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Upcoming Events and Opportunities October 2026

[Our website](#) offers free, curriculum-connected lessons and activities for K-12 classrooms. We also provide 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.

Calling all High School Teachers and Guidance Counsellors – NBCC Open House

Help your high school students discover where their interests could take them at NBCC's Fall Open House! With more than 90 programs to explore, students can tour a campus, meet faculty and staff, ask questions, and learn about exciting career opportunities in New Brunswick. Open houses will take place across all six NBCC campuses this fall. Share this opportunity with students who are exploring their options after high school. [Click here](#) for dates, locations and registration details.



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LANGUAGE LEARNING

Canadian Parents for French Activities

This year, join in on many activities offered by Canadian Parents for French! As their 50th anniversary is approaching, they've amped up lots of exciting events, such as a virtual career fair and parent webinars throughout the course of the year.

[Click here](#) for more information on the **career fair**!

[Click here](#) for more information on **parent webinars**.

Free Tutoring Opportunities with Apprendre Franco-Fun!

We are thrilled to relaunch the free tutoring program, in partnership with Apprendre Franco-Fun! This initiative offers five free online French tutoring sessions for students in grades K–12 across the anglophone system — including French Immersion, PIF, and English Pathways. They offer personalized support in reading, writing, and oral communication for students in French Immersion and Francophone schools. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

Online LIVE Event : La désinformation, il FAUX que ça cesse !

October 27th, 9AM

The COELL will be partnering with the COE Digital Innovation and MediaSmarts to offer French language learners a lesson on strengthening their critical thinking and problem-solving skills! For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Nature NB Birding Kits

Join NatureNB in exploring the wonderful world of birds! They are providing birding kits for grades 3-5 and 6-8, with lessons and kits in both English and French. For more information and to register, [click here](#). Registration closes on October 16th

Calling all ASD-E schools: Register for an immersive learning experience with Satellite Theater!

The COELL is pleased to partner with Satellite Theatre to provide an exciting classroom activity to 6 middle schools (grades-6-8) in the ASD-E region. With the theme "*le français en mouvement*", They will be visiting select classes once a week from October to April to organize the play with the class.. It is a great opportunity for students to learn through engagement, helping support oral comprehension and French literacy! For more information, [click here](#).

Online LIVE Event: Energy Efficient Gingerbread Building Challenge

Wednesday, December 16th

The COELL and the COE-E are excited to offer a hands-on learning experience about energy! Using provided gingerbread house kits, classes will learn about energy efficiency. Registration is for one class only. The activity will be offered in French for grades 1-2 and 3-5. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



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SKILLED TRADES & MANUFACTURING

Topple and Tinker: Domino Trade Challenge for Grade 3-5 – Online LIVE Event

Thursday, November 26th, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Calling all Grades 3–5 classes! Get ready to build, tinker, test, and topple in a live domino challenge. Students will work together to plan and build domino creations while exploring how creativity and problem-solving connect to careers in the skilled trades and manufacturing. Domino kits are available for 30 classes, so register early if your class needs one! [Click here](#) to register today!



BREAK THE FAKE Live Event – Media Literacy Week 2026
Monday, October 26

Media Literacy Week 2026 spans the week of Oct. 26-30. This year we’re hosting live events for grades K-8 about recognizing what’s real and what’s fake online. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

Cisco Networking Academy – Free Resources and Learning Activities – Gr. 8-12

Cisco Networking Academy is the ultimate resource for learning modules and teaching resources on cyber security, information technologies and digital skills. All resources are designed for grades 8 and up and are completely free!! To see a list of offerings, [click here](#).

The Great Canadian Farm Tour
Wednesday, October 21st

Join Agriculture in the Classroom on an unforgettable journey with Season 6 of our Great Canadian Farm Tour (GCFT) coming this fall! On October 21st, New Brunswick will showcase a tour of Covered Bridge potato chips. All grade levels are welcome to participate, however, the tours are targeted at kindergarten to Grade 6. To register, [click here](#).



K-5 Mindful Moments: Breathing and Movement at Your Desk
Wednesday, October 7th, K-2 9:30-10:00, 3-5, 11:00-11:30am

In this 30-minute session, learners and educators will explore the power of mindfulness and breathing through simple, engaging activities they can use anytime and anywhere. Learners will practice grounding, balloon belly breathing, volcano breathing, five-finger star breathing, and other calming techniques to help manage emotions, improve focus, and promote relaxation. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

NBCC Student-Infused Senior Care-Navigation and Skills Development Program
Sept-June 2026/27

High school students can join a flexible 3-day experiential learning program to gain hands-on experience working with older adults in Senior Care Navigation Workshops and Adult Day Centres. Working alongside NBCC and UNB nursing learners. Students will build valuable skills in communication, critical thinking, active listening, technology support, and person-centered care. Students will also create meaningful intergenerational connections while supporting older adults and caregivers through engaging activities, classroom learning, and technology assistance. To see full schedule and to register please [click here](#).

