

EDUCATION CATALOG

2025-26



A Field Trip That Moves Minds—and Bodies



Get your students out of their seats and into a day of active, playful learning. At Long Island Children's Museum (LICM), education comes alive through movement, imagination and hands-on play. Every exhibit invites children to experience classroom concepts with their whole bodies—building critical thinking, creativity and collaboration.

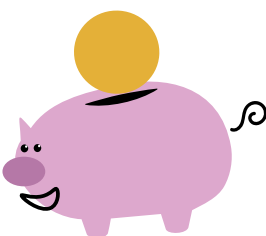
From sensory-rich spaces and interactive STEM exhibits to imaginative play zones and group challenges, students stay physically active and mentally stimulated throughout their visit—learning by doing, moving and exploring.

Our new 2026 traveling exhibit, ***Emotions at Play with Pixar's Inside Out*** helps children understand and express their feelings, while a live theater performance like Pete the Cat brings important social/emotional learning themes like empathy, resilience and teamwork to life on stage.

In a time when anxiety and emotional challenges are rising, these field trips support both heart and mind. Your students will return to the classroom with new insights, calmer energy and lasting connections—ready to keep learning.

Double the Learning
Save 30%!

Make the most of your field trip budget with our popular **"Double Your Learning"** option.



Here's how it works:

Book two LICM programs on the same day and save 30%—all while giving your students an unforgettable, full day of hands-on learning.

Choose a second museum program or add a live theater performance to bring the curriculum to life and get more value from your bus trip investment.

This season, LICM theater productions are a wonderful complement to not only the ***Emotions at Play with Pixar's Inside Out*** traveling exhibit, but to the Museum's goals of fostering empathy, self-awareness and creative expression. In both *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and *Pete the Cat*, the characters—Pigeon and Jimmy—navigate a wide range of emotions that will feel familiar to students. Jimmy's anxiety about his second-grade art class and Pigeon's frustration over his desire to drive the bus create relatable moments for all.



BONUS: When you book the "Double Your Learning" option, your schedule will include a 30-minute lunch break. The **cafeteria usage fee is waived** for groups booking this option.

Fee: **\$22.50**/student; includes guided morning and afternoon programs and cafeteria usage.

"Educators were knowledgeable, effective, engaging and connected immediately with the students, particularly with students with alternate learning needs."



Field Trips



Watch the concepts you introduced in the classroom come to life as your students make real-world connections as they observe and experiment in our interactive exhibits.

All guided field trips are led by trained Museum Educators.

LICM is a popular field trip destination--book early for preferred dates and times! (Ask about Cafeteria availability or a Museum Store visit when booking.)

Discounted Admission for School Groups

The Children's Museum offers reduced admission for all school group participants.

Our guided field trips are built around specific themes and include selected exhibits that support key learning concepts.

Please note: Exhibits are pre-selected and cannot be changed.

Cost: \$16 per student.

(See chaperone policy on page 6.)

**Guided field trips are available Tuesday through Friday; tour time choices are:
10–11:30 a.m. • Noon–1:30 p.m.**

Play & Wonder—Nursery-Kindergarten

The educational value of play is immeasurable. Young children will naturally play in, and respond to, our developmentally appropriate galleries. Children, together with their chaperones, experience the benefits of tactile, socio-dramatic and scientific play.

Exhibits: *TotSpot, Sandy Island, Sound Showers*

Workshop: "Animal Adventures" - children explore and learn about our natural world through close up animal encounters.

Explore & More—Kindergarten-Grade 5

Children learn through hands-on experiences and use critical thinking skills to solve problems found in everyday life. Using newly acquired skills of inquiry, creativity and collaboration; students will explore multi-sensory experiences that extend classroom learning.

Exhibits: *Bubbles, Your House, My House, Communications Station and Comings & Goings* (see schedule of offerings)

STEM to STEAM—Grades 1-6

Dive into a day of discovery! Our STEM to STEAM group visit experience brings science, technology, engineering and math to life through the arts while focusing on inspiring creativity and collaboration.

