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Summer Hours

For the period June 30, 2006 to August 25, 2006 inclusive, summer office hours will be in effect as follows:

Monday to Thursday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

The Power of Learning



NBTA Annual General Meeting Highlights

Delegates to the NBTA Annual General Meeting debated a number of branch resolutions, received annual reports from the President and Executive Director, and accepted the budget proposed for 2006-2007.

Two of the seventeen resolutions garnered significant public attention prior to the sessions. The first, related to the 2010 Winter Olympics, was defeated by the assembly. Teachers are very cognizant of the impact of substantial shifts in the school year on all segments of society, and felt there was no merit in changing the calendar to accommodate travelling to the Olympics.

In another resolution, the assembly reaffirmed the Association's position of zero

tolerance for threats made towards teachers. While the response may vary, depending on the situation, the Association believes that no inappropriate action should go unchallenged.

The meeting also rejected a resolution to establish a strike fund. It was the opinion of the group that the presence or absence of a strike fund is not the determining factor as to whether teachers were willing to use the strike sanction. The decision regarding sanctions are determined by the progress at the negotiating table.

Several retirements are expected in NBTA staff over the next few years. Delegates were introduced to Professional Development Director-Designate, Ardith Shirley, who will join the staff in January 2007.



Excellence Awards Presented at Annual Dinner

Two awards were presented at the Annual Dinner. The Aliant Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Keswick Valley Memorial School teacher, Norma-Gene Jones, with Riverview High School Vice-Principal, Vince Sunderland, receiving the Department of Education Award for Outstanding Educational Leadership. This is the first time the Leadership Award has been presented. Further details are elsewhere in this edition of *NBTA News*.

Retiring Teachers' Luncheon

Over 160 retiring teachers and their guests were hosted by the

NBTA at its annual Retiring Teachers' Banquet at the Aitken Centre on Saturday, May 27. Co-sponsored by the Department of Education, this Annual Luncheon is a highlight of the Association's calendar.

At the dinner, attended by Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson and Her Honor Mme. Marcia Babineau, and Education Minister Claude Williams, each retiree was presented with an Honorary Membership to NBTA. Two former NBTA Presidents — June MacNairn of Moncton and Mary Wilson of Canterbury/Nackawic — received Honorary Life Memberships in recognition of their service to the Association.

Centennial Award

A highlight of the Luncheon was the presentation of NBTA's highest award, the Centennial Award to Bathurst teacher, Riba Riordon. The citation is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Executive Elected

At the Post-AGM Board of Directors, five members were elected to serve on the Executive Committee, including returning members Emily Daigle (Rexton) and Heather Smith (Bathurst), and new members Paul-Emile Mallet (Moncton), Grant Hendry (Miramichi) and Blake Robichaud (Fredericton).



Moving? Name Change? Not Getting Your NBTA News? LET US KNOW!

In order to keep our NBTA members' database as accurate as possible, it is important that you advise the NBTA Communications Department (Carlene Merrick, 452-1833) of any changes such as marital status, home address, school location, phone number, etc., as soon as possible. This is necessary to ensure that all mailings reach our members and that our nominal roll is up to date for voting purposes. Initial information is collected on the green registration forms, but changes occur. Many of these changes occur during the summer months.

We do not receive this updated information through any other source, so please keep us informed of any changes.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us serve you better.



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President's Message



Indu Varma

Reflecting back over the events of this school year and writing this last message, I see a remarkable year in which much has been accomplished and considerable progress has been made towards improving our education system. Seeing the serious efforts that our government is making towards improving inclusive education, one feels hopeful that in the near future we could be teaching in world class schools, as described in the above quote, right here in New Brunswick.

A new laptop computer for every teacher in the province this year has put us in an enviable situation amongst all Canadian teachers. Laptops have given us that 21st century tool, which would assist us in accessing NB Portal-based resources, planning and implementing SmartBoard-based lesson plans, and in general, teaching more effectively.

Add to this, the announced major class size reductions of a minimum of four over four years, the government's commitment to improving class composition, return of Curriculum Delivery Days, and five million dollars allocated for post MacKay consultation. We have certainly taken the first steps towards modernizing our education system and making the inclusive education system work more effectively.

Recently, I thanked the Premier personally for the above and expressed our appreciation for the fact that his government has made the education of our children a top priority. He is well aware that the

Let New Brunswick Teachers Teach in a World Class Education System

"World class schools are those which add value to their students, whatever their abilities, whatever their family background. Excellence in education does not mean producing the best absolute score in a common test. Excellence means providing each student the opportunity to be educated to be the best he can be, doing the best he can under all circumstances, according to his combination of talents and abilities. By this measure, potentially every student can excel, every school can be world class."

— From a speech by Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Defence, at the lecture on 16 July 1999 at the Chinese High School

work on his 'five in five' priorities begins with K-12 and a lot remains to be done to create world class schools in New Brunswick.

The real challenge, for us as educators, lies in removing the barriers to learning so we may teach effectively. There are times when despite our best efforts we feel overwhelmed by the diversity and high concentration of needs in our classes, wide spectrum of academic levels in a class, disruptive behaviors at all learning and grade levels, and a complexity of medical, social, and emotional needs of our children. Education's increased mandate hasn't seen proportional increase in resources, funding, or support from other government departments.

To tackle similar difficulties, Saskatchewan has instituted the concept of School Plus. The three Rs of School Plus are Relevant, Responsive, and Result-oriented, meaning programs and services offered must be relevant and responsive to the needs of the children so they may succeed.

In April I met with Dr. Michael Tymchak, Regina University Professor, who conceptualized School Plus. I also visited schools in Saskatchewan to learn more about School Plus. Here's a brief snapshot of what I saw.

In a high school of roughly 2000 students, there are 93 staff members, of which 17 teach in the area of vocational ed. Here, under the Practical and Applied Arts program, all grade 9 students take various modules of vocational education, such as automotive, cosmetology, food technology, carpentry, etc. to learn some life skills and be exposed to various trades. In subsequent years (10-12) they choose to further study a specialty trades area or stay

in the academic stream.

Some schools have a full time police officer, an addiction counselor, a psychologist, social worker, a health nurse, a career counselor, a justice worker and various other professionals available on a need basis. Community partnerships have led to on-site babysitting, active involvement of elders to integrate the culture of the community, and youth outreach workers to assist at-risk students.

The advice from Saskatchewan is that providing integrated delivery of services requires the collaboration and commitment with funding and resources of various government departments.

At the post MacKay Report consultation forum held on May 28-29, 2006, the participants identified integrated services delivery amongst the key priorities. Other priorities included - need for effective behavior management support, hands-on programs, professional development for teachers, and appropriately trained personnel to assist teachers in teaching effectively. The Minister of Education has assured us of a better future by declaring at the forum his intent to take concrete actions in the near future as a first response to the MacKay Report recommendations.

As we conclude this year, I join you in wishing a happy and healthy retirement to our retiring colleagues. My sincere thanks to all of you for your dedication, hard work, and support. I look forward to working with you next year towards creating that world class school system that we can all be proud of. The future belongs to us!

Our children are worth it!

NBTA Board Elects 2006-2007 Executive

Five members of the NBTA Board of Directors were elected to join the table officers — President Indu Varma, Vice-President/President Elect Brent Shaw, and Past President Brian Bawn — in forming the 2006-2007 NBTA Executive Committee. Returning to the Executive are Emily Daigle - Branch 1640, and Heather Smith - Branch 1542. Newly elected are Grant Hendry - Branch 1608, Paul-Émile Mallet - Branch 0215, and Blake Robichaud - Branch 1826. All positions are for one-year duration. The Executive meets monthly except in December and July. Blake Robichaud and Heather Smith were elected by the NBTA Executive to serve as representatives on the NBTF Executive.



Emily Daigle



Heather Smith



Grant Hendry



Paul-Émile Mallet



Blake Robichaud

Thank You For Your Support!



Brent Shaw

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
I would like to extend my sincere *thanks* for all the support that was shown to me as I

traveled around the province. I thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to visit, and see all the exciting things happening at your

schools. I would be remiss if I did not mention how comforting it felt to be met by so many supportive and familiar faces.

I would also like to say *thank you* to the members of Branch 1430 and a special *thank you* to the staff at Carleton North High School. Last, but certainly not least, an *extra special thanks* to my wife Sharon; sons, Tyson and Dylan, for their endless hours helping with my campaign. I am reminded of the old analogy, slightly modified – *BESIDE EVERY GOOD MAN IS A GREAT WOMAN.*

I am wholeheartedly looking forward to supporting the teachers of New Brunswick as I begin as Vice-President/President-Elect. I do believe that we need “RESPECT” in our classrooms and I feel strongly it is time to be heard.

Yours in Education,

Brent Shaw
NBTA Vice-President/President-Elect

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- Riba Riordon -

2006 Centennial Award Recipient

“There are so many students who need your love and support, and you will surely get your wings in heaven. You truly are an angel on earth and I will never forget you!”

The NBTA Centennial Award is the highest honour bestowed by the New Brunswick Teachers' Association. Established in Canada's Centennial Year 1967, the Award is presented each year to an individual in recognition of having made a significant contribution to education in New Brunswick.

The fictional character Superman, as the story goes, is an ordinary human being most of the time, but, when faced with a situation where someone is in need, he dons his hero garb and is the first to provide assistance. He does so with no thought of personal engrandizement, but simply to help someone in need. To do these deeds, Superman has the power to leap over tall buildings, and even mountains.

But what, you may ask, has this to do with a teacher in New Brunswick?

