

NBTA iLearn: We've got an "Opp" for that!

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NBTA Professional Learning 2015-2016

Three years ago, we began listing as many of our NBTA provincial professional learning opportunities and noteworthy events in a professional learning "Menu". The feedback we received on our NBTA PL Menu since then has been very positive and so our NBTA "cooks" (aka Staff Officers) have continued the practice annually. This spring, our NBTA Professional Learning Committee met and suggested that perhaps it was time to "freshen" up the idea so we put our heads together to come up with a new theme for 2015-16 based on the iPhone iOS to keep things exciting – instead of 'Apps' we have many 'Opps'. We hope you like it! (Here's a glimpse of what to expect – stay tuned for the larger poster size in your staffroom soon. Want your own personal copy? It's available for print at www.nbta.ca/!)

Please come back and check our NBTA iLearn Opps often. Just like Apple, we are constantly looking for new ways to keep our "users" (aka New Brunswick Teachers) engaged and happy learners. We also do our best to respond as we become aware of "new fixes" for the "bugs" that our teachers may be facing.

Check our website throughout the year to be sure you know about our latest NBTA iLearn updates.

We hope that you will find an "Opp" to your liking and mark the date in your calendar!



NBTA Professional Learning Opportunities 2015-2016

<p>Walking the Line Leadership Orientation for Supply Teachers <i>in partnership with your district</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">In Partnership</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Canadian Association of Principals 35th Annual Conference Saint John May 16-19, 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">CAP 2016</p>	<p>NBTA Compass Conference October 15-16, 2015 Fredericton</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Workshop: Classroom Management 101 October 30, 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Early Career</p>
<p>Teacher Exchange Information Meeting Oct. 17, 2015 in Fredericton</p> <p>Project Overseas Deadline: November 4, 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Travel Opps</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Provincial Professional Learning Chairpersons</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Nov. 5-6, 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">PL</p>	<p>Pension Seminars Moncton (Oct. 31) Dalhousie (Nov. 21) Fredericton (Dec. 5) Miramichi (Jan. 23) Saint John (Feb. 13) Sussex (Feb. 27)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Pension</p>
<p>Developing Successful Schools July 4-7, 2016</p> <p>CONTACT August 2-5, 2016 Nova Scotia</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Summer Learning</p>	<p>Council Coordinating Sept. 24-25, 2015 in Fredericton</p> <p>Branch Presidents Workshop Oct. 2, 2015 in Fredericton</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Leaders</p>	<p>FIERGE Conversations October 2-3, 2015</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Generations April 22, 2016</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Accountability April 23, 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Conversations</p>
<p>Council Day May 6, 2016</p> <p style="font-size: small;">EC & Art - Moncton MLC & Music - Miramichi HSC & Phys. Ed. - Fredericton</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Council</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">NBTA Sponsored Enrichment Triad Training Course Fall 2015, Spring 2016 or Summer 2016 In Fredericton</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">NBTA Sponsored</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Registration Information at www.nbta.ca</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Registration</p>

May I Recommend:

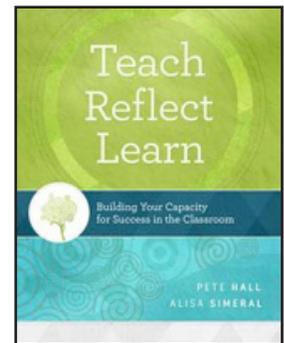
As we embark on another consultation in New Brunswick for the purpose of creating recommendations for a new 10 Year Education Plan (See invitation for input from Co-chair Karen Branscombe Powers on Page 26), I found the summer digital edition of Educational Leadership “Improving Schools from Within” timely. The closing article “*Speaking Up & Talking Back*” written by Thomas Newkirk reminds educators of both the difficulty and reward in having the courage to speak up. I believe that New Brunswick needs our teacher voices to be heard loudly as our vision of education for the next 10 years is co-constructed. **“No longer can those who spend their lives educating children be the silent partners. Its time for educators to tell the world what they know and advocate publically for students and schools.”**

Take Care!



Book Give-Away!

The first book give away for this school year will be “*Teach, Reflect, Learn: Building Your Capacity for Success in the Classroom*” by Pete Hall and Alisa Simeral. Sound intriguing? Send me an email with the subject line “Book Draw” before September 30th.



Closing Quote:

As another school year begins, I wish you much success as you lead learning in your classrooms, schools and communities. Since Apple was the inspiration for our iLearn Opps, I turn to a quote from Steve Jobs that I hope you might find as a source of inspiration when you come up against any challenge our system can throw at you this school year –

“Here’s to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... The ones who see things differently — they’re not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can’t do is ignore them because they change things... They push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do.”

— Steve Jobs