This special visit includes access to our exciting new exhibit, *Saltwater Stories*, where students will explore Long Island's rich maritime history and environment. Through hands-on play students will uncover the science behind our coastal ecosystems and the cultural traditions shaped by the sea. Enjoy a day of dynamic activities that connect STEM principles to artistic expression, encouraging students to see our built and natural world in new and imaginative ways.

Exhibits: *Saltwater Stories, Tool Box, KEVA and Feasts for Beasts*

Self-Guided Tours

Self-guided tours are available Tuesday–Friday for groups of 10 or more children.

Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance and are subject to availability.

Cost: \$17 per person (children and adults).

Once your reservation is confirmed, bring your confirmation with you and check in at the Box Office to receive the group rate.

All group members must be present to qualify for the discount.

Please note:

- Cafeteria access is not available for self-guided groups.
- Blackout dates may apply.
- Memberships, coupons, guest passes, and special offers are not valid for group visits or self-guided tours.



Check out our LICM field trip Pinterest boards!



This Season in the LICM Theater

This season, we're turning favorite classroom books into unforgettable stage adventures! Each show dives into themes like never giving up, believing in yourself, celebrating what makes you unique, and helping others. With catchy tunes, big laughs, and lively puppets, these stories jump off the page—and onto the stage.

All performances include talkbacks as part of the total theater experience. Education activity packets for each production are available for download from the LICM website to aid you and your students.

The cost per student is **\$16**. (See chaperone policy on page 6).

Theater field trip arrival times are 10 a.m. and noon. Performances and theater activities run 90 minutes in length.



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!

Pre-K to Grade 3

Available: December 2025, April-June, 2026

Based on the book *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*

by Mo Willems

Published by Hyperion Books for Children

Script by Mo Willems and Mr. Warburton

Lyrics by Mo Willems

Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma

Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Back on stage after playing to sold out crowds!

Whatever you do, don't let the Pigeon star in his own musical production! With a script written by Mo Willems, the creator of the #1 New York Times best-selling, Caldecott Honor award-winning "Pigeon" picture books, and featuring music by Deborah Wicks La Puma (*Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play!*), *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is even more fun than staying up late and having a hot dog party!

It's not easy being the Pigeon—you never get to do ANYTHING! But when the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers (gasp!) late, maybe that wily bird CAN do something.

Featuring an innovative mix of songs, and feathers, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping.

"It was entertaining and held the student's attention. We had a discussion about feelings after the show, too. It was a fabulous trip. Thank you!"





This Season in the LICM Theater



Pete the Cat

Pre-K to Grade 3

Available: February-April 2026

Script and Lyrics by Sarah Hammond; Music by Will Aronson

Based on the Pete the Cat series of books by Kimberly and James Dean

Originally Commissioned, Developed and Produced by TheaterWorksUSA

Music Orchestrated and Produced by Frank Galgano and Matt Castle

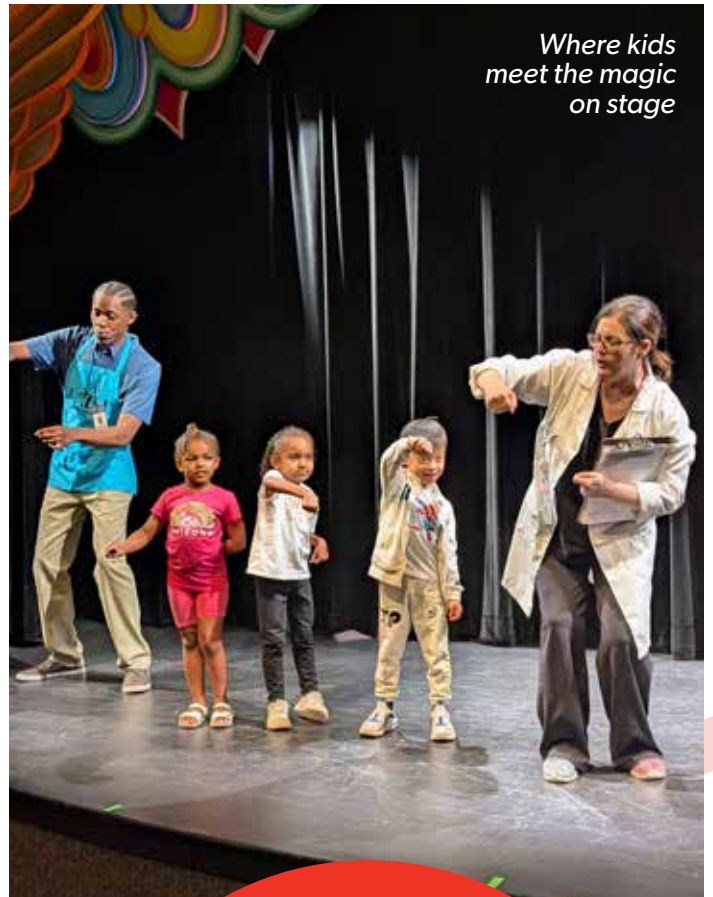
PETE THE CAT is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Corp. www.concordtheatricals.com

