

## NBTA Professional Learning “Menu” 2012-2013

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*As a new feature this year, we thought that it may be useful to devote one page of our NBTA News to listing as many of our NBTA provincial professional learning opportunities/noteworthy events that we are aware of in one place. While some of the events may still be noted as “tentative”, we have included them to provide you with the “big picture” as they plan for their learning this coming year.*

*Please come back and check our menu often. We hope that you will find something to your “taste” and mark the date in your calendar! It will be updated on a regular basis and appear in each NBTA News, and we will also have an electronic version posted on our NBTA website that is updated more regularly.*

*Just like your favourite Café or Diner, our staff has been known to adjust “recipes” according to our teachers’ tastes and “cook up” new things in short order!*

### **Bon Appetit!**

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 PM/September 21<sup>st</sup>, (8:30 - 3:00)  
**Council Coordinating**  
Target Audience: Elected Executive members of our 3 Councils

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Dalhousie

October 9<sup>th</sup> OR January 8<sup>th</sup> OR March 28<sup>th</sup> (9:30 – 2:30)  
**SUPPLYing the Skills for Success**  
Target Audience: Substitute Teachers  
Location: NBTF Building, Fredericton (October 9), Riverview High School (January 8), Bathurst High School (March 28)  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after September 24<sup>th</sup>.

October 10<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30)  
**POINT Seminar Series: Cooperative Discipline - Part 1**  
Target Audience: Any Branch POINT participant  
Location/Date: St. Andrews (October 10), Nackawic (October 29), Campbellton (October 30)  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after October 1

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00/October 13<sup>th</sup> (8:30-11:30)  
**Differentiation for School Leaders**  
Target Audience - Teacher Leaders  
Location: Moncton Area  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after October 1

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Teacher Exchange Information Meeting**  
Target Audience: Any teacher interested in finding out more about exchange opportunities for NB Teachers. (See ad on Page 23)

October 30<sup>th</sup> OR November 8<sup>th</sup> OR November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Skills for Administrators Supper Series: Instructional Rounds**  
Target Audience: Interested Administrators and Teacher Leaders  
Location/Date: Woodstock (October 30), Moncton (November 8), Saint John (November 22)  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after October 1

October 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Teacher Certification Increase Application Deadline**  
(for course work completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012)

November 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Project Overseas Deadline** (See ad on Page 16)

November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Educational Leave Deadline** (See ad on Page 10)

November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Moncton

November 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Bristol

November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)  
**NBTA PD Chairperson’s Workshop**

Target Audience: All Branch PD Chairpersons, NBTA PD Committee and District/Department Personnel with responsibilities for planning professional learning for NB Teachers.

November 21<sup>st</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30)  
**POINT Seminar Series: Cooperative Discipline - Part II**  
Target Audience: Any Branch POINT participant who attended Cooperative Discipline Part I  
Location/Date: St. Andrews (November 21), Campbellton (November 27), Nackawic (November 28)  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after October 1

November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
**NBTA Compass Conference**  
Target Audience: Teachers who are in their first five years of teaching. (See ad on Page 11)

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00/December 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30  
**Differentiation for School Leaders**  
Target Audience - Teacher Leaders  
Location: Dalhousie Area  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after October 1

December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Saint John

January 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Fredericton

January 18<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – 3:30) and 19<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – 11:30)  
**Skills for Administrators Series: How to Create a Culture of Achievement in our Schools and Classrooms**  
Target Audience: Administrators interested in networking with other administrators from around the province in this interactive workshop based on the book of the same name by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey and Ian Pumpian

January 24<sup>th</sup> or January 28<sup>th</sup> or February 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30 -8:30)  
**POINT Seminar Series: Student Motivation - Part I**  
Location/Date: Nackawic (January 24), St. Andrews (January 28), Campbellton (February 19)  
Target Audience - Any Branch POINT participant  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after January 11

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Miramichi

February 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Pension Seminar** - Sussex

February 20<sup>th</sup> or February 26<sup>th</sup> or March 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30)  
**POINT Seminar Series: Student Motivation - Part II**  
Location/Date: Nackawic (February 20), St. Andrews (February 26), Campbellton (March 19)  
Target Audience - Any Branch POINT participant who attended Student Motivation Part I  
Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration

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will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after January 11

February 22<sup>nd</sup> (6:00 – 9:00) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (8:30 – 4:00)

### **FIERCE Conversations®**

Target Audience - All Educators

Location - Miramichi

Registration Fee - \$30 (includes full Fierce Conversations kit)

Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after January 15

March 13<sup>th</sup> or March 26<sup>th</sup> or April 9<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30)

### **POINT Seminar Series: Interactive Book Study - Part I**

Location/Date: Nackawic (March 13), St. George (March 26), Campbellton (April 9)

Target Audience - Any Branch POINT participant

Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after January 31

March 22<sup>nd</sup> (9:00 – 4:00)

### **FIERCE Accountability®**

Target Audience: Any New Brunswick educator who has received the certificate for completion of training in Fierce Conversations®

Location: NBTF Building, Fredericton

Registration Fee - \$125.00

Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after February 15

March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Teacher Certification Increase Application Deadline**

(for course work completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012)

April 25<sup>th</sup> or April 29<sup>th</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30)

### **POINT Seminar Series: Interactive Book Study - Part II**

Location/Date: Nackawic (April 25), St. George (April 29),

Campbellton (May 8)

Target Audience - Any Branch POINT participant who attended the Interactive Book Study - Part I

Registration Details - Session Description and Online Registration will be available at [www.nbta.ca](http://www.nbta.ca) after January 31

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **NBTA Council Day**

Elementary & Music Specialist Strand – Miramichi

Middle Level & Phys. Ed. Specialist Strand – Moncton

High School & Art Specialist Strand – Fredericton

May 31<sup>st</sup> (Tentative)

### **Council Leadership Workshop**

Target Audience: Incoming and Outgoing Council Executive Members

July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

### **Developing Successful Schools (Topic TBD)**

Target Audience: School Leaders from Atlantic Canada

August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

### **CONTACT (Conference on New Teaching and Classroom Techniques)**

Target Audience: Any interested teacher member of their NBTA, PEITF, NSTU or NLTA.

August 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

### **NBTA Branch Presidents Workshop**

Target Audience: All Branch Presidents

August 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> (Tentative)

### **NBTA Branch Leadership Workshop**

Target Audience: Teacher Leaders who are interested in learning more or taking on a leadership role in their professional association and have been selected to attend as representatives of their NBTA Branch. If interested, contact your local NBTA Branch President.

*\*Please note that some of our events have a very specific target audience that may impact registration opportunity.*

## May I Recommend?

Middle Ground Magazine's August issue includes a one page gem of an article called "How to be a Legendary Teacher" by Roger Chamberlain and it is definitely worth a read. Both inspiring and practical in its advice, we learn how one middle level teacher promoted respect, relationships, effective instruction, and positive student behavior for four generations of one community's young people.

"Clearly Communicating the Learning Objective Matters!" by Deborah K. Reed is found on page 16 of the May issue of Middle School Journal. In case you were a bit skeptical that sharing what it is you expect students to learn at the beginning of a lesson as being important, this case study illustrates how the qualitative and quantitative differences in the ways a teacher communicates the learner expectation can influence both student learning and behavior and convinces us that clearly communicating lesson objectives supports student learning and positive behavior.

"Vocabulary: Five Common Misconceptions" by Nancy Padak, Karen Bromley, Tim Rasinski and Evangeline Newton appears in the Summer Online edition of Educational Leadership. The authors reinforce the fact that rote memorization of word lists has never worked. They contend that to unleash the power of vocabulary instruction, we should focus on exploration and engaging word play. Just a few of the many online resources for word games and puzzles they recommend are:

- MindFun ([mindfun.com](http://mindfun.com))
- Funschool ([games.funschool.com](http://games.funschool.com))
- Vocabulary ([vocabulary.co.il](http://vocabulary.co.il))
- MyVocabulary ([myvocabulary.com](http://myvocabulary.com))

## Book Give-Away!

Send me an email with the Subject Line "Book Give Away" before September 30<sup>th</sup> to put your name in for a copy of *Managing Diverse Classrooms* by Carrie Rothstein-Fisch and Elise Trumbull.

*Ardith*