Mental Health Day – Jack.org FREE Mental Health Education Resources
October 2026

The Centre of Excellence for Health and Jack.org are proud to celebrate **World Mental Health Day (October 10th)** throughout the entire month of October. Together, we are excited to highlight and promote the **Jack.Org Ed Hub** dynamic platform designed to empower educators and students with resources that support positive mental health and well-being. Educators who explore, utilize the edHUB resources and complete the survey during October will be entered into a draw for a chance to **win an Experiential Learning Trip for their class (bus costs)** For more information [click here](#).

Amazing Allied Healthcare Workers – Virtual LIVE Event!

Tuesday, Nov 17th, K-2 9:30-10:00, 3-5, 11:00-11:30amThe Centre of Excellence for Health is celebrating **Allied Health Month** in November! In this 30-minute **ACTIVE session**, learners will explore the important roles of allied healthcare professionals through a digital read-aloud, interactive role-play, and real-life scenarios. Learners will then choose an allied healthcare role, imagine themselves on the job, and create a drawing for a class to display celebrating **Allied Healthcare Helpers**. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).



Storytime Startup – Online LIVE Event (Grades 3-5)
Thursday, November 5 at 9 am

Grades 3–5 classes are invited to a live event with author Paul McAllister, who will share how he turned a problem into a solution by writing books. Paul will read one of his stories and guide students in designing their own unique book characters. Following this, students will take part in an arts-based activity where they explore colour theory as they bring their characters to life. This interactive session blends storytelling and creative expression to spark imagination, creativity, and big ideas. Selected classes will receive a copy of the book read during the live event. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Build a Business with Junior Achievement LIVE Event (Grades 3-5)
Wednesday, April 29, 9am

In this interactive session, students will learn what a business is and explore the Business Model Canvas by planning their very own bracelet making business! Through this fun, engaging activity, students will discover how entrepreneurs think about customers, products, and running a successful business. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Bank Note Design Challenge LIVE Event (Grades 6-8)
English: November 18, 9am | November 30, 9am/December 2, 10:15am
French: November 18, 10:15am | November 30, 10:15am/December 2, 9am

In this Live Event and Showcase, students will explore the story and purpose behind Canadian bank notes before creating their own original bill design and explaining the meaning behind their choices. Selected designs will be featured in a virtual student showcase, giving students an opportunity to celebrate and share their creativity. Classes will also have a chance to win a prize for their classroom. To learn more and register, [click here](#).



Hands-On Renewable Energy Workshops for Middle Schools

Bring hands-on wind and solar energy learning directly to your Grades 6–8 learners! In partnership with Relay Education and COVE, the Centre of Excellence for Energy is offering interactive renewable energy workshops to middle school classrooms across New Brunswick, with French Immersion programming also available. [Click here](#) to learn more and register your interest.

Bring Nuclear Energy into Your Classroom with NAYGN

Do you and your learners want to know more about nuclear power? Members of the North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN) are offering classroom presentations for middle and high school students. Hear directly from industry professionals about how nuclear energy works and the careers behind it. [Click here](#) to learn more and register your interest.

The 5thAnnual K-5 Energy-Efficient Gingerbread House Building Challenge - Online LIVE Event

Join us for this popular event for the fifth year in a row! In this event learners will learn about energy efficiency through building their own gingerbread houses! We are thrilled to offer French & English sessions for the primary and elementary learning blocks this year! Class Kits are limited so please register today! Only one class per registration is permitted.

For the K-2 Sessions
English - Wednesday, December 15 - K-2 Event: 9:00 to 10:15 am
French – Thursday, December 16– 1-2 Event: 9:00 to 10:15 am

Young learners will build houses to endure the New Brunswick winter. In addition to their designs, learners will explore energy-efficient products to add to their creation. To learn more and register for this event, [Click Here](#).

For the 3-5 Sessions
English - Wednesday, December 15- 3-5 Event: 10:30 to 11:45 am
French - Thursday, December 16- 3-5 Event: 10:30 to 11:45 am

Elementary learners will be challenged to build a sturdy gingerbread house, adding energy-efficient products to their design to gain points for their building team! An expert from the energy field will be joining us to offer insight into the importance of saving energy! To learn more and register for this event, [Click Here](#).

Free Climate Action Youth Forums for Grades 5–8
October 26 (French) and October 27 (English), 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | Fredericton, NB

Learning for a Sustainable Future invites schools to bring up to five students and one or two educators to its French-language forum on October 26 or English-language forum on October 27 at UNB. Students will explore local climate issues through hands-on workshops while educators take part in professional learning; both free events include lunch and snacks, an Action Project Grant, and supply coverage for one teacher at each of the first 25 schools to register. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE



COE Newsletter - Sent directly to your inbox on the last week of each month. It includes information about upcoming events, announcements, and stories from the centres!



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



Connect Directly - Email a COE lead for collaboration, or email COE@gnb.ca for questions and information regarding opportunities near you!

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