



# THE OUTSIDERS

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## LYNX Nature Inspired Programming

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### Principal's Message

As we welcome the arrival of spring, we are filled with excitement as the natural world around us begins to come alive once again. At LYNX Nature Inspired School, this season is especially meaningful as it invites us outdoors to explore, learn, and reconnect with the environment that inspires so much of what we do each day.

We hope that all of our families enjoyed a restful and joyful Spring Break and Easter holiday. This time of renewal and reflection is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with loved ones and appreciate the changing season.

As we move forward into these warmer days, we look forward to increasing our outdoor learning experiences and embracing all that spring has to offer. Thank you for your continued support as we grow and learn together in such a vibrant and inspiring environment

Warm regards,

Joe Smith  
Principal, LYNX

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### 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

#### April 2026

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

**April 7 – Classes resume**

**April 23 – Butterfield Acres**

#### May 2026

**May 14 & 15 – PD, NO SCHOOL  
May 18 – Victoria Day, NO SCHOOL**

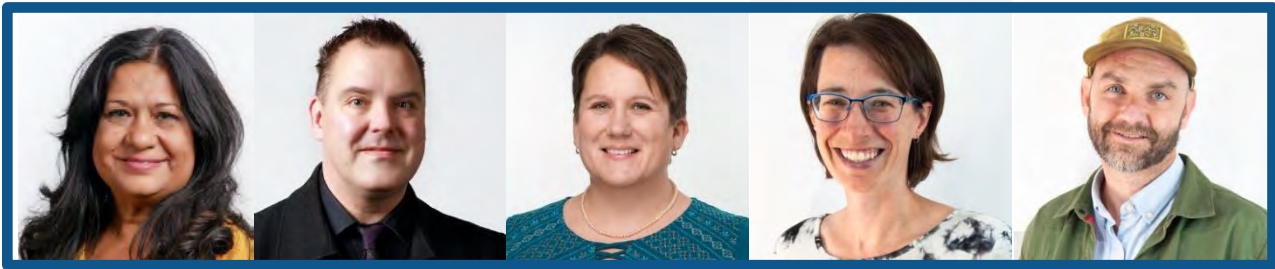
**May 19 – Classes resume**

**May 27-29 – LYNX Camp, Sandy  
McNabb group site A**

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 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, **April 14<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 A.

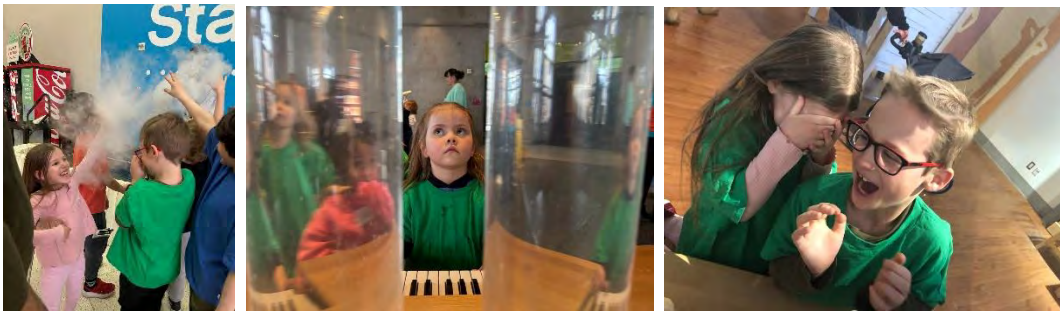
## LYNX Kindergarten

**April 14 – Voltaires Flats** Parents pick up from Votiers Flats

**April 23 – Butterfield Acres**

**April 28 - Weaselhead**

We started March with a wonderful trip to Griffith Woods followed by an amazing and fun adventure to Telus Spark! Students have really made great progress in their academic work leaving us planning how we will appropriately challenge the returning students pre-K to K students next year! This is a really bright group of kids! They have had so much fun as they have played in a spaceship, set leprechaun traps, flown gliders and celebrated the last day of school before break with an easter egg hunt.



## Calgary LYNX

**April 14 – Voltiers Flats** Depart West Campus 11:40pm - Arrive at Votiers Flats 12:00pm.

Parents pick up from Votiers Flats

**April 23 – Butterfield Acres** Depart West Campus 11:45pm - Arrive at Butterfield Acres 12:15pm.

Depart Venue 2:30pm – Arrive West Campus 3:00pm

**April 30 – Glenbow Ranch** Depart West Campus 11:15am - Arrive at Glenbow Ranch 12:00pm.

Depart Glenbow Ranch 2:45pm – Arrive West 3:30pm

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From growing Red Osier Dogwood to growing LYNX students and class sizes... Calgary LYNX has sprung into spring with enthusiasm! We welcome our new grade 1 student Kaleb, who has blended in well with our LYNX group. We expect another new grade 1 student to join soon, and are busy welcoming students trying out LYNX for registration next year.

