Grades 3-5: Sugar Shack (Billions of Bricks)

Grades 3-5: Upcycled Birdfeeders (My First Book of Canadian Birds)



Digital Learning SharePoint

The [EECD Digital Learning SharePoint](#) is a one-stop shop for all your technology questions, with links to resources on provincial software subscriptions, [artificial intelligence](#), lesson resources, and [professional learning opportunities](#).

micro:bit Professional Learning Series Part 2: Applications for AI and Data Literacy

Thursday May 8, 4 p.m.

Join us for the second session in our micro:bit PL series. This month, we will be exploring using micro:bits for data collection and machine learning. Explore how to leverage many of the micro:bits sensors for experiential learning activities in science, math, and computer science. To register, [click here](#).

How to Code a Sandcastle LIVE Event for grades 3-5

May 29 & 30, 9 to 10 a.m.

Using kinetic sand and the amazing picture book, *How to Code a Sandcastle* (Josh Funk), students will use critical thinking and digital literacy skills while learning what being a computer programmer is really like! This is a two-day event. The first day will involve a read-aloud and activity. On the second day, students will meet a programmer and share their final sandcastle. Space is limited: 24 classes (six per district) will receive a complete kit of materials for sandcastle making, along with a classroom copy of the read-aloud. To register for this event, [click here](#) (registration deadline is Friday, May 9). Please email Scott Sampson (scott.sampson@gnb.ca) and Sarah Rankin (sarah.rankin@gnb.ca) if you have questions.

Cisco Net Academy LEARN-A-THON 2025

Cisco Net Academy LEARN-A-THON offers learners 13 and older the challenge to complete six courses, one exam, and one industry certification leading them to their first entry-level job opportunity in the cybersecurity industry. Gain knowledge to excel as an Information Security Analyst, Security Engineer, Pen Tester, Security Architect, Security Software Developer, Security Consultant, and more. Enroll and get more info at [CoE-DI Cisco Net Academy LEARN-A-THON](#).



“How to Become a Nurse with NBCC” – Live, Virtual Event (grades 9-12)

Thursday, May 8, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

COE Health and NBCC are excited to celebrate Nurses Week, 2025! Join this engaging and informative session as we explore the pathways to becoming a Practical Nurse (PN) or Personal Support Worker (PSW). This session will include an overview of both programs, admission requirements, valuable insights into these rewarding career opportunities, as well as time to ask questions and connect with professionals in the field. To register, [click here](#).

Grade 6 PARTY PARFAIT! - Live, Virtual Sessions!

Tuesday, June 3, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (ENGLISH)

Tuesday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (FRENCH)

In this live event, students will create their own yogurt parfait as each class will be given a **\$50 grocery card and special parfait cups compliments of Teach Nutrition**. A local chef will be joining the session to discuss the benefits (physically and mentally) of preparing and cooking meals, an overview of their profession, and answer any questions the students may have. Lastly, students will be given a creative challenge where they must design, present, and market their own parfait! To register, [click here](#).

Jack.Org “Mental Health Basics” Virtual Presentation – grades 8-12

Tuesday, May 27, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

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Please join COE Health and Jack.org for a virtual Jack Talk as we celebrate Mental Health Month in May. The live sessions will be led by two trained youth speakers from Jack.org – a leading Canadian mental health charity. This engaging session will cover the foundations of mental health, including the difference between mental health struggles and crises, and the social and structural factors that impact wellness. You’ll also hear powerful personal stories from young people sharing their lived experiences. **Note:** Two identical sessions are being provided to support scheduling. To register, [click here](#).



PITCHfest Spring 2025! (grades 9-12)

Submissions due Monday, May 5

High school teachers of Business and English: PITCHfest is back for spring 2025! PITCHfest is a one-day event that provides an enrichment and development opportunity for students to pitch their ideas to community mentors and partners. Cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$100 will be awarded to the winning pitches. All ideas must be original, have

an overall positive impact on the community and be led by a New Brunswick public school student. Submissions are due May 5. The live event for provincial finalists will take place at NBCC Saint John on Tuesday, May 27. [Click here](#) to learn more and register!

**Expression of Interest for High School Teachers:
Resource Development Opportunity (June – July 2025)**

Do you have an innovative learning activity that inspires students to think like entrepreneurs? The Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship is looking for high school teachers who are passionate about entrepreneurship education and eager to share their ideas. This summer, selected teachers will help design engaging, real-world learning experiences with remuneration provided. [Click here](#) to sign up for this opportunity.

**CPA Career Week in High Schools
May 12-16, 2025**

As part of CPA Career Week (May 12–16), teachers can invite a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) to speak to their Grade 11 or 12 business, entrepreneurship, leadership, or accounting class. Presentations are 30–45 minutes and can be tailored to fit any schedule. Registration closes on Friday, April 25, 2025. [Click here](#) to register and learn more!



Introducing Electricity Now – An all-in-one Resource for Science 10

Electricity Now offers a practical, teacher-friendly “electricity and climate change program in a box” that simplifies complex topics through six modules and 13 engaging lessons, including hands-on activities, multimedia resources, and comprehensive teacher and student notes. For more information and to receive access, [click here](#). The resource is available in French and English and is for **High School Science**.

NBCC School of Engineering Technology Week for High Schools – May 12–16

Discover the exciting world of engineering and technology — right in your classroom! During this special outreach week, **NBCC instructors and program ambassadors** will visit schools to deliver hands-on, in-person sessions designed to spark student interest in high-demand careers and experiential learning opportunities. NBCC is proud to offer these opportunities for the following programs:

- **Electrical Engineering Technology** (available in the Moncton & Saint John regions)
- **Electronics Engineering Technology** (available in the Moncton & Saint John regions)
- **Wind and Solar Energy Technician** (available in the Saint John region)
- **Mechanical Engineering Technology** (available in the Saint John region)
- **Chemical Technology** (available in the Saint John region)
- **Building Engineering Technology** (available in the Moncton & Fredericton regions)
- **Civil Engineering Technology** (available in the Moncton region)

Not in one of those regions? No problem — a virtual session can be arranged! For more information and to see how to register, please [click here](#).



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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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