



THE OUTSIDERS

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LYNX Nature Inspired Programming

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Principal's Message

I am so excited to welcome you back to LYNX for the 2025–2026 school year! This year is extra special as we now have LYNX programs in **Calgary, Okotoks, Cochrane, and Edmonton**. It is wonderful to see our nature-inspired community growing and reaching more children and families.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning, growth, and adventure together. It is a privilege to start a new school year with your children, and I can't wait to see all the ways they will explore, discover, and thrive in our unique outdoor and classroom experiences.

Thank you for being such an important part of the LYNX community. Here's to another amazing year of curiosity, creativity, and connection with nature!

Joe Smith
Principal, LYNX

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2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

September 2025

September 19 – Heart Creek Trail

September 23 – PAC Meeting 7:30pm

September 25 – Calgary Farmyard

September 29 – No School, Campus PD

September 30 – No School, Truth and
Reconciliation Day

October 2025

October 1 – No School, System PD

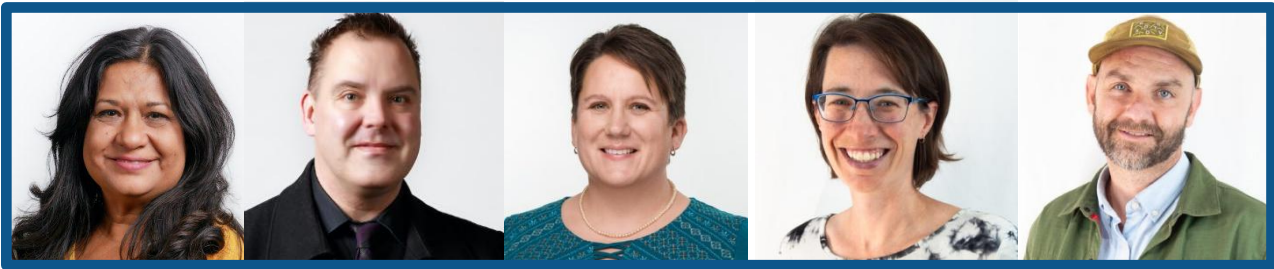
October 13 – No School, Thanksgiving

October 14 – PAC Meeting 7:30pm

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!



Afisha Jiwani, Jason Ash, Allison Hubenig, Erin Hiemstra, Graeme Ford



Thomas McKillip, Vicky Ashton, Sofia Pacheco, Lisa Dahlseide

LYNX Parent Activities Committee (PAC)

We invite you to please join our next Parent Action Committee (PAC) Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, **September 23rd at 7:30pm via zoom**. We will need to elect our new Board of Directors and are looking to still fill the positions of Chair and Treasurer.

Chair

Function: to act as chairperson of all Council meetings and oversee all Council activities.

Responsibilities: Preparation of agenda for Parent Advisory Council meetings; To act as cheque signing authority on the Parent Advisory Council bank accounts; To represent the Council at any Official function; To ensure that all Council business meets the objectives in our By-laws; To serve as an ex-officio member of all committees; To complete all required reports; To ensure continuity by meeting with past Chairs when necessary; To approve any minor expenditures up to \$50.00 without approval from Officers; To ensure any expenditure over \$50.00 has approval from the Officers by way of motion; To cast a deciding vote in the case of a tie.

Treasurer

Function: to account, monitor, and represent all financial transactions of the Parent Advisory Council.

Responsibilities: To establish a bank chequing account for the control of all Council funds; To act as one of the cheque signing authorities for the Council; To maintain an accurate accounting of all finances of Council; To receive and deposit all revenue collected on behalf of Council; To pay all expenditures as directed by the Chair and/or Officers; To provide a financial report to Council at all regular meetings; To provide an audited financial statement at the Annual General Meeting in October of every year, if an audit has been requested by the Board of Third Academy International Ltd.

Member At Large

Function: to help support other Council members and assist in endeavors of the Council in accordance with the philosophy statement.

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LYNX Kindergarten

We are excited to start the new year off with a great group of students! We welcomed our 4th student to the ECS Program and encourage you all to help spread the word! Students can continue registering until September 25th to meet the September 30th deadline to receive funding.



Calgary LYNX

We have a large group this year, but it is filled with wonderful personalities and amazing students! We are thrilled to have [Erin Hiemstra](#) as our new head teacher. She is bringing joy, organization and fantastic lessons that are enriching our program. Thursdays and Fridays our group grows as we welcome Cochrane students to join us. Soon we will be heading west to join them in their stomping grounds to enjoy places such as Glenbow Ranch and Big Hill Springs Provincial Park.



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Cochrane LYNX

LYNX Cochrane have been enjoying their local time as well as heading to Calgary for Thursdays and Fridays. As a result, students have had a chance to expand their cohort and community! On Mondays and Tuesdays, they have the honour of being instructed by Graeme Ford who in a way inspired the LYNX program to begin! It was his outdoor based school in Canmore that had a group of elementary students graduate from who asked if we could start an outdoor program for them. And that is how it all began! We thank Graeme for all that he has offered LYNX and for joining our team to offer his expansive knowledge and expertise. And thank Vicky for continuing to build connections keeping the Cochrane LYNX program strong!



Okotoks LYNX

LYNX Okotoks has had an incredible start to the school year. The group is amazing, working well together and getting up to lots of wonderful educational experiences! They continue to be led by the incredible Jason Ash and Thomas McKillop. These instructors have so much to offer blending curriculum with outdoor skills.

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Edmonton LYNX

The Edmonton river valley has a new group of adventurers exploring the trails, playing games in the meadows and learning the Alberta curriculum outdoors! We are so excited to welcome [Allison Hubenig](#) and Sofia Pacheco to the team! They have a wonderful group of students launching the new Edmonton LYNX program!



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