Our recipient of this year's Centennial Award, to paraphrase several of her colleagues, exhibits a drive and determination that belies her stature. Instead of leaping over mountains to assist students, she reportedly can “move mountains”.

Three simple sentences summarize her philosophy of service to others: “What are you doing? What do you need? I will help!”

This year's NBTA Centennial Award recipient is Bathurst High School teacher — Riba Riordon.

Known as a strong advocate for children with the very special gifts of compassion, understanding, and professionalism, Riba lives the values she teaches in her classroom. As a Home Economics teacher, Riba has

distinguished herself among her peers by her total commitment to the preservation and modernization of curriculum in this important area of instruction.

Riba Riordon recognizes that, in addition to the curriculum, her students need assistance in numerous other areas of



NBTA President Indu Varma presents the 2006 NBTA Centennial Award to Riba Riordon.

(Photo by Harry Mullin)

development. She teaches many life lessons to her students. To quote a colleague: “Riba makes all students feel special by recognizing every achievement that he/she makes, big or small, academic or personal.”

Riba has a keen sensitivity to the needs of all students. She recognizes the impact of social pressure on individual student lives. She understands the importance of being a non-judgemental supporter of a student in need. She continually finds the ways and means to provide the less privileged with not only the necessities of life, but also the necessities for high self-esteem, pride, and sense of self-worth.

Whether it is tracking down a prom dress so a student can attend a social function, or providing food through breakfast and lunch programs, Riba responds wherever and whenever she sees a need.

It is not often that a person has the opportunity to practise two professions simultaneously. Not only is Riba a professional teacher, she is also a professional Home Economist. Throughout her career, she has faithfully supported numerous activities in both. As an educator, Riba championed her discipline and successfully sustained Home Economics as a program in Bathurst High School when such programs were cut in many other areas. She volunteered countless hours to curriculum development to ensure her teaching discipline continued to respond to the changing needs of students in an ever-changing world.

Riba assumed a number of responsibilities to encourage the professional development of Home Economics teachers throughout the Department, the NBTA, and its Home Economics Council.

As a Home Economist, she volunteered within the New Brunswick Home Economics Association, having been elected to several provincial positions by Home Economists in various professional placements throughout the Province.

The number of activities and groups in the school and community that benefitted from Riba's energy and enthusiasm are too numerous to list, but they all

have a common theme. Groups such as Teens Against Drunk Driving and Safe Grad reflect her concern for the safety of her students. Numerous fundraisers indicate her support for community involvement and activities. Projects such as Remembrance Day Services and the Terry Fox Run show her willingness to assist others in organizing activities that reflect respect, dedication and social responsibility. By example, Riba creates a drive in many of her students to become active in their communities and respectful of the needs of others.

Indeed, these same traits have been nurturing in her own four children.

Like Clark Kent, Riba is an ordinary human being, doing ordinary things. But unlike Clark Kent, she does not have to be transformed into an alter ego to

accomplish her goals of service, volunteerism, mentorship, and nurturing. Riba simply does it, “with style, class, and grace”! Whether it is providing a safe haven for a child affected by a hostile home environment, or providing a nutrition break for 200 students, Riba is always the first on the scene to help. One supporter states: “It is amazing how her small stature encases such a large heart.”

But perhaps the best indication of Riba’s contribution to education and to her students and community are the following quotes from two of her students. The first, in a “Top Ten Reasons Why You are the Best Teacher” list, states:

#3 — You make everyone feel special and loved.

#2 — Your door is always open, whether we need a question

answered or a shoulder to cry on.
#1 — You are very special because you have two hearts --- one for your family and one for your students.

And the second, in a Christmas note, proclaimed:

“You are a very kind and generous woman, and someone I will never forget. You have helped me so much when I was having a bad time, and I won’t be the last. There are so many students who need your love and support, and you will surely get your wings in heaven. You truly are an angel on earth and I will never forget you!”

The selection committee does not have the power to issue wings, but they do concur that Riba Riordon is truly a most worthy recipient of the NBTA Centennial Award for 2006.

Aliant Award for Excellence in Teaching 2006 — Norma-Gene Jones —

Each year, the Aliant Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented to a deserving NBTA member. The individual is perceived by peers and the community as a teacher who exhibits excellence through on-going commitment to students and to the profession.

“She treats students as if each were her own child, ensuring that they receive the best instruction and that each grows and develops personally.”

“She continues to show interest in her students beyond the year she teaches them. She is like everyone’s mother, who looks out for you unconditionally.”

This year’s recipient is described as a “diminutive dynamo”, a person



Ron Forsythe, regional manager of Aliant Telecom in Fredericton, presents Norma-Gene Jones with the Aliant Award for Excellence in Teaching. *(Photo by Harry Mullin)*

who puts heart, soul, and body into everything she does, a person full of “boundless energy”. One referee

stated: “The phrase ‘Big things come in small packages’ could best be used to describe her. The ‘big things’ are encompassed in her love, her devotion, her competence, and her enthusiasm – not only for teaching, but for the children she teaches. She cannot hide her love for her students and teaching.”

This year’s Award recipient is Keswick Valley Memorial School teacher, Norma-Gene Jones.

It is difficult to imagine that one person could have such a profound influence on the lives of so many people. Not only is

Norma a very successful classroom teacher as indicated by the academic success of her students, but she also

has an impact on the professional lives of her colleagues, as well as the lives of all the members of her community.

Norma-Gene believes that service to community is just as important a lesson as the academic content of the classroom. She selflessly models the importance of good citizenship, service to others, and exemplifies the values that create a strong sense of self-worth and pride in all those whom she touches.

An inspiring teacher, several sponsors wrote of the importance of Mrs. Jones in their lives long after leaving her class.

"When I was in your grade 6 class", writes one former student, "you made me feel special. You made me want to learn. You were the best teacher. It's because of you that I graduated from high school. When I was in Grade 10, I dropped out of school. Then for some reason I thought of you and I knew that you would be disappointed, so I went back to school, and five and one-half year's ago, I graduated. It was one of the proudest days of my life. On my graduation night I thought of you, and now I want to thank you."

A current colleague and former student writes: "Mrs. Jones always valued her students and showed a great deal of respect for us. She expected us to do our best and reach beyond the expectations. It is because of Mrs. Jones' influence on me that I decided to become a teacher. ... She showed me at an early age how important it was to work hard."

Norma-Gene's life is one of total commitment to her family, her church, her community, and of course, her school and students. From community clean-up to

"... Mrs. Jones is more than a teacher – she is a mother, she is a friend, she is an advocate, she is a comforter. To her, teaching is her life."

development of a community cemetery, from teaching Grade Two students to founding a Laubach Literacy group, and from assisting numerous new teachers as a Cooperating Teacher to serving as Branch Professional Development Chair, Norma-Gene takes every opportunity to assist those around her.

Norma-Gene truly does "walk the walk" professionally. She believes in the importance of life-long learning, and her work with students reflects it. As one former colleague wrote: "Norma-Gene's willingness to help improve the lives of children and to recognize others around her is evident from the integral roles she played in developing five Innovation in Education Programs, two Enterprise in Education Initiatives, several School and District Enrichment projects, and the 2006 School of Arts Award – winning approaches to increase learning

opportunities at Keswick Valley Memorial School."

Another former colleague sums up the statements of those who know Norma-Gene. He states: "For some, teaching is a job. For Mrs. Jones, it is a calling. Whether she is in her classroom or on the roadside clean-up with her students, whether she is in the midst of a busy day in the classroom or meeting her students at the local hockey rink, whether she is celebrating the success of her adult former student, or she is comforting the family in times of tragedy, Mrs. Jones is more than a teacher – she is a mother, she is a friend, she is an advocate, she is a comforter. To her, teaching is her life."

Perhaps the most telling comments, however, come from Norma-Gene's four sons: "Our mom loves to teach. It is who she is!... She cares about every student who has sat in her classes, and everyone who has had that chance will remember it for the rest of their lives... We do know that Keswick Valley Memorial School will never be the same without Mrs. Jones!"

The Selection Committee concurs with the sentiments expressed on behalf of Norma-Gene. Her students, her colleagues, her school, her community, and her profession are much richer because of the phenomenal sense of service of this "magical teacher".

Norma-Gene Jones is indeed a most worthy recipient of the Aliant Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2006.

Outstanding Educational Leadership Award 2006 – Vince Sunderland –

The Outstanding Educational Leadership Award, established this year and sponsored by the Department of Education, is presented each year to honour an NBTA member who is a principal or vice-principal, or to honour an in-school administrative team. Recipients demonstrate qualities of a

successful educational leader and foster a positive school climate.

A supporter of this year's recipient writes: "He leads by example and the example he sets is nothing short of inspiring. In his rapport and dealing with others, he is both natural and sincere. He's a listener — his door is actually open.

His is a voice of calm consideration and honest assessment ... Beginning teachers especially appreciate his receptiveness and his guidance. Veteran teachers know they can depend on both."

The first recipient of this newly-established Outstanding Educational Leadership Award is Riverview High

“... Although I have barely just begun my journey as a teacher, Vince Sunderland has paved a path that will guide me for a lifetime.”

School Vice-Principal, Vince Sunderland.

From seasoned veteran teachers to new substitute teachers and teacher assistants, all voices are unanimous in the praise of Vince’s “special way he has of making you feel like your issue, no matter how big or small, is the only issue on his agenda. He always provides you with his undivided attention and never makes you feel you are wasting his time.”

Part of Vince’s job description includes dealing with discipline issues. He recognizes that discipline issues, if not resolved in a timely and effective fashion, will quickly undermine the morale of staff and students alike. Therefore teachers can expect that discipline matters would be resolved within 24 hours, a high standard which creates a very supportive environment for teachers.

