

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.

March 2018

Days of Religious Significance This Month

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

Mar 01, 2018	Saint David of Wales – Christian Purim – Jewish
Mar 03, 2018	Holi – Hindu
Mar 06, 2018	Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
Mar 17, 2018	Saint Patrick – Christian
Mar 18, 2018	New Year – Hindu
Mar 19, 2018	Saint Joseph – Christian
Mar 21, 2018	Naw Ruz (New Year) – Baha'i Norooz (New Year) – Persian/Zoroastrian
Mar 25, 2018	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Christian Palm Sunday – Christian
Mar 26, 2018	Ramanavami – Hindu
Mar 28, 2018	Maundy Thursday – Christian Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian
Mar 29, 2018	Good Friday – Christian
Mar 31, 2018	Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian Hanuman Jayanti – Hindu Lord's Evening Meal – Jehovah's Witness Christian Magha Puja Day – Buddhist
Mar 31 – Apr 07, 2018	Pesach – Jewish

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Observances and Celebrations This Month

National Kidney Month

<https://www.kidney.ca/page.aspx?pid=183>

<http://www.kidney.ca/brochures>

<http://www.kidney.ca/ontario/fact-sheets>

National Nutrition Month

<https://www.dietitians.ca/Your-Health/Nutrition-Month/Nutrition-Month.aspx>

<http://www.eatrightontario.ca/en/Articles/Nutrition-Month/>

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/food-guide-aliment/educ-comm/index-eng.php>

<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/label-etiquetage/understanding-comprendre/nutrition-fact-valeur-nutritive-eng.php>

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=a7c8ce7e2b322410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Red Cross Month

<http://www.redcross.ca/blog/2015/3/we-re-celebrating-march-is-red-cross-month>

(from 2015 but contains pertinent information)

<http://www.redcross.ca/about-us/red-cross-stories/2013/march-is-red-cross-month>

(from 2013 but contains pertinent information)

Days and Weeks of Cultural Significance This Month

March 01, 2018 Be Positive – Do Something Day

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/be_positive_do_something_day.html

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

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/be_positive_do_something_day.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/be_positive_do_something_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

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March 04, 2018 National Grammar Day (US)

<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/a-brief-history-of-national-grammar-day/>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/national_grammar_day.html

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(interactive online exercise)

Mar 08, 2018 International Women's Day

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

https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels_International-Womens-Day.pdf

(for higher levels - CLB 5-8)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/international_womens_day.html

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(interactive online exercise)

Mar 10 – Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival

Apr 08*, 2018 (*dates vary by location)

<http://www.maplesyrupfest.com/>

(main site for maple syrup festivals in the Peel Halton Dufferin region; bring your class to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Kortright Centre for Conservation, or Terra Cotta Conservation Area! Site also includes fun facts, activity sheets and recipes.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB-yh44O0Qg>

(video of Terra Cotta Conservation Area festival)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dd2nL5nn1A>

(video of 2013 LINC field trip to Kortright Conservation Area festival)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9OolgqzY0>

(video of Bruce's Mill festival – only the first 3 min. 15 sec. focus on “maple syrup” activities per se)

<http://toronto.about.com/od/springeventsintoronto/ss/Maple-Syrup-Festivals.htm>

(information about maple syrup festivals in the GTA)

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http://www.trcs.eslvideo.com/?page_id=938

(non-narrated video with music showing the traditional syrup-making method; includes online quiz)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4vTq9OndPg>

(excellent narrated video showing one family's maple syrup production on their property using the old-fashioned method)

Mar 11, 2018 Daylight Saving Time Begins

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/canada/toronto?year=2018>

<http://www.hcdsb.org/News/Pages/2015-03-06-Shedding-Light-on-Daylight-Saving-Time.aspx>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twxkA6QDy7g>

(time change easily explained, in 2 min. 35 sec.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kw462Xbbzng>

(time change explained in a straightforward manner, in 2 min. 19 sec.)

Mar 11 – 17, 2018 World Glaucoma Week

<http://www.wgweek.net/>

Mar 12 – 16, 2018 March Break

[March Break 2018 - local camps for children in Mississauga](#)

<http://www.canadianfamily.ca/activities/16-amazing-march-break-ideas/>

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/whats-on/march-break>

(activities at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum)

Mar 12 – 18, 2018 Brain Awareness Week

<http://www.dana.org/brainweek/>

Mar 15, 2018 World Consumer Rights Day

<https://www.cute-calendar.com/event/world-consumer-rights-day/20427.html>

<http://www.consumersinternational.org/news-resources/news/releases/wcrd-2018-making-digital-marketplaces-fairer/>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/world_consumer_rights_day.html

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(interactive online exercise)

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Mar 17, 2018 Saint Patrick's Day

<https://stpatrickstoronto.com/> (Toronto parade – March 11, 2018)

<http://www.st-patricks-day.com/>

http://bogglesworldesl.com/stpatricksdays_worksheets.htm (collection of teaching activities)

<http://www.isabelperez.com/stPatricks.htm> (another collection of teaching activities)

https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels_St.-Patricks-Day.pdf

(for lower levels - CLB 1-4)

https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels_St-Patricks-Day.pdf

(for higher levels - CLB 5-8)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/03/saint_patricks_day.html

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

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(interactive online exercise)

Mar 20, 2018 First Day of Spring

<http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/spring-equinox.html>

<http://www.eslmadeeasy.ca/2015/03/march-topic-spring-equinox.html>

(from 2015 but still useful information)

Mar 21, 2018 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-day-eliminate-racial-discrimination>

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Mar 21, 2018 World Down Syndrome Day

www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

<http://www.cdss.ca/>

https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world_down_syndrome_day.html

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(MP3 listening file)

https://eslholidaylessons.com/03/world_down_syndrome_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

Mar 22, 2018 World Water Day

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-water-day>

Mar 24, 2018 World Tuberculosis (TB) Day

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

http://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/patient_edmaterials.htm

Mar 24, 2018 Earth Hour

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/earth-hour>

<https://www.earthhour.org/>

<http://www.wwf.ca/events/earthhour/> (lists 2017 events)

http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0903/090326-earth_hour.html

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http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0903/090326-earth_hour.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0903/090326-earth_hour-t.htm

(interactive online exercise)

Mar 26, 2018 Purple Day – The Global Day of Epilepsy Awareness

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

<http://www.epilepsy.ca/download-brochures.html>