Students have partnered with the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park and the City of Calgary to experiment with various methodologies to successfully propagate Red Osier Dogwood and other native shrubs. In this effort we will be replanting the Aspen forest we call our classroom with native plants replacing the invasive Peeking Cotoneaster and Tartarian Honeysuckle. We will also be experimenting with effective removal of these invasives that omits the Weaselhead Societies traditional digging methods. This LYNX student lead initiative blends into social studies curricular links to citizenship as community.

Beyond plants and signs of spring, students have explored space! Planets to pooping in space, students have learned about technologies and advancements in our understanding of the solar system and how we explore it.



## Cochrane LYNX

**April 7 – Big Hill Springs**

**April 23 – Butterfield Acres**

**April 30 – Glenbow Ranch** Parents drop off and pick up at site

Students explored the properties of matter through experimentation with liquids at Telus Spark and making ice cream in nature!



## Okotoks LYNX

**April 23 – Butterfield Acres** Bus departs GMC at 11am. Returning 3:30pm for pick up.

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! They showcased their final Science Fair projects on March 24 with a studding delivery of brilliant projects and display.



## Edmonton LYNX

**April 7 – Blenderz Garment Recyclers**

**April 14 – Alberta Legislature**

March was full of hands-on learning and outdoor discovery! Students explored **waste management** by creating eco-bricks and upcycling old t-shirts into cinch bags, building awareness around sustainability and creative reuse. In science, we investigated **light and sound**, while our social studies learning took us through **ancient Athens and Roman democracy**, the **Magna Carta**, and the **Haudenosaunee Confederacy**—where students even built longhouses in the snow to deepen their understanding.

We made the most of the changing season at our new site in **Laurier Park**, enjoying snow, ice, and puddles while observing the river begin to open up—an exciting sign of spring!

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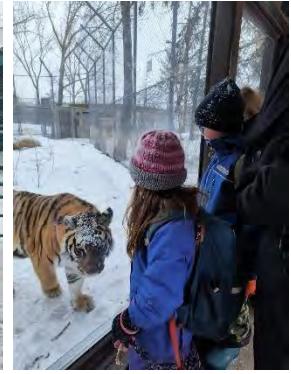
Outdoor skills continued with making **bird feeders** and **bark butter** to support local wildlife. We also had fantastic field trips to the **Edmonton Valley Zoo** and the **TELUS World of Science**, bringing our learning to life in new environments.

Looking ahead to April, we're excited for upcoming field trips to **Blenderz Garment Recyclers (April 7)** and the **Alberta Legislature (April 14)**. We're looking forward to another month of curiosity, connection, and outdoor learning!



## Edmonton Valley Zoo

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Telus World of Science (Edmonton)

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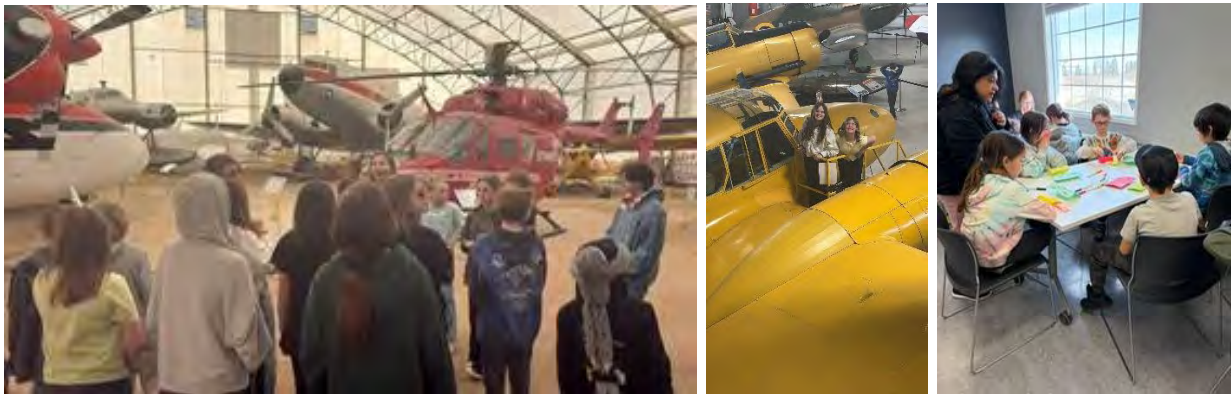


Telus Spark

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## Hanger Flight Museum



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## Student and Family Resources

### 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:**

**Duration:** Join us for a two-week session

**Accommodations:** Our campers stay in-residence at our base camp at the University of Calgary.

**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.

### Student Highlight: CASSIDY

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Cassidy recently competed in the Alberta Provincials Ringette Championships!