New at the LICM Theater!



For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So the minute the groovy blue cat meets The Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth.

But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect pal to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus!



*Where kids
meet the magic
on stage*

**"This show has
everything – a great story,
a great lesson, excellent acting,
singing and dancing...you
really need to go see it.
I loved the book, too!"
– Kids' News NYC**



Schedule Your Visit



All Long Island Children's Museum's school visits may be paid for with Nassau County BOCES Arts in Education and Suffolk County BOCES funds. LICM is also an approved vendor with the New York City Board of Education.

LICM makes scheduling your visit simple: Review our FAQs at www.licm.org/schoolsfag and then complete the online reservation form. We'll take it from there!



(Tip: Completing the online form speeds up the reservation process.)

Alternately, you can call the reservation office at (516) 224-5869, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Remember: Popular times fill up quickly.

Please advise the Museum in advance if your group has any special needs so that we may assign staff accordingly. Guided visits are offered Tuesday–Friday from 10–11:30 a.m. and from noon–1:30 p.m. Tour times cannot be adjusted.

Cost

The Children's Museum offers reduced admission rates for all school visit participants. The cost per student is **\$16** for a guided tour. (See chaperone policy below.)

Give Your Students Extra Museum time! Ask the Reservation Manager about adding more time for self-guided exploration. Additional fees will apply.

A 50% non-refundable deposit (or BOCES or School District purchase order) and "Signature Page" (sent to you when you register) is required 30 days before your visit to hold your reservation. LICM reserves the right to cancel a reservation if required materials are not received on time. Outstanding balances must be paid upon arrival on the day of your visit (unless the purchase order has been received). If at least four weeks' notice of cancellation is given, reasonable efforts will be made to reschedule your class for another date. No refunds are issued for school trips.

Guided Tour Group Size

The minimum number of students per class is 10 children; maximum is 25.

Chaperone Policy

Guided field trip/theater programs:

One adult chaperone is required for every three kindergarten and younger students

One adult chaperone is required for every five children in grades 1–6. These chaperones are admitted free and must stay with their group. (Adult chaperones include teachers, classroom aides, etc.) Additional adults that exceed the ratios mentioned above will be charged at the group rate (**\$16** each or **\$22.50** for Double Your Learning). A limit of five additional adults per date is permitted for each organization.

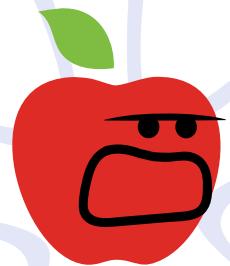
School nurses and 1:1 aides are not included in the chaperone ratio identified above and are not charged for admission

Galleries

If a designated gallery cannot be made available, LICM reserves the right to provide a substitute exhibit.

Lunch Time at LICM

While you're feeding their minds during an LICM field trip, schedule time to feed their tummies! If your group wishes to schedule lunchtime at LICM, a reservation request must be made in advance. (The LICM Cafeteria offers vending service only.) The cafeteria is available on a limited basis and by reservation only for groups bringing lunches. A usage fee of **\$55** (for up to 50 individuals) will apply. An additional fee of **\$35** is applied for groups between 50–100 individuals.





Museum On The Go: LICM Outreach Programs

Can't visit Long Island Children's Museum? We'll bring the learning to you!

