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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities January and February 2026

Please see below a list of upcoming events and opportunities for January 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](mailto:COE@gnb.ca) to collaborate with a Centre Lead.

### **ASD-S Centres of Excellence Experiential Career Summit**

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm**

We are pleased to invite **all learners, educators, and families in ASD-S** to register to attend the Centres of Excellence Experiential Career Summit, hosted by the Centres of Excellence team in partnership with ASD-S. This dynamic event will engage all participants in exploration of diverse career pathways in New Brunswick. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Note – Stay tuned for future Experiential Career Summits in a location near you!



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LANGUAGE LEARNING

### **Register for Manie Musicale!**

**March 1, 2026**

Manie Musicale is BACK! The deadline to register for this fun, engaging, bracket-style French music competition is approaching. For more info on how to register YOUR SCHOOL for Manie, [click here](#). We are busy creating some NB teacher-led activities for you around MM, so stay tuned for the next newsletter!

### **Canadian Parents for French - Concours d'art oratoire**

**Registration closes Friday, January 30**

The concours d'art oratoire is an annual speech competition for any French student in grades 5-12. To learn more about this event and how your class can participate, [click here!](#)

### **Université de Moncton summer camps 2026 - grades 6-12**

**Registration deadline Friday, March 27**

In partnership with Université de Moncton, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development offers two exciting French summer programs that are open to all anglophone school district students in grades 6-10 at all levels of French. For more information, [click here](#).

### **New Brunswick-Quebec student exchange program - grades 9 and 10 only**

**Application deadline Friday, March 27**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is pleased to offer students who are currently in grades 9 and 10 the opportunity to apply for a two-month reciprocal exchange program with a Quebec student. Travel expenses for the student and a school district chaperone will be covered. [Click here](#) for more information.



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### **Mind Matters: Psychological Health and Safety at Work – grades 6-12 LIVE Virtual Presentation**

**Wednesday, March 25, at 9:15 a.m.**

What does it really mean to feel safe at work—not just physically, but mentally? WorkSafeNB will introduce learners to the concept of psychological health and safety, why it matters, and how it connects to leadership and well-being in the workplace. Students will explore ways to support mental wellness and create positive environments where everyone can thrive. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).

### **McCain Pitch for Progress: Products, Technology & Sustainability – Grade 6-8 LIVE EVENT & In-Class Learning Opportunity**

**Wednesday, March 11 to 18**

*McCain Pitch for Progress* invites middle school learners to step into the role of young innovators shaping the future of food and farming. Through this experience, students will explore how McCain Foods develops new products, integrates advanced technology, and supports sustainable agricultural practices. They also examine real challenges

affecting the food manufacturing and farming industry today. For more information and to register for this event, [click here](#).



### Winter Professional Learning Series – Canva Creative!

#### January - April 2026

Sign up for our Winter PL series. Once a month, from January to April, we will be hosting an afterschool PL for K-12 teachers on all things **Canva**. For more details, [click here](#). To register now, [click here](#).

### Digital Innovation Learning Activity and Resources Development

The Centre of Excellence for Digital Innovation is seeking K-12 teachers interested in developing curriculum-aligned lessons, activities, and supporting resources centred on digital literacy, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity. To register your interest, [click here](#).

### Cisco Net Academy - FREE COURSES FOR AGES 13+

Did you know the learners over 13 and teachers in New Brunswick have access to free courses through Cisco Net Academy? Gain certification and knowledge on AI, cybersecurity, data science, programming, and much more! For a full list of courses and registration, [click here](#).

### New Brunswick Digital Literacy Framework

The NB Digital Literacy Framework is the guiding document for the integration of digital skills and tools into curriculum. For more information, visit [Digital Literacy Framework](#). To get your own copy of the framework for your classroom, [click here](#).



### Grade 3-5 NB Parks Learning Activities 2026

NB Parks and the Centre of Excellence for Health are pleased to partner in celebrating the natural beauty of our provincial parks. Every two months, a new learning activity will be shared that highlights a specific park, encourages outdoor physical activity, and promotes the mental health benefits of time in nature. Educators who try the learning activity with their class and complete the post-activity survey will be entered into a draw for **FREE transportation** to a local park and receive the **“Morgan Moose” FREE learning resource**. [Click here](#) to get started.

