

# Teaching Calendar

Here you'll find selected cultural, political, and commemorative dates and upcoming events that may be of interest, relevant to the LINC Curriculum to support language training instructors.

## February 2018

### *Days of Religious Significance This Month*

(see <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/> for more information)

February 02, 2018	Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple – <b>Christian</b> Saint Brigid of Kildare – <b>Celtic Christian</b>
February 03, 2018	St. Blaze Day – <b>Christian</b> Setsebun Sai – <b>Shinto</b>
February 04, 2018	Four Chaplains Sunday – <b>Interfaith</b>
February 11, 2018	Cheesefare Sunday – <b>Orthodox Christian</b> Transfiguration Sunday – <b>Christian</b>
February 12, 2018	Triodion – <b>Orthodox Christian</b> Clean Monday – Lent begins – <b>Orthodox Christian</b>
February 13, 2018	Shrove Tuesday – <b>Christian</b>
February 14, 2018	St. Valentine's Day – <b>Christian</b> Ash Wednesday – Lent begins – <b>Christian</b> Maha Shivaratri – <b>Hindu</b>
February 15, 2018	Nirvana Day – <b>Buddhist, Jain</b>
February 16, 2018	Chinese New Year – <b>Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist</b>
February 18, 2018	Orthodox Sunday – <b>Orthodox Christian</b>
February 26 – March 01, 2018	Intercalary Days – <b>Baha'i</b>

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### *Observances and Celebrations This Month*

#### Black History Month

[http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=4293412646&Ns=p\\_pub\\_date\\_sort](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/search.jsp?N=4293412646&Ns=p_pub_date_sort)

<http://blackhistorycanada.ca/teachers.php?id=141>

<https://www.historicacanada.ca/blog/black-history-month/> (references 2015 but still useful)

#### Psychology Month

<http://www.cpa.ca/psychologymonth/>

<http://www.cpa.ca/psychologymonth/facts> (from site above; suitable for higher-level learners)

### *Days and Weeks of Cultural Significance This Month*

February 27 – Mar. 05, 2018

Eating Disorder Awareness Week

<http://www.michellehenry.fr/anorexia.htm> (various ESL resources and links)

February 01, 2018

World Read Aloud Day

[https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world\\_read\\_aloud\\_day.html](https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world_read_aloud_day.html)

(includes reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, unscramble the sentences, discussion questions, pairs survey and writing; includes the links below)

[https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world\\_read\\_aloud\\_day-q.htm](https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world_read_aloud_day-q.htm)

(interactive online exercise)

[https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world\\_read\\_aloud\\_day.mp3](https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world_read_aloud_day.mp3)

(MP3 listening file)

February 02, 2018

Groundhog Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/groundhog-day>

[http://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/new\\_to\\_canada/2011/01/february-2nd-is-groundhog-day.html](http://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/new_to_canada/2011/01/february-2nd-is-groundhog-day.html)

<http://canada-esl.com/esl-lesson-plans/groundhog-day-esl-lesson.htm>

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World Wetlands Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/world-wetlands-day>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/world\\_wetlands\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/world_wetlands_day.html)

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February 02 – 19, 2018

Winterlude Festival (Ottawa, Ontario)

<http://www.ottawa-information-guide.com/winterlude/>

February 04, 2018

World Cancer Day

<http://www.worldcancerday.org/>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/world\\_cancer\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/world_cancer_day.html)

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February 11, 2018

World Marriage Day

<http://wmd.wwme.org/>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/world\\_marriage\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/world_marriage_day.html)

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February 13, 2018

Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/shrove-tuesday>

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2017/02/28/shrove-tuesday-mardi-gras-today/>

February 14, 2018

Valentine's Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/valentine-day>

[https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels\\_Valentines-Day1.pdf](https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels_Valentines-Day1.pdf)

(for lower levels - CLB 1 to 4)

[https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels\\_Valentines-Day.pdf](https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels_Valentines-Day.pdf)

(for higher levels - CLB 5 to 8)

<http://www.eslflow.com/Relationships.html> (links to various resources)

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/valentines\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/valentines_day.html)

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February 15, 2018

National Flag Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/national-flag-of-canada-day>

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1444133232512>

<http://eslcooperative.ca/celebrating-50th-anniversary-canadian-flag/>

(from 2015, but contains useful Canadian flag facts and etiquette)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/culture/canadian-identity-society/anthems-symbols/national-flag.html>

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February 16, 2018

Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year / Spring Festival)

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/chinese-new-year>

[https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels\\_Lunar-New-Year1.pdf](https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels_Lunar-New-Year1.pdf)

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(for higher levels - CLB 5 to 8)

February 17, 2018

Random Acts of Kindness Day

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/random-act-of-kindness-day>

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/February/randomactskindness.htm>

February 19, 2018

Family Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/family-day>

[https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels\\_Plan-an-outing-for-Family-Day.pdf](https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels_Plan-an-outing-for-Family-Day.pdf) (for higher levels - CLB 5-8)

February 21, 2018

International Mother Language Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-mother-language-day>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/international\\_mother\\_language\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/02/international_mother_language_day.html)

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