Our hands-on workshops are led by experienced Museum Educators and follow LICM's belief that children learn best by seeing, touching, doing—and having fun!

Workshops last approximately one hour and are offered for groups of 25-30 children and their adult chaperones.

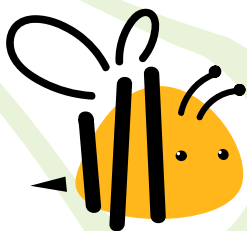
Ask about discounts available for multiple bookings when you call.

LICM Outreach programs are registered with BOCES. Call (516) 224-5847 or e-mail outreach@licm.org to book an LICM Outreach. (Mileage fees apply for locations farther than 30 minutes away.)

Bubble POP! Nursery-Grade 5

Become a bubble scientist and learn more about the unique physical properties of bubbles as you experiment at our three interactive stations. Experiment making bubbles and take home your own bubble print.

Fee: \$350



All Abuzz —Pre-K-Grade 3

Junior entomologists will meet a hissing cockroach and discover insects that camouflage. They will learn what makes an animal an insect and the different body parts they have. Students will create their own bugs. Children will be provided with

a field guide page about their bug that can be done after the program.

Fees: \$300

Build It — Pre-K-Grade 3

How did the Leaning Tower of Pisa get its name? Explore the scientific forces behind structures such as bridges and towers as you apply building design concepts to construct a freestanding structure out of Magic Noodles and toothpicks.

Fee: \$300



Catch Me if You Can! — Kindergarten-Grade 5

Investigate the ways animals protect themselves from predators. Meet our live animals that use defense mechanisms to stay safe. Create your own animal by using the animal defense of your choice.

Fee: \$300

Up in the Air—Kindergarten-Grade 5

Explore the science of flight and dream BIG as you make your own gliders based on your observations of various AIR-MAZING experiments and learn about milestones in the history of aviation.

Fee: \$300

"Thank you for bringing Build It! to PS 242 today! The kids had a wonderful time and experience!"

Spirit of Invention—Kindergarten-Grade 5

Learn about the special functions of historical inventions such as the telephone, toaster and hair dryer. Hear about the lives of famous inventors such as Thomas Edison and Marie Curie before rolling up your sleeves and creating your own futuristic invention using an assortment of recycled materials.

Fee: \$300



Museum On The Go: LICM Outreach Programs

"Watching the girls' faces was priceless and surely one they will remember for a long time!! We look forward to working with you again."

Fish Tales —Kindergarten - Grade 6

Learn about fish habits and their habitats, the maritime industry on Long Island and comparative anatomy by studying an actual fish dissection up close—including a taste sample after our instructor cooks it!

Fee: \$350

Lucky Fortune —Grades 1-5

Discover Chinese Lunar New Year festivities, stories and traditions in this multicultural awareness program. Learn about the symbolism of the Lion Dance and create your own Lion Dance parade mask.

Fee: \$300

KEVA® Colab—Grades 2 - 5

Explore ideas related to building construction and structural function based on LICM's popular KEVA® exhibit. Become junior architects and engineers as you make your own KEVA® structures, experiment with gravity and speed and engage in collaborative play!

Fee: \$300

Game On — Grades 2-6

Step into the role of a game developer as you design your own game from the initial concept to a finished prototype, including materials such as cardboard trays, marbles, LED lights and your own graphics in this fun STEAM program!

Fee: \$350

Freedom Quilts — Grades 2-6

Discover the stories that quilts told in the days of the Underground Railroad to assist runaway slaves on their journey to freedom. Learn to "read" various quilt codes; then use mathematical patterns and fabric shapes to design a quilt that tells your very own personal story.

Fee: \$300

A Balancing Act—Grades 2-6

Learn about the cool science of gravity, speed and motion as we experiment with pennies and balancing toys in a fun way! Then, make a high-flying "acrobat" that can balance on a piece of string.

Fee: \$350

Ask about quantity discounts.

Summer Enrichment



Every year we introduce a quality summer Outreach that follows the National Reading Summer Theme. Check back for details.

Long Island Children's Museum is a registered vendor with BOCES and the New York City Department of Education.



