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**Upcoming Events
and Opportunities**
April 2026 and beyond

Please see below a list of upcoming events and opportunities for April 2026 and beyond.

[Our website](#) offers free, curriculum-connected lessons and activities for K-12 classrooms. We also provide live learning opportunities such as virtual or in-person tours, webinars, guest speakers, contests, and professional learning. Check the website regularly for opportunities to engage. Alternatively, reach out directly to COE@gnb.ca to collaborate with a Centre Lead.



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LANGUAGE LEARNING

Bridges to Bilingualism – Funding Opportunity

Application Deadline: Friday, April 3, 2026

Are you looking to partake in an end-of-school-year outing or activity with your students that incorporates French language and/or culture? Parents for Bilingual Education N.B. (PBENB) is offering grants of up to \$3,000 to support your initiatives! Priority will be given to FLL opportunities in N.B. [Click here](#) to apply.

Ma Dent Branle- Grade 1-3 French Immersion LIVE Event

Thursday, April 23, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

In collaboration with COE Health, this session will feature a **LIVE** Storytime with author Mireille Messier, bringing the story to life in a fun and engaging way for students. After the reading, learners will jump into hands-on activities - all about caring for teeth and gums, with the help of their favourite stuffed animals! [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

French Immersion Sustainability Literacy Kits - Grade 2-5

Register by Monday, March 31

In partnership with COELL, The Gaia Project is excited to launch new Sustainability Literacy Kits for Grade 2–5 FI classes! Each kit features eight engaging books focused on eco-citizenship and the circular economy, along with flexible, hands-on activities to inspire meaningful classroom action. Available through a lending library system, educators can borrow a kit for eight weeks, making it simple to weave sustainability themes into everyday learning. [Click here](#) to register to borrow your kit!

Concours Manie Musicale!

Submit by Wednesday, April 30

Did your class participate in Manie Musicale? Did you use any COELL resources? We want to hear from you! To fill out our feedback form, [click here](#). Send pictures of your class participating in Manie events to Zoe at zoe.karatzios@gnb.ca. All form feedback and picture entries will be put in the draw for a Manie Musicale prize pack!



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SKILLED TRADES &
MANUFACTURING

Primary and Elementary Learning Activity Resources

We want your feedback on our learning activities! We have many engaging, cross-curricular learning activities developed by NB educators to support your learners. Browse the lessons below to see how you can get a **free book!** Complete the Expression of Interest form in the resource and feedback section of a learning activity. To ensure equitable distribution, there is a limit of **one book, per educator, per school**, across all available learning activities. Schools are encouraged to share titles as quantities are limited. Deadline for the request is Friday, April 10, but may close earlier depending on availability (with books being mailed the week of April 13-17).

Grades K-2: Brilliant Blueprints: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).

Grades K-2: D is for Donut: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).

Grades K-2/3-5: Joyeux Castors: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).

Grades 3-5: Farm to Fry: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).

Grades 3-5: All Weather Accessibility: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).

Grades 3-5: Sugar Shack: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).

Grades 3-5: Upcycled Birdfeeders: To access this learning activity, [click here](#).



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DIGITAL INNOVATION

Cisco Cyber Games 2026 (Ages 13+)

March – June 2026

Give your students a front-row seat to hands-on cybersecurity with the **Cisco Cyber Games marathon** (March 23 – June 14). This challenge takes learners through Cisco's Ethical Hacker course, and those who score 70% or higher can compete in a Capture the Flag challenge for certificates, vouchers, and prizes. Students must be 13+ to register. To learn more, [click here](#).

AI for Good Design Challenge – Grade 6-12

April 2026

This is a chance for your middle level or high school students to do something meaningful with AI. The **AI for Good Design Challenge** guides learners through designing real AI solutions tied to global Sustainable Development Goals (health, climate action, and life on land), with mentor support and a chance to showcase at the Atlantic AI Symposium on Wednesday, June 3, at UNB Fredericton. Initial submissions are due Friday, April 17. Reach out to jeff@brilliantlabs.ca to get your students started.

