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Upcoming Events and Opportunities March 2026 and beyond

Please see below a list of upcoming events and opportunities for March 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 events, 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

Jacques Surette – LIVE Bilingual K-12 Virtual Concert **Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.**

We are so excited to present Jacques Surette, an ECMA-nominated Acadian artist, as he performs original and favourite French language songs. COELL looks forward to presenting this entertaining and engaging artist for French Week/Semaine de la fierté française! [Click here](#) to register.

Celebrate Semaine de la fierté française / French Week (K-12) **March 16-20, 2026**

Whether it's through movement, song, movies, and more, there are so many ways to engage learners in French language learning during Semaine de la fierté française! This year's theme is 'Notre francophonie unique, vibrant, géniale'. [Click here](#) to access a menu of options and activities for your classroom of FSL learners.

Manie Musicale – Learning Activities for FSL, Music, and Social Studies (Grade 4-12) **March 2026**

Êtes-vous prêts? It's Manie Musicale month! Integrating Manie Musicale (MM) into your FSL classroom can provide a dynamic way to develop intercultural competency. This bracket-style competition is worldwide, and a dynamic, fun way to get learners engaged in FSL learning and music. This year we have NB built and connected learning activities. [Click here for activities for grades 4-8](#) and [click here for 9-12](#).

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 NB. [Click here](#) to apply.

Nature NB – Monarch Butterfly Kits & Virtual Event (Grade 3-5 and 6-8) **Register by Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

Nature NB has designed a kit and resources for grades 3-5 and 6-8 FSL educators who want to provide opportunities for their learners to engage and learn about the environment and a species at risk, all while in an experiential setting. Twenty-five kits will be available at each level, including a virtual discussion with a French wildlife researcher! To register for the kit and virtual event, [click here!](#)



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SKILLED TRADES &
MANUFACTURING

Mind Matters: Psychological Health and Safety at Work (Grade 6-12) – LIVE Virtual Presentation **Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | 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](#).

WorkSafeNB Focus on Safety Video Contest (Grade 9-12) **Submission Deadline: Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

WorkSafeNB, in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, is hosting the "Focus on Safety" youth video contest. The contest challenges high school students to create a two-minute original video that captures the importance of working safely. Prizes include cash for both students and their high schools. Deadline to enter is April 1, 2026. To learn more and register for this event, [click here](#).

Sugar Shack: A Masonry Experience (Grade 3–5) – Now with FI Resources

In this hands-on building challenge, learners will explore several techniques and develop vocabulary needed in this iconic skilled trade. Learners will build small sugar shacks with “bricks and mortar”, as well as a touch of sweetness, exploring the skills and craftsmanship masons implement in their everyday work. To access this cross-curricular learning activity, [click here](#).

Skills Canada NB 2026 Provincial Competitions

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 27, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.

Registrations for students is now open. To register a student, please forward the student’s full name, student email address, competition area they wish to participate in and school name to Arnell McDonald at arnellmcd@skillscanada.com. Questions can also be directed to Arnell. [Click here](#) for more information.

NBBTU Trades Future Alliance – Applications Now Open (Grades 6–12)

Trades Future Alliance is dedicated to empowering the next generation of skilled tradespeople by providing funds to high and middle school vocational programs. The fund is primarily intended to provide seed money for sustainable projects that will have a long-term impact on vocational programs. Educators or any school representative may apply as long as they are applying for a specific construction trade project provided or in development by their school. For more information [click here](#).



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DIGITAL INNOVATION

New Brunswick AI for Good Design Challenge (Grade 6–8 and 9–12)

Project Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2026

We are excited to announce, in partnership with Brilliant Labs, the first New Brunswick AI for Good Design Challenge. Students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 are invited to create teams and design AI-powered solutions to problems related to forestry, agriculture, climate action, and health/wellbeing. Select projects will be invited to participate in the UNB Atlantic AI Summit on Wednesday, June 3. For information, email info@brilliantlabs.ca and sarah.rankin@gnb.ca. Mentorship and funding available for projects.

Winter Professional Learning Series – Canva Creative!