New Exhibit Experiences



Saltwater Stories: We Need the Sea and the Sea Needs Me!

Opens October 11, 2025



Ahoy, adventurers!

In *Saltwater Stories*, visitors dive into the sights, sounds and stories of Long Island's coastal life—past and present. Through dramatic play and hands-on exploration, children step into the boots of baymen, boat builders and ocean protectors.

During their visit, children will:

- Jump aboard a fishing boat and explore a traditional bay house
- Discover Indigenous traditions and connections to the sea
- Try their hand at maritime skills like trap baiting and clam sorting
- Learn how to care for our oceans and sea life.
- Explore how wind turbines in the ocean help make clean energy and protect the environment.
- Walk away with a deeper sense of pride in where we live.

Saltwater Stories: We Need the Sea & the Sea Needs Me is made possible by the generous support of these major donors:



Emotions at Play with Pixar's *Inside Out*

January 17 through May 10, 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled adventure into the world of emotions with a visit to Emotions at Play with Pixar's *Inside Out*! Inspired by the hit Disney/Pixar movie *Inside Out*, this interactive exhibit invites students to laugh, create, imagine—and most importantly—explore how we all feel inside.

Through playful hands-on and digital activities, students will:

- Take charge at Headquarters by guiding emotions at the colorful Control Panel
- Make silly faces and discover body language at the wacky and wonderful Emotion Mirrors
- Capture a special memory or today's mood by creating a glowing Memory Sphere
- Dream up a wild story and perform it at the imaginative Dream Productions stage.
- Keep their thoughts on track—and their feelings balanced—on the twisty Train of Thought
- Stack, build, and balance their way through teamwork and emotion with the Emotion Blocks
- This one-of-a-kind exhibit turns emotions into an adventure, helping students better understand feelings like Joy, Sadness, Anger, Disgust and Fear in a way that's as fun as it is meaningful.



This exhibition was developed by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Pixar Animation Studios. © Disney/Pixar. All rights reserved. Used under authorization.

Bring coupon on page 13 and proof of your NY State teaching license and you will receive a discount on your purchase of an LICM family membership. \$15 off LICM "Plus" Membership

School Community STEM Nights

Build a Strong School Community

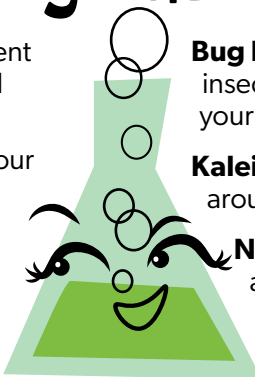
Looking to create great engagement with student families? Seeking ways to build a strong school community?

Bring LICM's fun, hands-on STEM activities to your school! Students, families, faculty and parent groups can join in to explore science together through play-based learning activities.



Choose one or multiple STEM activity stations for a special themed night of play-based STEM learning to engage students, teachers and families.

Events can be for class family nights, larger school events, and family festivals.



Bug Bonanza – Discover what makes an animal an insect and investigate their different body parts. Build your own bug to take home!

Kaleidoscope Wonders – Investigate the patterns around us as you design your own kaleidoscope.

Nebula Spin Art – Explore our universe, learning about how gigantic clouds of gas and dust form nebulas in space. Create your own colorful model nebula that is just as unique as the real thing.

Binary Code Bracelets – Learn how computers talk to each other as you make your own binary code bracelet.

Cotton Ball Launchers – Explore the concepts of potential and kinetic energy as you build a cotton ball launcher. How far can your cotton ball go?

Choose from our workshop menu or our pop-up menu.

Workshops (30-60 minutes): Choose one activity.

Rockin' Roller Coasters – Explore force, energy, and gravity as you design the ultimate coaster.

Balancing Bird Perch – Teams will challenge each other to engineer the tallest perch for your balancing bird.

Mousetrap Mischief – Put your heads together to create the trickiest trap for your mouse

Critter Crossing – Experiment with structure and motion to get your critter safely across a balancing bridge.

Pop-Ups (10-20 minutes): Choose one or more stations for your special event.

KEVA Challenges – The KEVA gallery is one of LICM's most popular! Step right up and try your hand at KEVA building challenges brought directly to you.