TeXplore: Ernst & Young AI Skills Passport

Spring 2026

Ernst & Young AI Skills Passport is a free online learning program designed to help students aged 16+ develop practical knowledge of artificial intelligence and its growing impact on the world. Through engaging modules, real-world examples, and interactive challenges, students explore how AI works, where it is used, and the ethical questions it raises. The introductory session, part of McKenna Institute's TeXplore program, will be held on Friday, March 27th between 1:30 -3:30 pm, a non-instructional day for students. Please encourage interested students to register for the introductory session here - [click here](#).



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HEALTH

My Wiggly Tooth – K-2 Live Event

Thursday, April 23, from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

The sessions will feature a LIVE Storytime with author Mireille Messier, bringing the story to life in a fun and engaging way for students. After reading, learners will jump into hands-on activities - all about caring for teeth and gums, with the help of their favourite stuffed animals. Educators will also receive a FREE resource, *My Wiggle Tooth*, along with five toothbrushes to give away as fun prizes for their students. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Respiratory Therapy Live NBCC Tour and Information Session – Grade 8-12

Tuesday, April 14, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Do you and your students want to visit the Allied Health Centre at NBCC for a virtual tour of the Respiratory Therapy Simulation lab? The simulation lab is an immersive experience in adult, pediatric, and neonatal intensive care that is sure to be the highlight of your week. NBCC will also provide an overview of the Respiratory Therapy program, and employees from Horizon Health Network will join the session to share their experiences working in a variety of respiratory therapy roles across hospital and community settings. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

Jack.Org Professional Learning Session – Grade 8-12

Thursday, April 16, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Join us for an engaging Professional Learning session designed to introduce educators to practical tools and programs that support youth mental health. We'll also explore EdHub, Jack.org's educator resource platform designed to help teachers confidently bring mental health and wellness into the classroom. Bonus: Teachers who register and attend will be entered into a draw to have a LIVE Jack.org Talk brought to their school with all expenses covered. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Arcade Game Design Challenge - NEW Grade 6-8 Learning Activity (French and English)

In this hands-on challenge, students use cardboard building materials to design and build arcade games while applying the design thinking process to solve mechanical problems. Framed through an entrepreneurial lens, learners experience how products are developed, tested, and improved to meet real user needs. The activity fosters creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, and resilience - skills essential for innovation in business and everyday life. To learn more, [click here](#).

CBDC Youth Initiatives – Grants for Young Entrepreneurs

CBDC, a valued Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship partner, has highlighted grants available to youth entrepreneurs in different regions of New Brunswick. To learn more, [click here](#).

Build a Business with Junior Achievement – Grade 3-5 LIVE Event

Wednesday, April 29, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Students in Grade 3–5 will explore entrepreneurship by planning their own lemonade stand (just in time for spring!) while discovering how entrepreneurs think about customers, products, and running a business. To learn more and register, [click here](#).



Bring Climate Education into Your Classroom – Professional Learning Opportunity

Interested in professional learning on how to integrate climate education across the New Brunswick curriculum? The Gaia Project offers engaging in-person and virtual sessions for schools and groups of teachers that provide practical, curriculum-aligned ways to bring climate change topics into your classroom. These sessions focus on fun, hands-on, and meaningful approaches that help students connect learning to real-world environmental issues. To learn more about available sessions or to book professional learning for your school or team, please contact:

contact@thegaiaproject.ca

Hands-On Renewable Energy Workshops - Grade 6–8 In-Person Event

The Centre of Excellence for Energy is partnering with Relay Education to bring exciting, hands-on renewable energy workshops to Grade 6–8 classrooms! Through *Capture the Wind* and *Plug in the Sun*, students will explore how wind and solar power work through interactive STEM challenges. For more information, [click here](#).

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

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

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COE Upcoming Events Email
Sent directly to your inbox on the last week of each month. It includes a list of upcoming opportunities with registration links.



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



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

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