



THE OUTSIDERS

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LYNX Nature Inspired Programming

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Principal's Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year! All students and staff are enjoying the beautiful weather this spring. This month we have several field trips and celebrations planned for our LYNX students. We recently welcomed 5 new students to the LYNX Cochrane and Calgary programs. Welcome Jaxon, Seth, Izzy, William and Isla.

With open houses, inquiries, promotion and word of mouth, our program is growing! We encourage you to get your registrations in for the fall so we can plan for our growing class sizes and locations.

We would like to extend an invitation to all LYNX families to come join us for our LYNX Awards Day celebration. Because we were able to book a picnic shelter in Glenmore Park when everywhere else was unavailable, we will be meeting at North Glenmore Park at the Snowy Owl picnic shelter. Monday June 19 at 12 noon. Award ceremony will be at 1pm. We will also be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. See you there.

Joe Smith

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UPCOMING

June 2023

June 6 – Heritage Park

June 2 – Ribbon Creek (Cochrane LYNX)

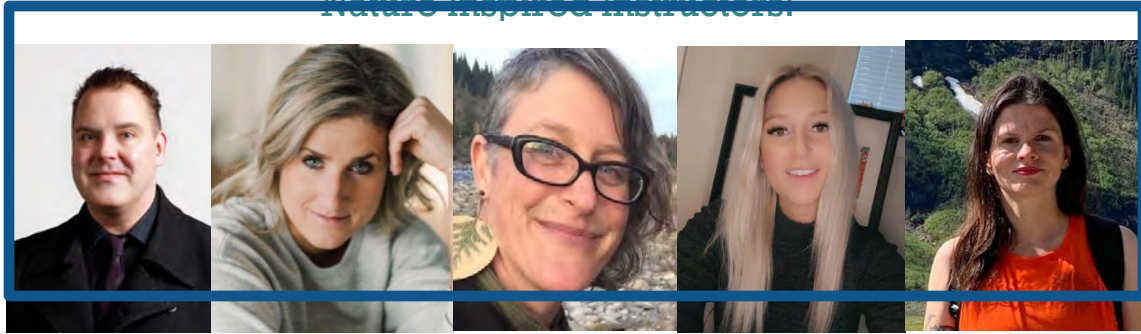
June 16 – Dyson Falls (Calgary LYNX)

**June 19 – LYNX Awards North
Glenmore Park Snowy Owl Picnic
Site**

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 Students Nature Inspired Instructors!



Jason Ash

Madison Fai

Lisa Dahlseide

Hailey Rubner

Vicky Ashton

Cochrane LYNX



Welcome back Mr. Ash!

Cochrane LYNX students had been missing Mr. Ash deeply and celebrated his return at the end of April. In his absence, we learnt about boats and buoyancy and tied in the ‘Waste in Our World’ unit by reusing recyclables to build and test boats. We have studied saltwater ecosystems diving into an ocean animal study and human impacts on the ocean. We discovered our family tree and heritage. We planted seeds and are watching them grow (and hopefully measuring and graphing their growth at home). We have been enjoying campfires and even made our own natural paint over the fire and with cabbage, onion and charcoal to create some art. Cochrane LYNX Provincial Cabinet was “elected” and Cabinet meetings have begun as student’s debate issues and topics. Students have learnt about Confederation, brushed up on their leaf knowledge and investigation. Enjoying the warm weather they have even swam in the Bow River! Orienteering pics below.

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Crocus hunt! First signs of spring with our Earth Day scavenger hunt.



Making paint and charcoal ink



Natural pigment art

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Calgary LYNX



Calgary LYNX students are excited for the warmer weather! The spring melt offered them a fun day to play in puddles as we learnt about boats and buoyancy and tied in the 'Waste in Our World' unit by reusing recyclables to build and test boats. We have also repurposed garbage to make art! We have studied saltwater ecosystems diving into an ocean animal study and explored deeper into human impacts on the ocean. We discovered our family tree and heritage. We planted seeds and are watching them grow (and hopefully measuring and graphing their growth at home!). We used natural paint made over the fire with cabbage and onion as well as charcoal ink to create some art. Students have explored electricity, weather, and clouds. They will be wrapping up the school year with some social studies discussion.

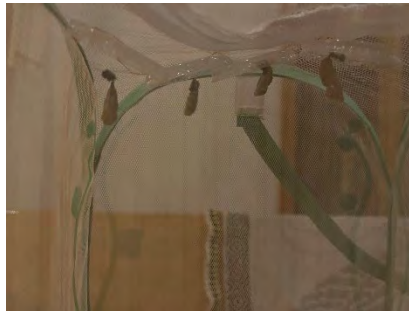




Calgary LYNX students have also participated with the Kindergarten LYNX on discovering the life cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly. From larvae to pupa to adult!



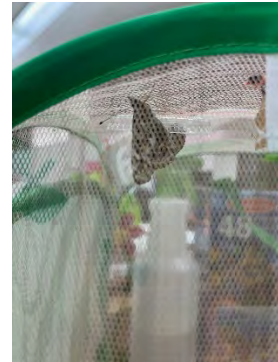
Students separated the larval caterpillars into individual containers with food



Caterpillars attached to the top of their smaller container and then were sewn to the top of a tent once formed into their crysalys



The pupa then transformed into an adult Painted Lady Butterfly



Telus Spark

On Thursday April 27 we enjoyed a field trip to Telus Spark! Students explored many topics from pH changes to VR games to clothing design and learning about the four nature elements in their feature exhibit.



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Cochrane Ecological Institute

On Friday May 26, we enjoyed a field trip to the Cochrane Ecological Institute! Find out more and support their efforts at www.CEIwildlife.org



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Many Springs

On Tuesday May 30 we enjoyed a field trip to the Cochrane Ecological Institute! Find out more and support their efforts at www.CEIwildlife.org



Poetry

Bird
beautiful, flying
bird colourful and perching
pecking the tree for food
I like this bird
feathered beauty

Cinquain Poem by Marley Dahlseide,
LYNX Grade 3 Student

All The World's Alive Again

by Jennifer Gunner

The rabbit hops its gentle step
The lark sings lyric songs
All the world's alive again
Spring rights the winter wrongs.

Mother hen protects her chicks
White blossoms are in bloom
All the world's alive again
No snowy clouds to loom.

A kitten chirps her tiny mew
The child blinks his eyes
All the world's alive again
A new world crystalized.

YOUR
DICTIONARY

Student Resources

As we approach year-end you might be looking for informative nature hikes for the summer.

Full Circle Adventures offers amazing edible plant walks!

<https://www.fullcircleadventures.com/>

The Light Cellar also offers amazing herbal adventures either with online learning, in their classroom or outside!

<https://lightcellar.ca/collections/in-person-classes-events>

Student Highlight

Crosby

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Crosby is a strong leader in the Cochrane LYNX program. He fully engages in activities and his enthusiastic spark helps the other students to engage. He brings a level of leadership with accompanying kindness as he helps to direct the class through his example. He intelligently answers questions and helps to bring thoughtful discussion to our lessons. Crosby is friends with all the students and thus acts as a bridge helping to bring students together. We appreciate you Crosby!



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