“As a teacher, it is wonderful to go to work each day knowing that disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated,” wrote a colleague.

“Vince is an excellent listener; he has a special gift for advising and counseling teachers. I always leave one-on-one meetings with Vince feeling validated and empowered. ...Vince is especially compassionate towards victims of harassment, which allows students belonging to minority groups to feel safe at our school”.

Vince is noted for his total commitment to serving the entire school community in his capacity as Vice-Principal. This commitment was nurtured throughout his successful teaching career. A science and mathematics specialist, Vince began his career in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, having just received a Bachelor of Education from Saint Francis Xavier University.

In 1978 he moved to Moncton and taught Science and Mathematics to all levels over a sixteen-year period at Harrison Trimble High School. In 1994 he became a full-time Co-operative Education teacher at HTHS.

Riverview High was Vince’s next school where, in 1996, he began his career in administration, serving as Acting Vice-Principal for two years. In 1998 he was appointed to the position of Vice-Principal at Riverview High.

leadership style. He is a strong supporter of student-driven activities at the school, a full participating partner in ensuring the success of any project. To quote another supporter of the nomination: “Mr. Sunderland is very encouraging through his positive feedback and his never-ending involvement in student life. His enthusiasm is well-known to be one of his defining characteristics.”

Described as a master educator, and a person equally adept at open conversation with students, staff and parents, Vince has modeled the importance of professionalism, patience, humour, sincerity, and balance. He is described as “having a great ability to keep things in perspective and to see all sides of an issue.”

A final quote best summarizes the impact of Vince Sunderland as an outstanding educational leader: “Mr. Sunderland has traveled a long road as a respected, enthusiastic, well-rounded educator, whose presence, following his retirement, will be missed sadly amongst those at Riverview High. Behind, he leaves many who care

for him and who wish him the best of luck in all that he encounters. As a role model, he has taught us to be strong and encouraged us to never stop making a difference. Although I have barely just begun my journey as a teacher, Vince Sunderland has paved a path that will guide me for a lifetime.”

Now that is outstanding educational leadership. The Committee takes great pride in awarding this inaugural Outstanding Educational Leadership Award to a most worthy recipient and an inspirational leader, Vince Sunderland.



John Kershaw, Deputy Minister of Education, presents Vince Sunderland with the Outstanding Educational Leadership Award.

(Photo by Harry Mullin)

Vince’s influence and passion for service goes beyond the walls of the school. He has been active in numerous organizations including a member of the Moncton Lions Club, a leader in the Scouts Canada program, a coach in both soccer and minor baseball, a provincial director with the John Howard Society, and a member of the Irishtown Nature Park Committee. Even his volunteer activities emphasize his sense of justice, balance, and service to youth and community.

Enhancing the school environment for both staff and students is a major part of Vince’s

NBTA Honorary Life Memberships Awarded

The New Brunswick Teachers' Association presents an Honorary Life Membership to each of its Past Presidents upon his/her retirement. This year, NBTA wishes to recognize the contributions of two individuals.

June MacNairn

June MacNairn served as the 16th full-time President of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association, and Co-President of the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation from 1999 to 2001. Prior to her election as provincial President, June served her Association for many years at the Branch level in Branch 0215 (Moncton), as well as through work with NBTA Councils.

Her presidency was characterized by her candid and direct style, her wit, and her complete dedication to improving the working conditions of teachers. During her tenure, teachers of the province faced several significant challenges, and created a few of their own. A Mathematics teacher, June had a clear understanding of the increasing discontent expressed by teachers at all levels regarding the status of the mathematics curriculum. Subsequently, a committee was established and the final report led to substantial changes in curriculum and a much clearer appreciation of the concerns of teachers.

Much of her second year of her mandate was spent at the bargaining table. Throughout the year, June used every opportunity afforded her to express the position of teachers in a clear and forceful manner.

NBTA thanks June for her service to her profession.



Hon. Claude Williams, Minister of Education, presents June MacNairn with an Honorary Life Membership.

(Photo by Harry Mullin)



Hon. Claude Williams, Minister of Education, presents Mary Wilson with an Honorary Life Membership.

(Photo by Harry Mullin)

Mary Wilson

Mary Wilson served from 1991 to 1993 as the 17th full-time President of the NBTA and Co-President of NBTF.

From her very first interview, Mary quickly established as her priority the improvement of classroom management and discipline. Her service as an administrator, as well as her no-nonsense style, sent a message that, cooperatively, all partners in the education of our students must meet the challenges of providing safe and orderly places for children to learn and teachers to teach.

During her presidency, several major initiatives were established to determine the degree of the concern regarding discipline and classroom management and prepare responses to support teachers in their classrooms.

Mary's classroom and administrative experience, her love of teaching and her respect for students and teachers provided a strong philosophical base for her contributions to the profession as President.

NBTA thanks her for her dedication to the improvement of education in New Brunswick.

First Recipients of Minister's Excellence in Teaching Award Honoured

FREDERICTON (CNB) - The first Minister's Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented on Saturday, May 27, by Education Minister Claude Williams.

The purpose of the award is to recognize anglophone-sector teachers for their contributions to the education of New Brunswick youth.

"New Brunswick schools have many committed teachers who display an innovative approach and creativity to their teaching," Williams said. "The work, dedication and commitment of the recipients exemplify the excellence in teaching practiced in classrooms every day."

The 2006 Minister's Excellence in Teaching Award winners are:

- Norm Delano, Havelock School (District 2)



- Sherry Fulton, Quispamsis Elementary School (District 6)
- Michael Cusack, Simonds High School (District 8)
- Linda Justason, Pennfield Elementary school (District 10)
- Norma Gene Jones, Keswick Valley Memorial School (District 14)
- James Chamberlain, Bathurst

- Alternative Learning Centre (District 15)
 - Tammy McIntyre, James M. Hill Memorial High School (District 16)
 - Mary Mesheau, Summerhill Elementary School (District 17)
 - Cheryl Robertson, Fredericton High School (District 18)
- "It is a pleasure to congratulate the nine recipients," Williams said. "Their commitment to the success of their

students is a source of inspiration for their colleagues, and contributes greatly to the quality of New Brunswick's education system."

Award recipients were presented with a sculpture designed and produced by New Brunswick artists Jennifer Macklem and Kip Jones, a framed certificate of appreciation, and a \$1,000 grant.

Retiring Teachers of 2006

Ashe, Katherine E.	0619	Campbell, William D.	1608	Dobbelsteyn, Judith M.	1826
Astle, Judy A.	1809	Cannon, Gregory W.	1608	Doucet, Mary Margaret	0820
Aubé, Carole A.	1542	Christie, Maureen T.	0215	DuGuay, Eileen M.	1826
Badiuk, Thomas G.	0820	Clifford, Frederick H.	0215	Duncan, Burton R. A.	0216
Banks, Ken L.	0215	Clifford M. Jill.	0215	Dunphy, Richard E.	0215
Banks, Linda M.	1725	Conway, William D.	0820	Durham, Irene M.	0820
Bates, Edward R.	0820	Cormier M. Elizabeth.	0215	Edgar, Garey A.	0619
Belanger-Chedore, Ann C.	1023	Cormier, Luc E.	0215	Edmonds, Cyril R.	0215
Berkane, Kader	0216	Coughlan, Joan H.	0820	Edson, Alice G.	0619
Besner, Edye	1826	Court, Ivan G.	0820	Faulkner P. Richard	0217
Bezanson, Cheryl A.	0619	Cronin, Judith A.	1428	Feindel, Cheryl	0820
Black, William E.	0215	Crosby, Marjorie A.	0216	Fillmore, Karen E.	0820
Boucher, Patricia M.	1608	Cudmore, Cynthia M.	0215	Fitton, Avis A.	1428
Breau, James J.	1610	Cummings, Christina A.	1430	Flynn-Breen, Julie A.	0820
Brewer, Viola I.	1429	Daigle, Margaret-Anne (Peggy)	1542	Gallagher, Karen L.	0618
Brown H. Dale.	1022	Daley, Dora May	1542	Gallant, Diane M.	0215
Brown, Laurence R.	0820	Davis, Linda J.	1826	Gauthier, Ronna	1724
Bucci, Michael A.	1725	Dawson, Donald A.	0215	Gendreau, Wilfrid	1826
Burke, Donna A.	1021	Daye, James M.	1538	Gilks, Barbara A.	1809
Butler J. Gordon.	1608	Deane, Jeff M.	1826	Gillis, Stephen	0619
Caldwell, David B.	0618	Delano, Norman L.	0216	Godbout, Katrina M.	0215
Campbell, Sandra E.	1022	Di Adamo, Lia I.	1724	Gomez, Pamela E.	1826

(Retiring Teachers 2006 Continued...)

