

### **Upcoming Events**

## Making a Difference BL Speaker Series

January 14th, 1:30pm ADT: Designing for Wellbeing: Socio-emotional learning, Biowearable Technologies and Ethics

We are pleased to announce our next speaker series session with professor Alissa N. Antle.

Alissa N. Antle is a professor in the School of Interactive Arts and Technology at Simon Fraser University. As an innovator and scholar, her research investigates how new forms of interactive technologies can support, change, and augment the ways that children learn, develop, and connect.

In this session, Alissa will share an overview of the Mind-Full project, describe some of the ethical issues that arose during the project and introduce a new bio-wearable "maker" workshop for children in which children can learn more about designing and thinking ethically about biowearables.

Learn more and register Individually or as a Group HERE

Grade 7 and up

Read Brilliant Labs Magazine: Making Connections

# Let's Celebrate These Holiday STEAM Projects!

Students in grades K to 6 were busy in November & December with Holiday STEAM challenges that would amaze any innovation Grinch!

"Oh how he lurked about over the holiday season, the Grinch never considered student innovation! They collaborated together to design a Grinch trap with gingerbread, candy canes and foil wrap. Now let's have a sneak peek at what they devised and challenge others to share their Holiday Innovation Project surprise."

More information about Brilliant Labs STEAM challenges will be published in our February newsletter.







(Photos - Candy Cane Fishing, Gingerbread House and Grinch Trap)



FREE VIRTUAL MONTHLY LEARNING SESSIONS

JOIN US VIRTUALLY JANUARY 21 FROM 6:00 TO 7:00 PM TO LEARN ABOUT UPCYCLING AND HOW TO TURN OLD MAGAZINES & PAPER INTO SOMETHING USEFUL.

January 20 - Registration Deadline

January 21 - Virtual Event from 6:00-7:00

Participants will need an old magazine, wrapping paper or advertising flyers, scissors, craft glue and tape.

Click HERE to Register by January 20th



Do you know a teacher who inspires students by trying new teaching methods, projects, technology or other hands-on learning activies? If so, email info@brilliantlabs.ca SUBJECT: Inspiration Maker, to be recognized in our monthly newsletter & social media channels. Remember to tell us why & include a photo!

## More Upcoming Events

PLACE-BASED IMAGINATIVE AND ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION



Natural Maker Speaker - Clayton Maitland, founder and the first principal of the only 100% outdoor PUBLIC school in Canada and is an educator in 'place-conscious' and ecological practices.

Clayton Maitland has been an active outdoorsman his whole life. He believes that a person has to participate in activities and fully experience them to understand them, and to understand nature, one has to be immersed in nature.

January 26th 8pm ADT

Learn more and register Individually or as a Group HERE

#### Asynchronous Professional Learning

Our team of Brilliant Pedagogues led by Natacha Vautour, Alisha Collins, and Jacob Lingley developed a series of 22 sessions available to teachers from across Atlantic Canada.

View Here or contact jacob@brilliantlabs.ca

#### Monthly Coding Challenges

This year Brilliant Labs will be challenging teachers and students to code stories, games, apps, robots, and more! Visit

brilliantlabs.ca/codingchallenges monthly for new code-to-learn challenges and resources!



#### Natural Maker Network

Teachers who are interested in including outdoors pedagogy in their planning are invited to join the Natural Maker Network. Ideas for educational activities and training opportunities are sent to your email. To register, please click here and fill out this short form

## **Inspiration Makers!**



This year Brilliant Labs is looking for those teachers who inspire others to be their best and who are taking chances to try new things to educate students. We're pleased to share this New Brunswick's "Inspiration Maker!"

WHO: KEVIN OUELLETTE

WHERE: CENTRE D'APPRENTISSAGE DU HAUT MADAWASKA

TWITTER: @KEVINOUEL

Kevin is an inspiring person, as much for his innovative approach to teaching as for his great artistic sense. This year, in addition to his many technological and community projects, Kevin has embarked on the great adventure of Natural Maker pedagogy. Having tried outdoor learning before without success.



Kevin has decided this year that it is the students who choose the day each week depending on the weather. How to guarantee the success of a initiative? Involve the students. Kevin understands this! In short, since September, the day per week has become 2, 3 and even 4. Kevin Ouellette is most certainly an actor of change who knows how to adapt his pedagogical practices according to the needs of his students and Brilliant Labs is proud to count him among its collaborators.

