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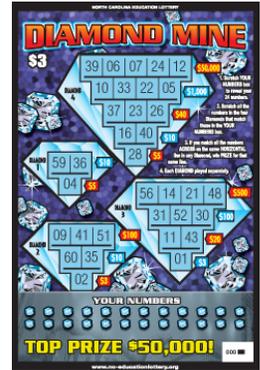
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Education Lottery launches three new instant games

RALEIGH – The N.C. Education Lottery has three new instant games on sale. The new games, launching Tuesday, are called Diamond Mine, Royal Riches and Fantastic 4's.

Diamond Mine is a \$3 game with five top prizes of \$50,000. The game is played by matching rows of numbers horizontally with the player's pool of 24 winning numbers. For each row of numbers matched, players win the prize shown automatically. More than 30,000 prizes between \$40 and \$100 can be won in the game. Diamond Mine is an "extended play" style game similar to the NCEL's crossword and bingo instant scratch-off games.



Royal Riches is a \$2 ticket featuring six \$20,000 top prizes and more than 83,000 prizes from \$20 to \$50. The game is played by matching one of 10 numbers with one of two winning numbers. Players who reveal a "DIAMOND" symbol in the play area win the prize shown instantly. Those who reveal a "MONEYBAG" symbol win \$20 instantly. More than \$5.2 million in prizes can be won in the game.

Fantastic 4's is a \$1 tic-tac-toe style game with 12 top prizes of \$4,000. Players who match three "4" symbols in the same row, column or diagonal line win the prize shown. More than \$3.4 million in total prizes can be won in the game.



For more information about these new games, visit the NCEL's website at www.nc-educationlottery.org.

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NCEL net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships. For prizes of \$5,000 and greater, 25% federal tax and 7% state tax are automatically withheld.