Goodman, Carol B.	0619	Matthews, Ruth E.	1536	Rice, Beverley A.	0619
Gould, Carmella L.	0215	Maxwell, Linda	0215	Rice, Richard M.	0619
Gould A. Douglas	0820	Mayhew, John K.	0619	Richard, Sherry L.	0214
Gould, Louise H.	0820	McAfee E. Jean	0820	Richards, Sally I.	1826
Graham, Scott	0216	McAllister, Dianne J.	0820	Robichaud, Gisele M.	0216
Grandmason, Robert	0215	McCausland, Robert D.	0820	Roper, Frank A.	0215
Guest, Judith E.	1430	McCaustlin, Susan M.	0215	Roxborough, Janet F.	1826
Gunter, Elizabeth S.	0619	McConkey, Donald A.	1023	Rubak, Margaret A.	0215
Haines, Frank D.	0215	McDevitt, Mary C.	0820	Saulnier, Ginette P.	0215
Haley M. A. Carmen	1826	McDonnell, Gisele M.	1826	Savoie, Roger J.	0820
Hamm, Melody F.	0820	McEvoy, Michael C.	0820	Scott, Holly W.	1542
Hansen, Eileen A.	1431	McGinnis, Richard M.	0820	Scott, Leanne I.	1826
Hare, Judith S.	0820	McGraw, Rachel	0215	Seamans, Nancy L.	0619
Harris, Carolyn P.	0820	McIsaac, Carol A.	0215	Shaw, Marjorie L.	0820
Hartt, Joanne M.	1724	McKay, Suzanne M.	1826	Shea, Vernon J.	1610
Harvey, Pamela L.	1826	McLaggan, Deborah L.	0820	Sheppard, Bertha E. M.	0619
Hatt, Richard E.	0619	McLean, Marion M.	1542	Silliker, Debra L.	1608
Hayes, Carol	0214	McNamara, Dawn M.	0618	Silliker, Kevin B.	1608
Hennessey, Margaret R.	1725	McNeill J. Ernest	0820	Silliphant, Judith M.	0820
Hickey, Linda E.	1826	McRae, Duncan H.	0619	Smith, Sheila M.	0618
Hodgins, Paul D.	0820	McSorley, Roly J.	1826	Somers, Deborah L.	0215
Holland, Mark	1725	McTiernan, Michael E.	1724	Stafford, Mary Lea	0618
Holt, Donald P.	1826	Mesheau, Mary H.	1725	Stanford, Janet L.	0820
Hopkins, Gordon B.	0215	Miller, Raymond W.	1431	Steeves, Ray W.	0216
Jardine, Michael O.	1428	Mingrone, John E.	1640	Stephens, Susan M.	0215
Jean, Paul A.	0820	Moar, James J.	1610	Stephenson, Cheryl A.	1023
Jones, Norma-Gene	1428	Moar, Margaret M.	1610	Stewart, Brenda S.	0820
Justason, Linda D.	1021	Moase, Catherine	0215	Stewart, Geraldine E.	0820
Kingston, William G.	0215	Morris, Trevor N.	0820	Stocker, Margaret J.	1826
Lambert, Cynthia D.	0820	Morton, Jean L.	0215	Stone, Ann E.	0820
Lavigne, Alphonse L.	1542	Munro, Carolyn D.	1826	Sullivan, Margaret M.	0820
Lavoie, Gisele	0333	Murphy T. Celina	0820	Sunderland, Vincent D.	0215
Lawlor, Bernie J.	1536	Murphy, Douglas V.	0216	Symonds, Deborah A.	1826
LeBlanc, Rachel	0215	Murray, David A.	0820	Tait, Cheryl M.	1826
Leger, Janet S. A.	0619	Muzzerall, Claudette	1538	Taylor, Judy G.	1610
Lewis, Mary Lou	0216	Nelson, Allan B.	0619	Theede, Deborah C.	1826
Lindsay Allaby, Susan L.	1725	Noble, Nora E.	1826	Thompson, Saunders B.	1023
Lockhart, Daniel L.	1826	Norman, Carolyn A.	0215	Thomson, Robert K.	0820
Mabey, Jeannine L.	0215	O'Brien, Catherine A.	1610	Tozer, Perley J. R.	1608
MacDonald, Beth E.	0215	O'Hara P. Anne	0820	Trafford, Donna L.	1536
MacGowan, David H.	0820	Oliver, Christine J.	0619	Vanbuskirk, Wendy A.	0215
MacIsaac, James V.	1724	Ouellette, Deborah L.	0216	Veysey, Fred K.	0215
MacKenzie, Heather M.	0215	Palmer J. Mary	1429	Vincent, Gary W.	0820
McLean, Paul A.	1610	Parise, Monique	1538	Vincent, Jo-Ann M.	0820
MacManus, Judith H.	0215	Patterson, Mary Ann E.	0820	Warren, Sharon J.	0215
MacNairn, June	0215	Pellerin, Francine M.	0215	Watt, Linda C.	0215
MacPhee, Frank W.	0619	Pelletier, Mary Ellen	1608	Wells, Sandra A.	0618
Malloy R. Jean	1023	Pentland, Sandra J.	1542	Wheaton, Robert G.	0214
Manning, Leigh L.	0215	Pike, Diana P.	1826	Wiesel, Cheryl	1725
Marsh, Gary C.	0820	Plourde, Louise Anne	1538	Wilband, Elizabeth A.	0820
Marshall, William P.	0619	Poley, Deborah M.	0820	Wilbur, Clary J.	0619
Martin, Myrna E.	0216	Pollock, Rodney E.	1608	Wilson M. Mary W.	1428
Martin-Connell, Margaret A.	1826	Porter, Christopher M.	0214	Wilson, Patricia L.	1826
Matchett, Betty Lou	1542	Powers, Jack L.	0215	Wood, Lee E.	1640
Mathieson, Paul R.	0820	Reed, Lynn B.	1431	Wood, Susan E.	0217

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Provincial Oratory Competition

The annual Provincial Oratory Competition was held April 21 at Nashwaaksis Middle School. Prizes — including a laptop computer, financial reward from St. Thomas University, and promises of entrance scholarships from the University of New Brunswick, Mount Allison University, and Atlantic Baptist University — were handed out.

Winners in the Senior High Division were:

- First place: Marc Basque, Harrison Trimble High School in Moncton
- Second place: Farah Kabir, Saint John High School
- Third place: Michael Lutes, Rothesay High School.

The Middle School Division winners were:

- First place: Hilary Ball, George Street Middle School, Fredericton
- Second place: Zoe Caddell, Rothesay Park Middle School, Rothesay
- Meghan McLean, Woodstock Middle School.

Judges included retired teachers Ken Leger, Pam Campbell and Allan Nelson, as well as Kelly Lamrock - MLA, Willa Stephenson - CBC, and Nancy Roach - NBTA. The committee, chaired by Derek Taggart, includes Pam Sheridan, Lorie Holland, Tina Kelly, and Jane Tunney.

Thank you to the districts for their continuing support.
— *The Provincial Oratory Committee*



Honorary Certificate



Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson presents the first Honorary Certificate to Branch 0619 retiring teacher Katherine Ashe.

(Photo by Harry Mullin)

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NBTA Professional Courses – Summer –

Below is a partial list of NBTA Professional Courses which will be available in the coming months.

- All courses are applicable to a Certificate 5 (or if you already hold a Masters degree, the courses may be used towards a Certificate 6). Courses may be taken also for professional or personal interest.
- Fee for all courses is \$375 payable by cheque dated the first day of the course. Make all cheques payable to NBTA.
- All courses require 36 hours of instruction.
- Full description of each course is available at www.plsweb.com. Click Graduate Courses.
- Maximum seats per course: 24 (minimum numbers are required for a course to run).

DM06SJBM — Designing Motivation for All Learners

Dates: June 28, 29, 30 (8:30-3:30) plus 3 full Saturdays in Fall (dates to be determined by group)
 Location: Millidgeville North School, Saint John
 Instructor: Jill Beaulieu
 Description: Design learning experiences and develop effective leadership strategies that promote motivation for all learners. Learn verbal encouragement techniques that reduce student risk and reinforce student effort. Discover how doing meaningful work and achieving goals supports all types of learners.

LR06SKPSJ — Learning to Read: Beginning Reading Instruction

Dates: July 24-28 (8:00-4:00)
 Location: Saint John (school TBA)
 Instructor: Kathy Prosser
 Description: Improve student reading achievement by using a balanced and integrated approach. Explore the latest reading research and connect it to practical

strategies to help struggling readers. Learn strategies for both decoding and comprehension. This course will give teachers of all grades a better understanding of how reading can be taught.

LR06SKPM — Learning to Read: Beginning Reading Instruction

Dates: July 31-August 4 (8:00-4:00)
 Location: Moncton High School
 Instructor: Kathy Prosser
 Description: *Same as previous course description*

STAR06SASGF — Successful Teaching for Accepting Responsibility

Dates: July 25, 26, 27 (8:00-4:00) plus Sept. 16 & Sept. 30 (9:00-3:00)
 Location: John Caldwell School, Grand Falls
 Instructor: Anne Senechal
 Description: Gain new techniques to eliminate irresponsible student behaviour. Learn how to empower students (and family) to achieve personal responsibility in a classroom that models responsible behaviour and excellent classroom management.

NBTA Sponsored Professional Course Registration Form

Name: _____ Current Certificate Level: _____

Home Address: _____

School: _____

Phone Number(s): Home: _____ School: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Do you check e-mail daily? _____

Course details:

Course Title: _____

Course Number: _____ Location: _____ Course Instructor: _____

Will you be taking this course for:
 Certification Credit _____ or Professional Development _____

Do you require any special considerations (access, visual/auditory support etc.)?

Please mail registration form with \$375 payment to:
 Nancy Roach, Director of Professional Development, NBTA
 PO Box 752, Fredericton, NB E3B 5R6

P.D. *Potpourri*

If any of the following quotes from articles catch your attention, let me know and I will be delighted to send you the article...only after you have had some good solid R and R!! The titles and sources are on the following page.

By Nancy Roach
Director of Professional Development
roachn@nbnet.nb.ca

Happy Summer!