For more information or to discuss your event, please email STEM@licm.org.

Celebrate Your Students



"I had so much
fun...why do we have
to leave?"

Transform your next school event into an unforgettable experience with a
Friends & Family Fun Night at Long Island Children's Museum!

Why LICM?

- **Engage Families** with hands-on activities
- **Spark Curiosity** with interactive exhibits
- **Create Lasting Memories** for students and families
- **Exclusive Evening Hours** to Explore, Dream and Play!
- **Kick Off the School Year** with a Bang
- **Unite Community with Spirit Night**
- **End the Year** with a Fun Farewell
- **Interactive Exhibits Await!**

Ready for an experience your students won't forget?

Call (516) 224-5844 to book your
Friends & Family Fun Night today!



"Not only are the children
having a blast at the museum,
so are the adults!"

The Carousel is Spinning Again— Make It Yours!



Host your next school event at one of Long Island's most charming and nostalgic venues. The historic Carousel is open and ready to create lasting memories!

Enjoy exclusive use of the Carousel and Pavilion for unforgettable gatherings,

including:
Family Fun Nights or Parent Socials
Moving Up Ceremonies
Class Reunions
End-of-Year Celebrations

Call (516) 224-5844 to get your event moving.

Let our Event Rentals specialist help you customize every detail to make your event truly special.

Contact us today to start planning a one-of-a-kind celebration your school community will never forget!



LICM Contact List



Feel free to contact us to learn more about the variety of programs designed to meet the needs of your students, your faculty and your own professional development.

Field Trip, Theater School Visits and Group Reservations:

(516) 224-5869 or reservations@licm.org

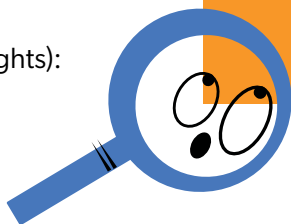
Membership (Family Discounts for Educators):
(516) 224-5821 or membership@licm.org

Museum Rentals (Friends & Family Fun Nights):
(516) 224-5844 or kjoseph@licm.org

Outreach Bookings:

(516) 224-5847 or outreach@licm.org

**Ask about LICM
Professional Development
options.
Call (516) 224-5809.**



2025-26 Educator Discount

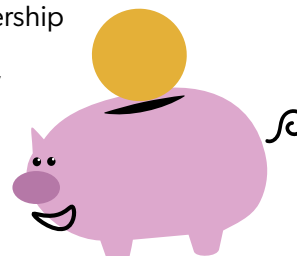
You've enjoyed the Museum with your students; now bring your family!


**SAVE \$15 off
a "Plus" Membership**



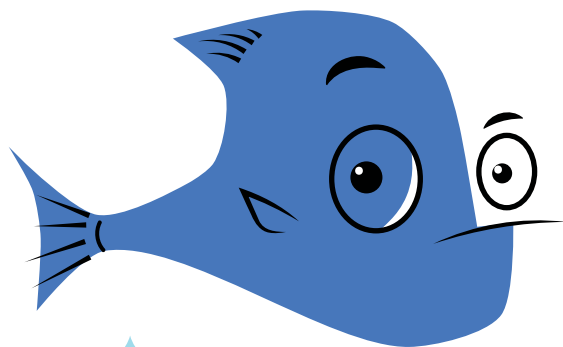
Plus Membership categories are available to meet a variety of family sizes and needs.

Visit licm.org for membership details. Present this coupon with proof of your NY State teaching license at LICM Membership Desk when purchasing your membership. May not be combined with any other discount. Valid through June 30, 2026





I just wanted to say
thank you so much for the
fish tales' program that you did for us.
We got so much great feedback
from this event.



"Not only are the children
having a blast at the museum,
so are the adults!"



"We love our educator
for his/her passion, knowledge and
patience. (Kids hug their educator
at the end of the guided tour,
saying thanks and goodbye)"

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Looking for STEM classroom resources?

National Grid has prepared materials for educators for all grade levels. Visit:
<http://www.ngridenergyworld.com/>
<https://ngridenergyworld.com/teachers/>



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