### Long-Term Care Month - K-12

The COE for Health, NBANH, and Shannex are celebrating Long-Term Care Month across New Brunswick in February. Educators and learners will have opportunities to participate in experiential learning at a long-term care facility, explore the wide range of career opportunities within LTC homes, and take part in a **NEW Narrative Care Project for grades 9–12**. Additional details will be shared on the COE Health website on **February 1**. To learn more about Long-Term Care Month, intergenerational learning opportunities, and win a **FREE class visit** to a long-term care home in your community, [click here](#)

### Live Mindfulness Event #2 – K-2 & 3-5

#### Friday, February 6, 9:30-10 a.m. (K-2), 11-11:30 a.m. (3-5)

During this 30-minute session, learners and educators will review the meaning of mindfulness and why it is useful to learn and practise in the classroom. Learners and educators will also review the breathing techniques introduced during Lesson #1 (BEE Breath, Ocean Breathing, Bear Breath, and the 5-star), and learn NEW mindfulness tools and techniques to use in the classroom and at home. [Click here](#) to learn more and register for the event.



### Grade 3-5 IDEA Market Experience

#### Live Event (Thursday, March 26, 9-10 a.m.) | IDEA Market Kit Learning Activities & Professional Learning (March 30-May 8)

Engage your Grade 3–5 students in an interactive live event that introduces social entrepreneurship through real-world problem solving and creative thinking. This event will set the stage for the 3–5 IDEA Market series of learning activities and will support students as they begin developing their own impact-driven ideas. Ongoing professional learning for educators will be available! To learn more and register for this experience, [click here](#).

## **Educator Collaboration Opportunity (ASD West)**

**February 25 & 26, 2026**

The Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship is seeking expressions of interest from ASD West middle school educators to participate in resource development days at EECD (Place 2000, 250 King Street, Fredericton). This opportunity will focus on co-creating classroom resources for the Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship. All costs will be covered. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to [tiffany.flecknell@gnb.ca](mailto:tiffany.flecknell@gnb.ca).

## **Middle School IDEA Market Kit – Pilot Opportunity**

The Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship is seeking middle school teachers to pilot the Middle School IDEA Market Kit in their classrooms. Participating teachers will implement the learning activity and take part in a half-day feedback session to share insights, successes, and suggestions to help refine the resource. Those selected to participate will receive funding for classroom resources. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to [tiffany.flecknell@gnb.ca](mailto:tiffany.flecknell@gnb.ca).



## **Empowering Tomorrow – Youth Energy Conference**

**Tuesday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

*Engaging New Brunswick High School Students in green energy career exploration through hands-on workshops, networking, and energy education.*

High school educators and students from across New Brunswick are invited to the NBCC Grandview in Saint John for a day-long event surrounding green energy careers. Hosted by The Gaia Project, in partnership with the Centre of Excellence for Energy, and NB Power, Empowering Tomorrow will connect clean energy industry experts and hundreds of youth to inspire climate action and engagement in the green economy. Educators in anglophone school districts can register their class, club, or student groups at **no cost**. This event is offered to all anglophone high schools in New Brunswick. For more information and to register your class, please [click here](#).

## **K-2 Explore Energy literacy for Explore your World**

**Friday, March 24; Friday, April 10; and Friday, April 17**

The Centre of Excellence for Energy is offering a new online, hands-on learning series for kindergarten to Grade 2 students focused on early energy literacy. The program includes three live, 40-minute sessions exploring what energy is, how we use it every day, and how we can save it instead of wasting it. Only 20 classes will be selected, and each participating class will receive a reusable materials kit and lesson plans delivered to their school. Sessions run from 9 to 9:40 a.m. [Click here](#) to learn more or to submit an expression of interest for this unique experiential learning experience.

## **K-5 Earth Day Week Live Action Bingo in French & English!**

The Centre of Excellence for Energy is excited to announce this event is returning for a fourth year - this time split into French & English sessions! Celebrate Earth Day by giving back to our amazing planet!

Monday, April 20 | 9–9:30 a.m.

Join us for an **online English K–5 LIVE Earth Day session** featuring a read-aloud of *Passing Gas: How Clean Energy Makes the World Less Smelly* by Phillip Craig and short presentations from The Gaia Project and SWEB Development on climate change and renewable energy in New Brunswick. Classes will complete the **K–5 Action Bingo Challenge** and receive a book, bingo card, learning resources, and a chance to win prizes. **Limited to 200 classes.** [Click here](#) to register.

Monday, April 20 | 9:30–10 a.m.

Join us for an **online French 1–5 LIVE Earth Day session** featuring a read-aloud of the French version of *Passing Gas: How Clean Energy Makes the World Less Smelly* by Phillip Craig, with insights from The Gaia Project and SWEB Development on climate change and renewable energy in New Brunswick. Classes will take part in the **K–5 Action Bingo Challenge** and receive a book, bingo card, learning resources, and a chance to win prizes. **Limited to 200 classes.** [Click here](#) to register.

## **Hands-On Renewable Energy Workshops for grades 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 grades 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.

## WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE



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



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



**Connect Directly** - Email a COE lead for collaboration, or email [COE@gnb.ca](mailto:COE@gnb.ca) for questions and information regarding opportunities near you!

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