"It was indeed a personal and professional joy for me to witness 6 through 11-year-old children reading, writing, drawing, calculating, talking, surfing the Internet, researching, collaborating, evaluating information, creating and presenting to audiences, all for the purpose of solving some of life's real problems." #1

"We simply did not tolerate gum chewing. We maintained careful records of chewers and spelled out the evils of gum. When we found wads of gum stuck to the undersides of desks and obstructing the drains of drinking fountains, we ratcheted up our pursuit of offenders. But our efforts were of no avail." #4

"Of all the states of matter in the known universe, tweens most closely resemble liquid. Students at this age have a defined volume but not a defined shape. They are ever ready to flow...they can spill, freeze, and boil, they can also lift others, do impressive work, take the shape of their environment and carry multiple ideas within themselves." #2

"My students were writing letters to next year's class about the highlights of their year. ...'One of my favourite memories is singing in language arts class'. Singing in language arts?" #7

"When they are imagining themselves in high school, kids draw on a vast storehouse of lore passed on from students who have gone before them. Fed by the rumour mill (and sometimes by teachers' warnings.), their worries fall into several categories." #3

"Incorporating the study of art into the curriculum provides students with opportunities to explore alternative forms of expression, to gain an understanding of their culture and that of others and to develop analytical skills... we present a list of websites..." #5

"Developing a small group of people into a lean, mean, decision-making team is neither quick nor easy.....Transforming a team to carry out the responsibility and accountability for improving the school will take a principal who can lead teams that eventually lead themselves." #8

"The aftermath of this lunchtime is typical. Crushed apples, squashed yoghurt tubes and smeared sandwiches litter the floor. Pudding lids are stuck to lockers and doors. The office is full of student discipline referrals from adult supervisors...Back in the classrooms, teachers spend several minutes of instructional time trying to settle down the students from their noon hour high jinx..." #10

"Many middle level teachers fear that a compassionate response to late work will teach students that it is ok for them to be late or miss deadlines. The ensuing anarchy would engulf us all. "In the real world," they tell their students, "you would never get away with those behaviours." #6

"After twenty-some years of teaching I thought I should be an expert in assessment. Instead, I had a little voice in my head telling me that I could be doing more with assessment to assist my students with improving their learning. Little did I know that I was about to embark on a road that would turn my career as a high school mathematics teacher 180 degrees." #9

Get Rested, Then Read!



Sources for Summer Reads:

1. **“An Adventure in Problem Based Learning”**
– *Phi Delta Kappan, May 2006*
2. **“Differentiating for Tweens”**
– *Educational Leadership, April 2006*
3. **“Help Us Make the 9th Grade Transition”**
– *Educational leadership, April 2006*
4. **“Picking Our Battles”**
– *Educational Leadership, April 2006*
5. **“Web Watch”**
– *Phi Delta Kappan, April 2006*
6. **“Late Work: A Constructive Response”**
– *Middle Ground, April 2006*
7. **“With a Song, You Can’t Go Wrong”**
– *Middle Ground, April 2006*
8. **“Creating High Functioning Teacher Teams”**
– *NAESP Leadership Compass, Summer 2006*
9. **“Assessment Becomes Learning in my Classroom”**
– *Alberta Assessment Consortium Communiqué, Winter 2006*
10. **“From Bedlam to Decorum:
Improving Lunchtime Behaviour”**
– *Education Canada, Spring 2006*

Special Thanks to Council Executives



On behalf of the 74% of the province's teachers who attended the May 5 Council Day, I want to say a special *thank you* to the hard-working members of the three council executives. As many of you know, they spend nights and weekends throughout the year working to prepare the three conferences and deal with the hundreds of details that are part of that task. Evaluations indicated that you found the day valuable on many levels. None of that would be possible without this group of dedicated individuals!!

Safe and Happy Summer



I truly cannot believe the year has passed so quickly. As always I have enjoyed hearing from many of you who read this little column. May you all have a safe and happy summer. Enjoy a well-earned rest!

PD Chairs' Workshop

In April, the leaders in PD from each of the 28 NBTA Branches joined with Council Presidents, District PD Supervisors and the NBTA Provincial PD Committee to grow, learn and share ideas related to professional growth.

The first day of the 2-day workshop dealt with *Workplace Harmony*. Carla Gunn and Julie Devlin from Cogent Consortium shared insightful research and ideas to help individuals understand and manage the sources of stress that create tension when working with students, parents and colleagues. Praise for the content and the delivery of the workshop was high and participants felt there was great benefit, both personally and professionally, in examining this topic.

Day 2 focused on the Role of the Branch PD Chair. Case studies relating to alternate proposals allowed for excellent discussion about this important aspect of the local PD Committee work. Planning time with District personnel and sharing of ideas, successes, and challenges rounded out the program.



Skills for Administrators Series: Brain-Based Teaching

Thirty principals and vice-principals spent two days in May discussing the latest research around how the brain learns and how and why this new knowledge can and should contribute to our instructional practices.

NBTA staff, Nancy Roach, was joined by her colleagues from other Atlantic Canada Teacher Organizations, Beverley Park and Rene Wicks (NLTA), Bob MacRae (PEITF) and Earl Rutledge (NSTU). This group of facilitators modeled many of the brain friendly strategies and helped administrators prepare to share some of the ideas with their respective staffs.





Reflections and Confessions from the President

It has been my honour to have served as Elementary Council President over the last two years. Part of my duties and responsibilities during my term has been to provide submissions to our Elementary Council page in the *NBTA News*. I hope I have kept you informed of the happenings of Council and that you have learned a bit about "ME".

You probably realize that I am an organizer and have attention to detail as one of my strengths and weaknesses. This was clearly evident during May's Council Day, which I felt was very successful, but has caused some upset on my part.

Something I am not is a public speaker. But since it was our tenth anniversary, I thought I, too, should be part of the onstage delivery. I chose to do the opening/welcoming. I thought it was early in the day, of short duration and 'I can do this!'

Well, things were going fine until I saw the line for on-site registration and the longer I watched, the more concerned I became.... and soon it was time to head to the front of the stage - so there I was in the lobby - melting down! A childhood friend recognized my distress and managed to calm me, somewhat (Thank you, Anne!) And off I went to get the show on the road. Good intentions... 'I can do this!' UNTIL I made it to the stage, nerves resumed and here I was - ready for my debut and standing retching in the wings! Both David Bouchard and Nath calmed me down, but it did take time. That is why we were late starting, not because of any other reason.... it was all ME! I lived to get off the stage, apologize to Mr. Bouchard and to share in the success of the day! My apologies to you for waiting for me and for wasting some of our precious day!

Dinn and Renee Sherstobetoff) who are changing their Council format and joined us for our day and the meeting. Thank you to our members, too, who gave up part of the lunch break to participate in this important event. The Executive for 2006-2007 are: President - Sandra Tingley, 1st Vice - Peter Gorham, 2nd Vice - Donna Losier, Secretary - Natalie Legere, Treasurer - Nathalie Graham, Members-at-Large: Jean White(returning), Moira Armstrong, Kelly Gorham-Gaines, Heather Little, Alyssa MacIssac, Kevin Rioux, Karla Roy (all newly-elected); Past President - Rona Howald. The Curriculum Committee will see Kelly Patt, Susan Porte, Jessica McAleer and Kim Silliker. Peter will act as Council liaison.

We wish to thank everyone who took time to participate in our survey. Members expressed a desire for a more informative web site and this is being undertaken by Alyssa MacIssac. We had many favourable and positive comments about the day and we also saw areas where improvements could be made. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the evaluation form. They guide us as we plan our next Council Day. Finish this statement: "What I remember most about Council Day 2006 was" If you'd like to share it, I'd be pleased if it was with me <rona.howald@nbed.nb.ca>.

Before I close, I'd like to thank those who have served on the Executive with me, for their patience and expertise in making Council the success it is. I'd also like to thank those on the NBTA staff. Their support is invaluable and relied upon for their dedication and professionalism.

I'm looking forward to next year. We have institutes planned and we are looking forward to Council Day in Saint John and most of all, I'm looking forward to seeing you then!

*Rona Howald
President, NBTA Elementary Council*

Congratulations!



Cynthia Dupere (l) and Diana Fall(r) were nominated by their peers and received the 2006 NBTA Branch 0820 Award of Excellence. Congratulations and thank you both for all of your hard work!

My thanks to our past presidents and our members who shared in the welcoming and thanking of our presenters.

You may not be aware, but one of the "big things" that happens on Council Day is our Annual General Meeting. At that time, we elect our new executive and strike our Curriculum Committee. This year we hosted three members from the NLTA (Bill Chaisson, Mary

You Might be an Elementary School Teacher

Written and submitted by Laura Guilfoyle (with apologies to Jeff Foxworthy)

If most of your wardrobe is polyester or other easily washable fabrics...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you save everything saying 'that with a cover of mactac I can re-use this in my classroom' ...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If the Dollar Store staff knows you by your first name because you shop for candy and behaviour reward prizes so often...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you notice typos and misspelling in signs and menus that others don't
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you lug several canvas or plastic

bags instead of briefcases...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you spend your summers reading children's novels...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you glare at children who punch the bread in grocery stores or physically have to stop yourself from screaming "walking feet" in the mall...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you automatically stand up when you hear a bell ring...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you start your day with a rousing rendition of O Canada...

You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you know laundry secrets for easel paint and chalk dust ...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you chose footwear for comfort more than fashion...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you rejoice in the last full moon of June and scream at the sight of the first fall leaf...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

If you said yes to 3 or more of these...
You might be an elementary school teacher.

