



# THE OUTSIDERS

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## LYNX Nature Inspired Programming

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**2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**



### Principal's Message

As we move into March, our Kindergarten classroom is already buzzing with excitement. We are looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with engaging literacy and numeracy activities that blend learning with a little seasonal fun. It promises to be a lively and enriching month, with many hands-on opportunities for students to explore, create, and grow.

February brought many meaningful learning experiences. Students explored the traditions of Lunar New Year through creative projects and thoughtful discussions. It was a joy to watch their curiosity unfold as they discovered new cultural celebrations and shared their learning with one another.

I hope your family enjoyed the February break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our Kindergarten program. If you are interested in joining us for a March activity or an upcoming field trip, please feel welcome to reach out — we always appreciate family involvement.

Warm regards,

Joe Smith  
Principal, LYNX

### March 2026

**Mar. 5 – Telus Spark**

**Mar. 6 – Report Cards uploaded to School Cloud**

**Mar. 19 – Hanger Flight Museum**

**Mar. 25-26 – NO SCHOOL, PD**

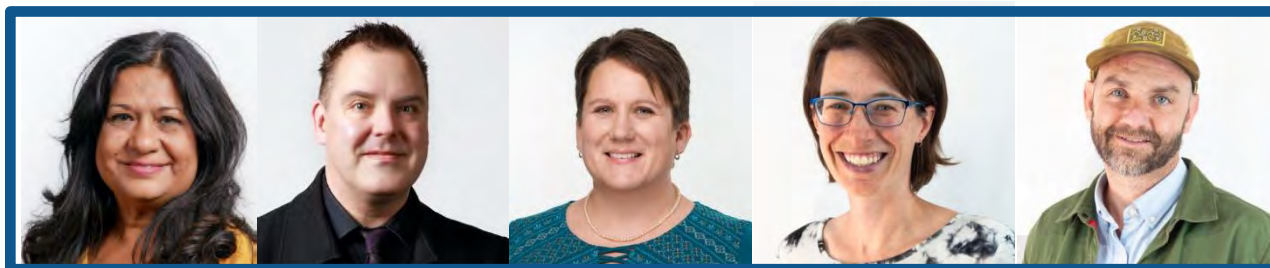
**Mar. 27-April 6 – NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**

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.



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## Your Students Nature Inspired Instructors!



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



Thomas McKillop, Vicky Ashton, Lisa Dahlseide, Ally Bodner

### LYNX Parent Activities Committee (PAC)

We invite you to please join our next Parent Action Committee (PAC) Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, **March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm via zoom**. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Fundraising

Please continue with the support, utilizing the **Skip the Depot** option, contributing to the **Donation Jar at west campus** and considering stepping up to the role on PAC to help further initiate and run fundraising efforts.

#### **Skip The Depot!!!**

We appreciate your support and ask that you keep those bottle donations coming!

1. Take 2 minutes to download the app and book a pick up using <https://app.skipthedepot.com/lynx>
2. Place your bags outside on your scheduled pick up day
3. Receive a refund in the app and select LYNX to donate

Fundraising efforts go towards our camping trip, currently booked for May 27-29, 2026 for the Sandy McNabb group campsite. Edmonton families will have a camping option as well.

## LYNX Kindergarten

**March 3 – Griffith Woods**

**March 5 – Telus Spark**

**March 10 – Carburn Park**

**Mar. 19 – Hanger Flight Museum**

In February, we had so much fun learning about Lunar New Year. The children enjoyed creating beautiful crafts and learning about traditions connected to the celebration. It was a joyful and creative time in our classroom!

March will be an exciting and busy month! We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with themed activities, stories, and a little bit of classroom magic. We will continue building kindness, strengthening friendships, and practicing problem-solving skills. We are so proud of how our classroom community continues to grow! March is going to be full of learning, laughter, and discovery!



## Calgary LYNX

**March 3 – Griffith Woods**

**March 5 – Telus Spark**

**March 10 – Carburn Park then West Campus to set up Plant Propagation Study**

**Mar. 19 – Hanger Flight Museum**

Our DaVinci Project concluded with fabulous Builders Fair! Students showcased their designs and finalized their projects with great enthusiasm! Students returned after the break to dive into democracy lessons complimented by the winter Olympics! They have now started a long term project that extends into the following school year where they will be supporting the Weaselhead Society and the City of Calgary by studying various methods of native plant propagation and methods of removal for the invasive plant Peking Cotoneaster. This project kicked off during National Invasive Species Awareness Week!