Winter 2026

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

Free Tech Courses for NB Educators and Learners (Ages 13+)

Cisco Networking Academy offers free online courses for learners aged 13+ and educators across New Brunswick. From introductory digital skills to artificial intelligence and data science, these courses support skill development, career exploration, and classroom learning. For lists of available courses and enrolment links, [click here](#).



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HEALTH

See Your Future Clearly: High School LIVE Opticianry Virtual Lab Tour with NBCC

Friday, March 27, 2026 | 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Opticians play an important role in healthcare by helping patients choose the right lenses to improve vision while also helping them select frames that fit their style, comfort, and lifestyle. It’s a career that blends science, patient care, technology, and fashion — all in one! For more information and to register for this event [click here](#).

Cook with Meg: Middle School Experience

March 16–20, 2026

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Join MasterChef Canada finalist Meg Tucker for a fun, hands-on cooking experience that brings the New Brunswick curriculum to life! Students will explore personal wellness outcomes by learning about Meg’s career path and the mental health benefits of cooking. They’ll also connect to technology outcomes through hands-on kitchen skills. Educators will receive a kit that includes a **\$100 grocery card available for the first 50 classes that register!** For more information and to register (by Feb. 25) for this event [click here](#).

Social Work Month – COE Health & NBASW

March 2026

#NationalSocialWorkMonth is a time to celebrate the important work social workers and social work technicians do in New Brunswick and across Canada. [Click here](#) to help celebrate Social Work Month by watching the COE Health/NBASW Social Work Myth Busting recorded session. You can also learn more through the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers’ Child Protection campaign, which shows how social workers help in many ways: www.nbasw-atsnb.ca/about-us/who-saved-me/



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Cisco Net Academy: COE-Entrepreneurship Offerings (for educators and students 13+)

2025-2026

Build your entrepreneurial mindset with Cisco Net Academy! Explore real-world problem solving, stakeholder engagement strategies, business planning, operations, and risk management—plus learn how to craft compelling reports that communicate your vision with impact. Ready to grow your skills and turn ideas into action? To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Bank of Canada Museum – Professional Learning Opportunity (K–12)

April 21, 2026 | 3:30 p.m. English Session

April 24, 2026 | 2:30 p.m. French Session

Discover engaging, curriculum-connected ways to teach financial and economic literacy using the Bank of Canada Museum's free K–12 lesson plans, activities, videos, quizzes, and data tools. This workshop equips educators with ready-to-use materials in English and French that make complex economic ideas accessible, interactive, and fun for learners of all ages. Registrants can choose from the dates and times above and will receive a kit of classroom resources. To learn more and register, [click here](#)!

Bank of Canada Museum – Live Event Series

Grades 2 & 3: Tuesday, May 5 | 10:30-11:15 a.m. (English), 1:15-2:00 p.m. (French)

Grades 4 & 5: Tuesday, May 12 | 10:30-11:15 a.m. (English), 1:15-2:00 p.m. (French)

Get your students talking about money in this interactive presentation that explores cool artifacts and stories from the National Currency Collection at the Bank of Canada Museum. Each participating class will receive a pack of play money, a set of money conversation cards, and a kit of money math materials and resources. Spaces are limited! For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Call for Educators – Entrepreneurship Resource Development (K–12)

The Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship is seeking K-12 educators interested in developing curriculum-aligned lessons, activities, and supporting resources centered on entrepreneurship, social innovation, financial literacy, and leadership. To register your interest [click here](#).



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ENERGY

Empowering Tomorrow – Youth Energy Conference

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.–3:00 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–5 Earth Day Week LIVE Action Bingo (French & English Sessions)

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!

English LIVE Earth Day Session (Grades K-5)

Monday, April 20, 2026 | 9:00–9:30 a.m.

Join us for a virtual K–5 LIVE Earth Day session, in English, 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.

French LIVE Earth Day Session (Grades 1-5)

Monday, April 20, 2026 | 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Join us for a virtual Grades 1–5 LIVE Earth Day session, in French, 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 (Grade 6–8) – In-Person

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.

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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!



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