Middle Level Council News



Middle Level Council Day – May 5, 2006

The professional development day for Middle Level teachers was held at Bathurst High School but hosted by Superior Middle School staff. The evaluation sheets were very positive and we would like to thank the 500 teachers who attended the sessions.

We tried a few changes and they seemed to be well-appreciated. First, most people paid online this year so it would appear the cost of that service is worthwhile. Second, we offered three sessions instead of the traditional two after the keynote. By far most people enjoyed this line up.

The keynote by Katharine Brooks of Nackawic was a light hearted but thoughtful kickoff to the day. She had many of us laughing which is always a good thing. The Superior

Staff would also like to thank all of the teachers who volunteered their time and expertise to do a presentation to the rest of us. Many worked extra hours to be organized and helpful for us all. So that you can thank and congratulate your colleagues, they were: Dianne Russell, Lynn Carr, Beth Stymiest, Kelly Tozer, Rob Doucette, Shelley Hunter, Tanya Whitney, Beth Davis, Bruce MacDonald, Craig Crawford, Jeff and Natasha MacQuarrie, Janice Hache, Lise Martin-Keilty, Ron Jessome, Rick Hayward, Jeff Whipple, Chad Ball, Susan Vienneau, Norma Court, Diane Roy LeClair, Eric Smith, Lori Haley, Gail Girouard, Tanya Murray, Beth Davis, Kyla Wright, Dave Wheaton, Avis Fitton, Monica Watson-Bedard, and

Richard McCullum. Also, from the Department we thank Dorene Alexander, Elaine Batt, and Yves King. These people made the day possible!

Congratulations also go out to the Middle Level teacher recognized for her outstanding efforts in Middle Level education: Lise Martin Keilty.

The committee would like to thank those who took the time to complete the evaluation sheet. Although there are always things to improve on in organizing a day like this, the Middle Level Council Executive would like to encourage all teachers to volunteer when the call comes for presenters in the fall. If the day is to be successful, we all have to contribute.

Albert Street Middle School

“Biggest Loser” Weight Loss Challenge

Beginning in March, staff of Albert Street Middle School has been embroiled in a bitter battle to win the title of ‘Biggest Loser’. The contest has been a huge success. People are eating healthier, exercising more and looking great.

Over the past ten weeks, several events were hosted to help sustain the momentum of the program. Activities included a guest speaker from *Simply for Life*, a smoothie day and a healthy pot luck lunch. Thirty-one staff members,

including teachers, custodians, teacher assistants and secretaries, were divided into five teams. Individuals were to follow their own weight loss plan and rely on team members for support, advice and →
(...see following page)

Middle School Summer Institute

July 10-12, 2006

Mactaquac Holiday Inn, Mactaquac, NB

Monday, July 10	12:30 – 2:30 2:30 – 4:30 Supper 6:30 – 8:00	Registration Opening & Keynote Keynote (continued)
Tuesday, July 11	Breakfast 9:00 – 12:00 Lunch 1:15 – 4:00 Supper	Sessions “ <i>Showcase Middle Schools</i> ” Sessions “ <i>Middle School Curriculum Connections</i> ”
Wednesday, July 12	Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00	Closing Sessions

“Revisiting the Middle School Model”

What have we accomplished?

Where do we need to go?

Our sessions will focus on:

- Middle School model and organization - How do middle school students learn? - How do we teach middle school students? - How do we best organize schools to meet the needs of these learners?
- Teaming
- Curriculum Connections - Math, Language Arts, Science, and Technology
- Showcase Schools - demonstrating what works and what doesn't work in their schools

The institute will also provide time for networking, sharing, and planning. **Participants will receive formal confirmation by July 1.**

This institute is being sponsored by the NB Department of Education, the Anglophone Superintendencies, and the NBTA Middle Level Council.

The registration, meals and lodging are provided by these partners. Registrants are required to only submit \$30 for this PD opportunity.

Seats are limited to 100 participants. We encourage teams and administrators to attend. Please get your application in early to confirm your spot.

Name: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

School District: _____ Email: _____

Accommodations are double. Do you wish to indicate a roommate? _____
Single hotel rooms may be available at an additional \$125.35 which must be pre-paid by the participant with this registration.

Send to: Cindy Crowhurst, Bath Middle School, 118 School St., Unit 1, Bathurst, NB, E7J 1C4
Fax: 278-6019

Please make all cheques to: Middle Level Council

*Registration may be faxed, but will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment.
*Further info, please contact Tanya Whitney/Tanya.whitney@nbed.nb.ca or 468-6000

Registration Deadline: June 23, 2006

encouragement. Weekly weigh-ins allowed someone to win the coveted 'loser of the week' certificate and prize pack. With just one week left the competition is neck and neck. Custodians Pat Power and Tony Morgan are leading the way with a combined loss of nearly 75 pounds.

At this point, all of the members have lost a total of 254.4 lbs. People are meeting after school to run, groups are leaving on their lunch hour for a power walk, some members have joined local gyms and are encouraging each other to attend. Each weigh-in day, the school is abuzz with, "How did you make



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out?" "Who's the biggest loser this week?" and "I'm up, I'm down, I cheated, I worked so hard." The

community atmosphere has made for success for many of the members. The support everyone has given each other has made the great loss possible.

The 'biggest losers' would like to thank our many sponsors for their generous donations. Sponsors include Joan Hayes for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Region 3 Health, English Butler, NBTA Credit Union, Johnson Insurance, York Credit Union, Pizza Hut, BeFit, Tim Horton's, Subway, Maritime Beauty, Peggy Holt, Don Holt, Councilor David Kelly,

Snooty Fox, Lunar Rogue, Keswick Compounding Pharmacy and the Blue Door.

— Goodbyes and Hellos —

Middle Level Council wishes to say farewell and thank you to the following outgoing members:

- Kathy Grebenc, Superior Middle District 15 (Council chair 2006)
- Linda Maxwell, Queen Elizabeth School, District 2 (Awards and Combined Conference 2004)
- Stacey Price, George Street Middle, District 18 (Curriculum and Institutes)

We wish to acknowledge our newest members who are joining council for the 2006-2007 school year:

- Jason Burns, Prince Charles School, District 8
- Kelly Stackhouse, Sussex Middle, District 6
- Jeff Reardon, Lou McNarin School, District 2
- Steven Stone, George Street Middle, District 18
- Kendra Frizzell, George Street Middle, District 18
- Christina Ross, Queen Elizabeth School, District 2

Our continuing members are:

- Sandy MacCurdy, Campbellton Middle, District 15 (President)
- John Irvine, Woodstock Middle, District 14 (Vice-President)
- Tanya Whitney, Forest Hills School, District 8 (Past President)
- Marsha Cogle, Bath Middle, District 14 (Secretary)
- Cindy Crowhurst, Bath Middle, District 14 (Registrar)
- Stacy Garland, Queen Elizabeth School, District 2 (Treasurer)

High School Council News



• High School Council • President's Message



Derek Taggart

School Council Executive worked extremely hard to provide a diverse

I would like to begin this article by thanking a number of very deserving groups for a very successful High School Council day on May 5th, 2006. The High

and appealing program for the day and I personally feel they succeeded on every level. The on-site committee and the staff and students at Bernice MacNaughton High School did a simply incredible job of representing their province and profession. I have heard nothing but positive feedback regarding the enthusiasm that was displayed on Council Day from all organizers, presenters and

participants. Thanks to the hard work from everybody involved, a record number of educators (1741) attended this wonderful professional development opportunity.

The next item I would like to deal with involves congratulations. Seven Teacher Recognition Awards were handed out at this year's High School Council. I would personally like to thank all of our winners for their dedication to this profession.


Each of you goes above and beyond what is expected of you and is a very deserving recipient of the award. Look for details regarding each of the winners in upcoming issues of the *NBTA News*. I would also like to congratulate the three new members of the High School Council Executive: Jane Porter, District 14, Jocelyne Schwenger, District 15, and Martin Daigle, District 2. All three have already proven to be enthusiastic supporters of teacher professional development in New Brunswick and I welcome them aboard. I would also like to thank the three members of the Council Executive who are leaving to embark on new challenges: June MacNairn, District 2, Lynn Steeves, District 14, and Helen Crawford, District 14. Your tremendous dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed and I will miss all of you!

Plans are already underway for next year's Council Day. The 2006 / 2007 High School Council Day will be held in Miramichi with tentative plans for the 2008 conference to be held in Saint John. Every year the Program Committee attempts to address all subject and grade levels within the sessions being offered at Council Day. This is a tremendous

High School Council Vocational Bursary

Deadline: September 30, 2006

The criteria and application form for this \$1000.00 bursary can be found under the "Forms" section of the High School Council website (<http://highschool.nbta.ca>).
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challenge and we need your help. The High School Council Executive will be meeting in the fall (September 29th and 30th in Fredericton). If you are interested in presenting at next year's Council Day, please check out our website at (<http://highschool.nbta.ca>). There you will find the form you need to fill out to become a presenter along with information you need on where to send it. In order to meet the early January program print deadline, the deadline for presenters is December 15th, 2006.

While I am on the topic of the website, I would like to encourage all of our members to check out our new and improved High School Council website at the above address. It is here that you will find

information regarding the Council Executive, our constitution and by-laws, and forms to apply for the Teacher Recognition Awards. You will also find the application for the Vocational Bursary. The deadline for this bursary is rapidly approaching (September 30th, 2006).

The High School Council Professional Development Committee offered two very successful institutes during the 2005 / 2006 school year. Next year we are looking to match or better this number. We are always looking for new ideas for institutes and teacher professional development. If you would like to offer an institute in your specialty area (we are already planning ahead to next fall!) or you know someone who would be interested, please contact any member of your High School Council Executive and they will explain how you can make it happen! We are more than happy to assist you with the financial and organizational elements of your institute.