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## Cochrane LYNX

**March 5 – Telus Spark**

**Mar. 19 – Hanger Flight Museum**

In February we explored some new trails! We also focused the Renaissance and worked on perfecting our DaVinci Bridge in addition to students building their own invention design for the Builders Fair. Students also learned about the Winter Olympics and Democracy birthing in Ancient Athens. They have worked on Relationship Choices in Health with a focus on kindness.



## Okotoks LYNX

**March 5 – Telus Spark**

**Mar. 19 – Hanger Flight Museum**

Lynx Okotoks students have been working hard on their Science Fair projects. They have spent some time in the library this past month escaping the cold weather and are looking forward to the warming spring temperatures waiting for the ice to melt!

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## Edmonton LYNX

February was an exciting month for our LYNX Edmonton crew as we continued our winter adventures at Rundle Park, where students embraced both the snowy weather and collaborative academic learning. A major highlight was our Da Vinci Builder's Fair, where students proudly showcased the projects they had been designing and refining over the past several weeks. Their creativity, innovation, and perseverance were on full display, and it was wonderful to see the Renaissance spirit come alive through their hard work. We also enjoyed plenty of hands-on and seasonal activities. Students created Valentine's Day cards using upcycled materials, tying creativity to environmental responsibility. We went skating for the second time this season, building confidence and resilience on the ice. When heavy snowfall and recommendations to limit travel led to an online learning day, students adapted quickly and showed flexibility in a different learning environment.

In addition to outdoor exploration, our classroom learning was rich and varied. Students explored Lunar New Year traditions, learned about the properties of matter, and examined the foundations of democracy in Ancient Athens. We brought learning to life through disc golf, Olympic-inspired games (complete with handmade medals!), and collaborative challenges that built teamwork and school spirit. We enjoyed our monthly field trip to the Royal Alberta Museum, where students deepened their learning through hands-on exhibits and programming. To commemorate our time at Rundle Park, students also completed a weaving project inspired by the landscapes and experiences of the past two months. As we wrap up our time at Rundle Park, we are excited to begin a new chapter in March at Laurier Park. We look forward to new terrain, new challenges, and continued growth as we transition into the spring season together.



## Student and Family Resources

### SPARK SUMMER CAMPS

As you start planning for summer, and as we prepare for our Telus Spark field trip, you might be interested in some of their offerings over the break. They have arranged their camps by age and have some fun activities planned out!

[TELUS Spark Summer Camps | Fun & Educational STEM Camps in Calgary](#)

### URSA SUMMER CAMPS

#### **Experience the Ultimate Alberta Adventure This Summer!**

LYNX is proud to partner with our sister school, ursa, to launch the exciting 2026 ursa Summer Study Camp. We are bringing together teens (**ages 14–18**) from across Alberta and around the world for a summer of unforgettable adventure, cultural immersion, and language learning.

Whether it's exploring the turquoise waters of Lake Louise, witnessing the energy of a live rodeo, or whitewater rafting, this is the summer of a lifetime.

#### **Program Highlights:**

**Flexible Duration:** Join us for a two-week or four-week session.

**Local Options:** Local teens can choose to stay in-residence at our base camp at the University of Calgary or join us daily from home.

**Incredible Value:** Our 2-week program is available for less than \$3,600!

**Iconic Activities:** Includes trips to the Royal Tyrrell Museum, the Calgary Stampede, Banff National Park, and more.

Ready to book your spot? Visit [goursa.education/camps](https://goursa.education/camps) for full details and registration.

Lake Louise



Tyrell Museum



Live Rodeo



White Water Rafting



Our 2 Week Program is less than \$3,600! CAD

2026 Activities

- Camping
  - Canoeing
  - Film Locations
  - Banff
  - Calgary Stampede
  - PowWow
  - and more...
- FORTEENS 14-18

BOOK YOUR SPOT

## Student Highlight: OPHELIA



Ophelia has been registered in LYNX since Pre-Kindergarten, but has been in our LYNX family since she was a baby! Coming on the odd adventure with her older cousins River and Skye, she has been learning in nature for many years despite her young age being in grade 1! Her ELA and Math teacher has recently reported great strides in her morning work performance and we would like to thus honour her as the Student Highlight for month in recognition of working so hard! But we also would like to highlight her for her genuine kindness, willingness to always help, smiles that spread like a contagion to others and her giggles and soft nature that adds delight to our LYNX class. Thanks Ophelia!