



THE OUTSIDERS

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LYNX Nature Inspired Programming

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UPCOMING

March 2023

Mar 3 – Heart Creek Bunker Trail

Mar 3 – Report Cards available on School Cloud

Mar 8 – P/T Interviews

Mar 18/19 – Calgary Outdoor Show

April 2023

Apr 1-12 – No School

Apr 13 – Classes Resume



Principal's Message

We look forward to our upcoming field trip to Heart Creek Bunker Trail on Friday March 3. Dress in layers and wear your ice cleats if you have them.

On March 18 and 19, we will be hosting a booth at the Calgary Outdoor Show to promote the LYNX program. Come say hi if you are at the event.

Report Cards will be available for access through School Cloud. If you have any troubles accessing them, or need your copy printed, please contact your students' teacher. Parent teacher interviews are set for Wednesday March 8, however, as LYNX families you get the opportunity to chat with your child's teacher anytime. Feel free to set up a short interview time at pick up or drop off as well.

The new dump of snow has given us the opportunity to enjoy more winter activities, and allow us to try the snowshoes again. I would encourage you all to make friends with winter, get out, and enjoy some fun in the snow. There is so much beauty for us all to enjoy.

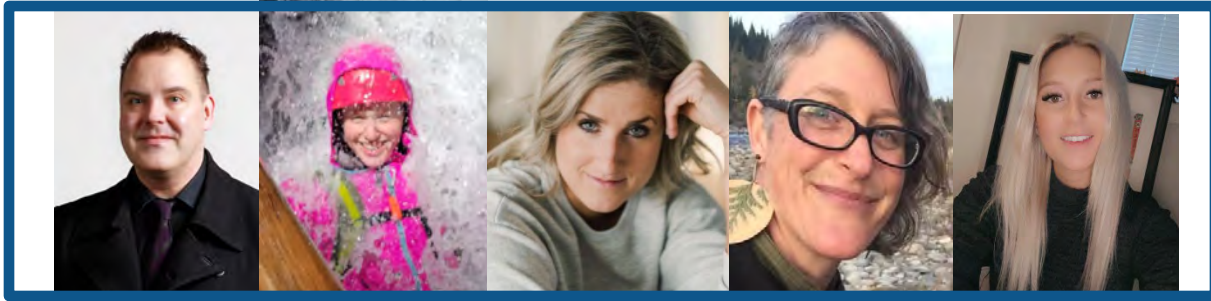
Joe Smith
Principal, LYNX

Be Kind, Be Good, Be Helpful and above all be Safe

We acknowledge that we are on traditional territories in Alberta of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.



Your Student's Nature Inspired Instructors!



Jason Ash

Megan Baxter

Madison Fai

Lisa Dahlseide

Hailey Rubner

Cochrane LYNX

In Cochrane Lynx, students have been working hard over the past several weeks. We have been learning about ancient civilizations, the birth of democracy and introduced the early stages of the Renaissance. Students have been using what skills they have learned in class to apply this knowledge to the real world.

We have also been focusing on energy and how light interacts with the world which determines our perception of shape and colour. Students have developed an understanding about weather and climate and the concept of global warming. We have looked at the impact of humans on the environment and how that relates to climate change.



Students have been recently able to participate in skating, sledding and snowshoeing around the Mitford Pond area as well as use a flint to light a fire.



Calgary LYNX

Despite the break this past month, we still achieved a lot of learning! Students strengthened their social studies foundations and learned a few more significant marks in history. Lessons about the Great Depression and the Famous Five were fabulously absorbed through student sketches for teachers to evaluate learning, and these kids did great!



It did unfortunately get cold. We had been waiting for a cold spell to complete our Space units so we could utilize library books and videos. Students were able to weave social studies into Space, learning the indigenous perspectives on how land and sky were important to the first peoples. We also learnt more about our own Planet Earth.

We had a special guest join us from Third Academy on one of our indoor days. Mrs. Commance was a geologist before getting her teaching her teaching degree and joined us to teach about rocks and minerals. Students made crystals and will get a chance to test their new rock identifying skills when the snow melts!



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We have been focusing on strengthening literacy by bringing in more books to the program. It is lovely to find a nice spruce tree to connect with while sitting under its branches taking turns reading. We have also started reading the Hatchet at the end of the day, a book about a young boy stranded by a plane crash surviving on the land. For our morning online class we have started reading Being Caribou and expect the author, Karsten Heurer may join us one day to read a chapter about his incredible adventure migrating with a caribou herd.



February we focused on self love journaling about the things students love about themselves. We hope this fosters a greater path towards self love.

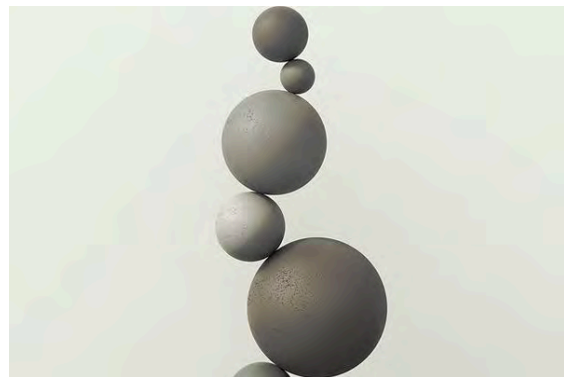
Poetry

MOON DROP

An excerpt from a longer poem found at <https://www.cedarsnest.org/drop>

By Melanie Cedar

The moon is the light on my face
A spotlight I create
Are you watching me?
Seeing me
I am only trying to be still
I am the statue you are the water
making me hard and smooth
Moon drops light bouncing
Water falling water falling
Drip drip drip drop down.



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Student Resources

NIGHT SKY

Connect Social Studies and Indigenous perspectives to the Space units: <https://youtu.be/fO1fn1a-WHI>

Enjoy a fun song teaching you about planets and the solar system:
https://youtu.be/C_2KN8OGgyY

Student Highlight

Athena

Athena is a shining light in the LYNX program. All feel her intelligent kindness, especially when she flashes a smile. She is a helpful assistant to the younger students in our class, offering generous support. She is a hard working student and academically shines in addition to her glowing personality. She loves horses and is in her happy place when riding. She has been competing in barrel racing and strengthening her connection to nature through her horse companions.