If you ever have any items you would like to see included on an agenda for a High School Council Executive meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me (derek.taggart@nbed.nb.ca) or any of your other High School Council Executive members. We are here to serve you!

Well folks, we have almost made it! June is here, the sun is shining and we are all ready for a vacation. I sincerely hope that each of you has a wonderful and relaxing summer and I look forward to working with all of you during the 2006 / 2007 school year! See you in the fall!

Derek

NBTA Annual Bowling Tournament

Where:
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SMART Boards in the Classroom

On March 24th, twenty-one teachers from around the province participated in an institute sponsored by High School Council dealing with an amazing new piece of technology, the Smartboard. Hosted at the District 16 school, North and South Esk Regional, located in Sunny Corner, the one day institute was conducted by Joey Savoy and Kelly Tozer. Joey and Kelly are both District 16 educators and were also one of the first SmartTech "Exemplary Educators" in Canada. Joey and Kelly have both been involved with SmartTech for a number of years.

Workshop participants were given a quick overview of what the SMART Board is capable of doing and how the features can be used in a wide variety of subject areas in the high school curriculum. In the afternoon, participants got a hands on session, working on some Lesson activities to give them a greater

comfort level with the technology. They even had a chance to develop some lesson plans centered around the use of Smart Technology for their own classroom.

The participants returned to their home schools after a jam-packed workshop and a wonderful lunch provided by the Culinary Tech class of NSER. Our guess is Principals and Supervisors are going to be deluged with requests for SMART Boards for the 2006-2007 school year. High School Council wishes to thank both District 16 Superintendent Kathy Baldwin and North and South Esk Principal Fred Holmes for their cooperation in



Joey Savoy assists James M. Hill High School teacher, David Morrison at the SMART Board Institute held at North and South Esk Regional in late March.

helping make this event a successful one.



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EDU284 Using Brain Research in the Classroom
Woodstock, July 10/11 and July 17/18

EDU186 Music Across the Curriculum
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Bathurst, August 9/10 and August 23/24

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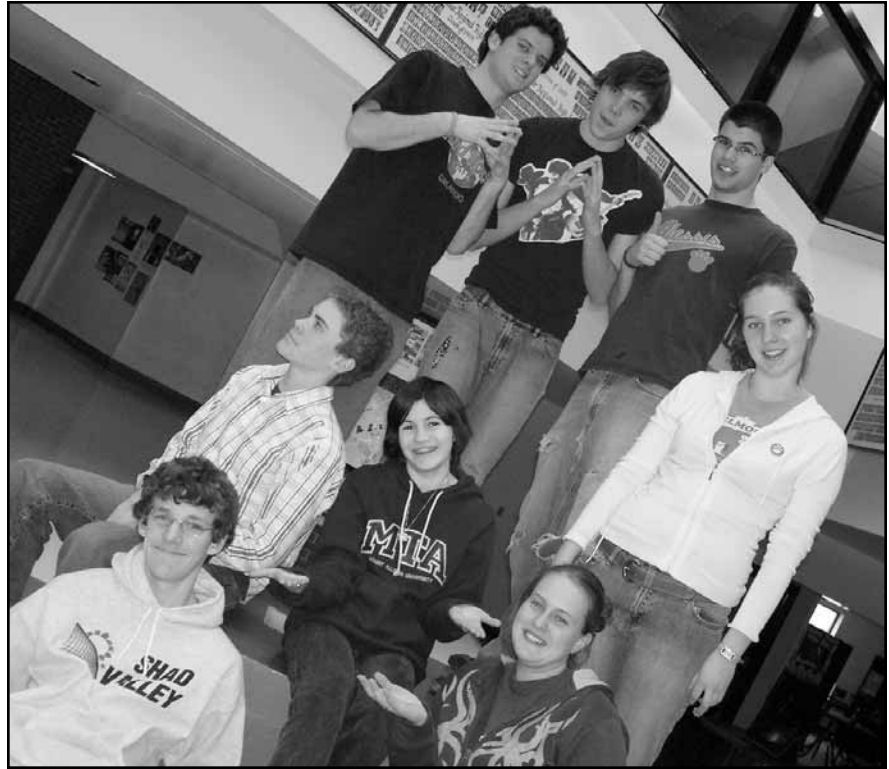
From Sackville to Ottawa

What do you get when you combine two adults, two twenty-hour train rides, three hotel rooms, seven days, seven nights, and eight teenagers? A trip to the National Improv Games! (And a headache).

What is the Canadian Improv Games? An organization that has brought Improv to high school students for twenty-nine years. Improv is unscripted theatre – teams of four to eight perform four-minute scenes using audience suggestions. Before each scene, the teams get fifteen seconds to prepare. The results are dynamic, exciting, hilarious and complex. Since there are specific criteria for each scene, and the teams must demonstrate particular skills each time they perform, Improv is a difficult and impressive form of drama.

Each year, the Canadian Improv Games start their season with Regional Tournaments. They happen across Canada throughout the months of February and March. New Brunswick and PEI teams are eligible to participate in the Moncton Regional Tournament, which happens annually in February. This year, on February 25, Tantramar Regional High School (in Sackville) won the Moncton Regional Tournament. This was a first for them, as the Improv Team at TRHS has only been in existence for four years.

All first-place winners from the Regional Tournaments are eligible to participate in the National Tournament, which happened April 11-15 this year. This represented a whole new challenge for the Tantramar team. They had worked really hard to prepare for the Regionals, but this was nothing compared to the work it took to get ready for the Nationals. First, the cost of travel, incidental expenses, and food came to \$4800, and they only had four weeks to fundraise. The team bagged groceries, organized a Night of Improv performance, wrote letters for sponsorship, held a canteen at a school dance, ran 50/50 draws, and involved the whole school in a penny drive. Then came extra



The Improv Team from TRHS competed in Ottawa (*Back Row*): Luke Hachey, Sebastian Manchester, Nick Dawe & Charlotte Steuter-Martin. (*Front Row*): Wray Perkin, Peter Wellband, Samantha Joel & Caitlin Davidson.

rehearsals...and more rehearsals... and more rehearsals. By the time the team was ready to go to the Nationals, they had logged over 50 hours of practice time.

Tantramar arrived in Ottawa on April 11 and watched the first night of the preliminary rounds. Then it was their turn. On April 12, the team performed four events – a Style event in which their scene had to reflect the characteristics of a fantasy (like Lord of the Rings), a Life event which had to be realistic and sincere, a Story event which reflected a legend-like format, and a Theme event which explores as many aspects of a theme as possible. The team performed very well and showed a lot of heart and effort.

For the rest of the Tournament, they threw themselves into participating in workshops, watching the other preliminary rounds, and seeing the sights of Ottawa. When asked what they thought of their week at the Nationals, the universal response was; "It was awesome." The team was bowled over by the fact that

they got to meet Improv performers from across Canada, and learn about Improv from professional actors and coaches. They were fascinated by the Championship performance, which took place on April 15, and also enjoyed the time spent traveling together as a team. As their coach, I was equally impressed by their grace and skill, their focus and effort, and mostly by their good natures and cheerful attitudes. From packed quarters on the train to packed quarters in the hotel, from odd schedules to confusing directions, from exhilaration to disappointment, the team showed all the best qualities we try to develop in our students. They were patient, courteous, energetic, helpful and enthusiastic.

So, what else do you get when you combine two adults, two twenty-hour train rides, three hotel rooms, seven days, seven nights, and eight teenagers? A very rewarding educational experience...for the team, and for the coach.

By Angela Ransom
Tantramar Regional High, Sackville

“Crack the Case @ your library,” 2006 Summer Reading Club

Young people in New Brunswick are invited to register for the 2006 public libraries' Summer Reading Club and discover the joys of reading. This year's theme is Mystery and the slogan is “Crack the Case @ your library.”

The Summer Reading Club is designed to encourage young people to read over the summer holidays. When they register, participants receive a reading logbook in which they can write down the titles of the books they read during the summer. They will also receive a certificate of

achievement.

During the months of June, July and August, all public libraries and bookmobiles in the province will present various funny and entertaining activities to support and highlight the 2006 Summer Reading Club. Imagine all we can do with books!

The 2006 Summer Reading Club is intended for all young New Brunswickers. Children who do not know how to read yet can also participate by having a parent or guardian read to them. Registration

for the 2006 Summer Reading Club begins upon completion of the school year.

Posters have been provided to teachers to post in classrooms to assist in promoting the program to students. Teachers and students can contact their public library or bookmobile for more information.

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Applications for Johnson Scholarships and Academic Grants are now available for the 2006/2007 academic year.

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Atlantic Baptist University to begin offering Advanced Education courses – October 2006

ANNOUNCING.... The Adult Learner Professional Studies (ALPS) department at ABU will be offering a package of Advanced Education courses starting this October.

This package will provide teachers who hold a Certificate 5 with the Department of Education the opportunity to advance to a Certificate 6 based on the following criteria determined by the Office of Teacher Certification with the New Brunswick Department of Education: **A teacher may complete 30 credit hours of graduate level work, all in the same subject discipline (a teachable area). For example, 30 credit hours in the field of technology, all done at the graduate level, will secure a Certificate 6.**¹

ABU's new Education offering will consist of five 6000-level, 6 cr. hr. courses (total 30 credit hours) focussed on the subject area of *Literacy* with an emphasis on *Inclusion*. These areas are of great importance in the education realm and have received recent attention in the *Quality Learning Agenda*, New Brunswick's Prosperity Plan and by being highlighted in the *MacKay Report*², a New Brunswick Department of Education study.

