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## Happy New Year!

We're excited to launch the year with new opportunities designed to spark curiosity and support learning across BC. **MineralsEd** is delighted to welcome back **Nayanika Sukumar**, returning to the team as our Manager, Events and Logistics!

This spring, our journey takes us northward, where we'll deliver hands-on workshops for educators in the Northwestern Region. Then in May, we'll mark Mining Month with two events: our annual **Community Fair** and the Student Career Program at **CIM Connect 2026**.

In this edition, you'll discover practical tools to enrich your teaching - dynamic classroom resources, inspiring field trip ideas, and updates on programs you won't want to miss. Stay connected by following us on social media and subscribing to our monthly e-updates.

Let's forge ahead creating opportunities together, for discovery, learning, and growth

in 2026!

Warm Regards,

**MineralsEd Team**



**By Teachers, For Teachers**

## MineralsEd at AME Roundup 2026 - Deadline Extended!

Every year, MineralsEd is proud to host dynamic programming for secondary students and teachers during the Roundup Conference - and 2026 is shaping up to be one of our best yet! Our programs filled up fast, showing the incredible enthusiasm for learning about mining and mineral exploration. But we don't want anyone to miss out, so we're thrilled to announce that the deadline to register has been extended.

- ***Career Exploration Day for Secondary Students – January 26<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Teacher’s Professional Development Day – January 27<sup>th</sup>***

This extension gives schools and educators a little extra time to secure their spots in these highly anticipated events. Career Exploration Day offers students the chance to connect with industry professionals, explore career pathways, and gain hands-on insights into the world of mining. Meanwhile, Teacher's Pro-D Day provides educators with valuable professional development opportunities, equipping them with fresh resources, classroom-ready ideas, and a deeper understanding of the industry that supports so many communities across BC.

And the excitement doesn't stop there! On **January 25<sup>th</sup>**, join us at [Discovery Day](#), this free event is open to the public at the Vancouver Convention Centre East. This family-friendly event is packed with interactive exhibits, engaging activities, and presentations that bring the fascinating world of mining and mineral exploration to life.

Don't miss your chance - sign up now to take advantage of the extended deadline and be part of this incredible learning experience!

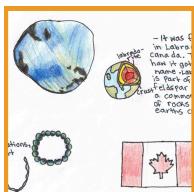
# MineralsEd Goes North!

We're thrilled to share that **MineralsEd** is expanding its reach to northern communities this **April**, continuing our commitment to support teachers and students with essential resources in minerals, mining, and earth science. This initiative ensures that students in remote regions have the same opportunities to explore the fascinating world of geology and mining as those in larger urban centres.

Throughout the month, [MineralsEd](#) will be visiting schools in [Gitanyow](#), [Hazelton](#), [Nisga'a](#), [Telegraph Creek](#), [Dease Lake](#), and [Iskut](#), bringing hands-on learning experiences directly to classrooms. These visits will not only provide teachers with valuable teaching tools but will also spark curiosity and excitement among students about the role of minerals in everyday life and the diverse careers connected to the mining industry.

A highlight of the April tour will be the [Junior Geologist Workshop](#), where students will step into the shoes of geologists—examining rocks and minerals, learning how to identify them, and discovering how they shape the world around us. By engaging directly with these interactive activities, students will gain a deeper appreciation for earth sciences and the opportunities available in mining and related fields.

Through these northern visits, MineralsEd continues to build connections, inspire future generations, and ensure that all students, regardless of location, can access high-quality learning experiences that broaden their horizons and open doors to exciting career pathways.



## May B.C. Mining Month

Grab your hard hats and rock hammers... it's time to celebrate! **MineralsEd** is excited to offer a variety of engaging opportunities for students of all ages to roll up their sleeves and dive into hands-on exploration of mining, minerals, and the many career paths within the industry.

### MineralsEd Community Fair - May 13, 2026

Creekside Community Centre - Vancouver, BC

Join us for a full day of exploration and fun at the **MineralsEd** Community Fair! Open to the public and curious minds, this event will unravel the wonders of the mining industry, Earth Science, mineral resources and exploration, sustainability, and more!

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/CommunityFair2026>



### CIM Connect - May 5, 2026

Vancouver Convention Center



Join us at CIM Connect for the MineralsEd Career Fair, where grades 10–12 students can explore careers in science, engineering, trades, and mining. The day includes tours of the conference hall with 200+ exhibitors and a dedicated career fair to meet industry professionals. Passes and transportation are provided, making it easy for schools to join.

Subscribe to our newsletter for registration updates so your students don't miss out!

## Regional Spotlight: A Career in the Minerals Industry - Spring 2026

In 2025, over 270 secondary students from across the province took part in our Regional Spotlight programming, hearing about the real-life career journeys of industry experts, visiting Gibraltar Mine for an up-close look at the mining process, and checking out academic opportunities at Thompson Rivers University. This 3-phase program will help your students delve into the world of mineral exploration and mining and uncover the diverse roles and responsibilities in the industry.

- **Phase 1:** Career Exploration Panel - Industry professionals present on their careers. Representation from various fields - geologists, environmental scientists, business, operations, and trades.
- **Phase 2:** Field Trip to Active Exploration Projects/Mine Sites - Experiential learning where students get the opportunity to see what mineral exploration and mining involves. Highlights both academics and trades.
- **Phase 3:** Field Trip to Geology, Engineering, and Trades Departments at an Academic Institution - Students are taken on a guided tour at a university to learn about the skills required in the industry.

Our 2026 Virtual Career Exploration Panel will be taking place in early **April**! Get your hard hats ready for a new season of industry explorations!

Registration opens in February 2026, so keep an eye on your inbox for our e-updates to sign up your students for this one-of-a-kind program.

## MineralsEd Guest Speaker Program

### GEOSCIENTIST IN THE CLASSROOM

Discover the thrill of learning with our Junior Geologist program! Reconnect with hands on exploration in this engaging 3-hour workshop, where students unravel the mysteries of the rock cycle, decode the formation secrets of rocks and minerals, and explore their impact on our world. Plus, enjoy the convenience of virtual options, extending our reach to classrooms across B.C. and Canada!

Ready to unearth knowledge in your classroom? Secure your spot at <https://bit.ly/GeointheClassroom> and kick off a geological adventure!



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