Reading is the basic foundation for further learning. Students who cannot read are disadvantaged in their overall learning, and at risk for eventually dropping out of school. We will do everything possible to ensure all children can read at an appropriate level by the end of grade two.

ABU has also received confirmation from the Office of Teacher Certification that this package of courses will also allow teachers holding a Certificate 4 to advance to a Certificate 5 level.

The first *Advanced Education* course to be offered in October 2006 will be:

- Addressing the Needs of Struggling Readers in Inclusive Classrooms

Individuals who enroll for the entire 30 cr. hrs. package will also have the opportunity to cover such topics as:

- Language and Reading: Development, Processes and Remediation
- Reading in the Content Areas
- Writing Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom
- Literacy and Technology: Connections for Teaching and Learning

All courses will be taught in the module format with ten 4-hour Saturday morning classes. Each student will be responsible to attend class and complete 15-20 hours of work outside of class each week. This 50-week program can be taken in its entirety or students can choose to take the courses they need now and pick up the other modules the next time they are offered.

"Those of us in higher education have played the ostrich too long," stated Dr. Seth Crowell, V.P. for Academic Affairs at Atlantic Baptist University. "What I mean by this is, it's been too easy for us within the post-secondary educational world to lament the demise of literacy skills within our students but expect someone else to solve this dilemma for us. It's time we pulled our 'heads out of the sand' and did our part to promote literacy at all levels of education. We have several initiatives in mind but one specific thing we plan to do within our education program is to raise the bar by providing advanced training in literacy studies for existing teachers within the province. This can give them more skills and confidence to

expand the literacy skills of the students within their classes. It will also nicely complement the literacy focus within the Department of Education's Quality Learning Agenda. Illiteracy is a 'Goliath' that will take many 'Davids' to bring to its knees."

If you are interested in learning more about this package of *Advanced Education* courses or if would like to find out how you can enroll for the courses listed above, please contact Amy Lean MacArthur, Director of ALPS at amy.macarthur@abu.nb.ca or by calling 858-8970, Ext. 162. Please note, space is limited to 20 individuals per course.

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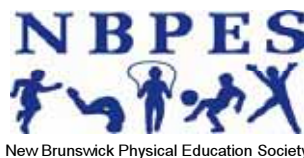
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2006 NBTA Mixed Curling Bonspiel

The 2006 NBTA Mixed Curling Bonspiel was held at the Carleton Curling Club in Saint John on March 31 - April 2. The sixteen teams from around the province that participated had a great weekend of fun, trophies, prizes, and lots of good food added to the enjoyment.



Section A Winners (l-r): Monique Richards - Lead, Dale Christie - 2nd, Pat Loughery - Mate, Merrill Loughery - Skip



Section A Runners-up (l-r): Ray Quan - 2nd, Liz Gagen - Lead, David Burpee - Mate, Ken Lawton - Skip



Section B Winners (l-r): Mike Butler - Skip, Roberta Yeo - Mate, Rob MacMurray - 2nd, Jill Muise - Lead



Section B Runners-up (l-r): Colleen Sullivan - Mate, Jane Buck - Lead, Peter Woytiuk - 2nd, Gary Sullivan - Skip (absent for photo)



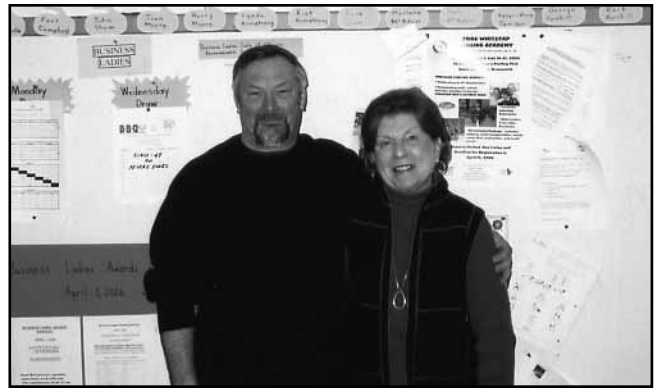
Section C Winners (l-r): Pierrette Robichaud - Lead, Pat Robichaud - Skip, Melissa Wright - Mate, Jason Thorne - 2nd



Section C Runners-up (l-r): Gay Wilson - Lead, Kevin Dixon - 2nd, Debbie McLeod - Mate, Mike McCaustlin - Skip



Section D Winners (l-r): Rene MacGregor - 2nd, Rob MacGregor - Lead, Mary Ann Morgan - Mate, David Morgan - Skip



Section D Runners-up (l-r): Bob Hunter - Lead, Fran Lee - Skip. (Absent for photo: Carol Harned - Mate, Debbie Easton - 2nd)



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Jolly Phonics Workshop

Scholar's Choice Moyer is pleased to bring to you this all day Jolly Phonics workshop with the author Sue Lloyd. It will be held October 18, 2006 at the Fredericton Motor Inn. This workshop is designed for JK to Gr 1 Teachers, Curriculum Co-ordinators, Literacy Facilitators, Reading & Resource Specialists and Administrators. The cost of \$150 + GST includes continental breakfast, lunch and a free gift. We hope to see you there! For more details click on www.scholarschoice.ca.

Canadian Forestry Association Teaching Kits Series

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CFA educational resources are available from their website at http://www.canadianforestry.com/html/education/cfa_kits_e.html

Educational Trip to Gros Morne National Park

ONSITE 2006 — A 6-day Educational Trip to Gros Morne National Park will take place August 10-16. Parks Canada, the Department of Education, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association will facilitate this professional development opportunity for K-12 teachers. Using a cross-curricular approach, this year's ONSITE program will provide opportunities to learn about our natural environment and communities, culture, and art. The program will demonstrate innovative ways to engage students and techniques to teach these ideas. Take the opportunity to engage in group discussions, collaborate with colleagues, make solid connections to the school curriculum, and explore possibilities for lesson plans and learning resources.

Registration fee is \$375 and covers all meals, motel accommodations, and travel during the program.

For further information, contact: Rob Hingston, Parks Canada, Tel. 709-458-2417, Email: rob.hingston@pc.gc.ca

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UNB will be offering this course specifically for elementary teachers to assist them in preparing for the integration of laptops for personal and professional productivity. The course will focus on the use of productivity software to assist in administrative functions, using technology as a resource to support literacy and numeracy (K-5) and a study of educational hardware/software for enhancing classroom instruction.

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Important Notice for Anyone Interested in Beginning the Master of Education Programme at the University of New Brunswick

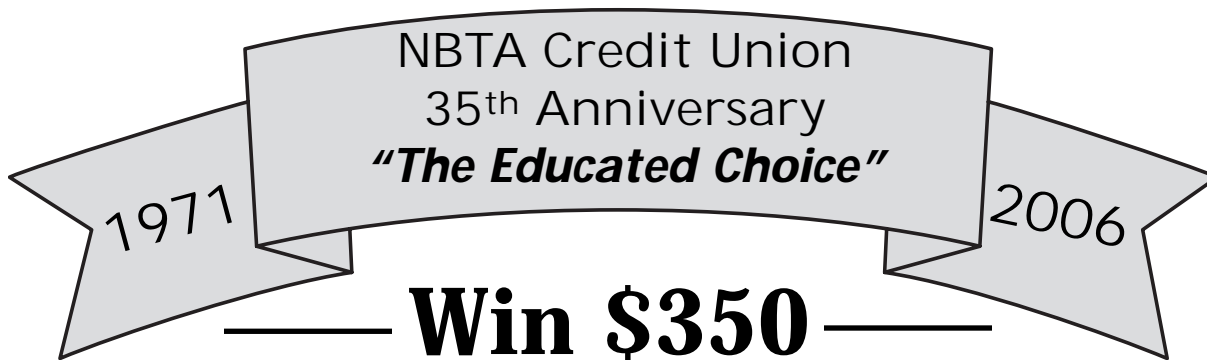
DEADLINE DATE FOR 2007

If you plan to begin studying for your MEd degree in 2007, please note that the deadline date for all MEd programmes for entry during 2007 will be January 31, 2007.

Also, the normal start date for MEd programmes will be either Intersession/Summer or Fall Terms.

Application forms must be obtained from the School of Graduate Studies or online at www.unb.grdschl/apply/index.html.

Inquiries should be directed to the office of the Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Faculty of Education (edgrad@unb.ca).



Please fill out the ballot in June's Credit Union statement for a chance to win one of ten cash prizes of \$350.

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Winners will be announced at the AGM November 16, 2006.

All ballots are to be returned via mail (Attention: Shawnalynn Swain) or E-mail sswain@nbtacu.creditu.net by September 30, 2006.

\$ Only 1 ballot per customer-owner is permitted. \$

It was at **Croft Elementary School** on March 1, 1971 that the first organizational meeting was held to discuss the topic of beginning a Credit Union for the dues paying members of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association. The NBTA Credit Union was officially granted its charter in October 1971, with the actual charter presented at the first meeting held in November 1971.



To commemorate our humble beginning, the 35th Anniversary Committee has asked the students of Croft Elementary to create artwork using the number "35" in their art classes. Their artwork will be shown in our office throughout the summer.



There is also a "New Brunswick Quiz" in the June Credit Union statement.

Please return quiz via mail (Attention: Shawnalynn Swain) or E-mail sswain@nbtacu.creditu.net by August 3, 2006.

If you do not receive a quiz in your statement or if you do not have access to a computer, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-800-565-5626.

→ **Three winners will be chosen at random.** ←



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