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Welcome to the very first issue of the *Homeschooler's Guide*. The printed *Guide* contains informative articles, motivating stories, shared accomplishments, programs, events, products, services and other educational resources. The website contains additional information and resources including helpful internet links to school boards, support groups and educational websites. Together they are intended to be a one-stop shop for all your homeschooling needs.

You will enjoy a variety of articles in this issue. From the light hearted "A Day in the Life of a Homeschooler" and Marilyn Hahn's "Heart to Heart", to "Learning Theories and Styles in the Home Environment" by School of Hope's Lorraine Person, and Marnie Ko's "Understanding Home Education in Alberta".

Marnie's article is especially timely as the new Alberta Home Education Regulation is coming out this fall. Her article clarifies a number of homeschool terms as well as the difference between *home education* and *home-based learning*. If you have been homeschooling for a while and are confused about *blended* and *traditional, online* and *fully aligned* you are not alone. This article should be helpful in clearing up misinformation.

The Activities section has been laid out so that both programs and events can be viewed "at a glance". We hope you find this layout useful and convenient. If you have suggestions relating to layout and presentation, please don't hesitate to share them!

The *Homeschooler's Guide* was an ambitious project. I would like to extend my thanks to the over 60 individuals and organizations that have contributed to this very special first issue. Without these partners the Homeschooler's Guide would not be possible.

I would also like to thank family and friends who shared my enthusiasm and offered encouragement. Special thanks to my parents, Ed and Deanne, who are a continuous source of encouragement and inspiration. Also, to my husband and three children who have given me the time and space to succeed with something I thought was truly worthwhile.

I hope you enjoy this first issue. It accomplished more than I thought possible. I am happy to share the information provided on homeschool programs, events, products and services in the Calgary area. Sit back, relax, and enjoy planning your fall schedule. I know I will!

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"Shrek"
Charlotte Bochulak, 7 years. Calgary, Alberta

Learning Resources are Everywhere!

by Theresa Kondrat Bochulak

Tracking down homeschool resources is getting easier, thanks to the computer and some excellent homeschooling organizations. The internet in particular has changed the face of homeschooling. Homeschoolers now routinely communicate with each other instantaneously through a variety of online support groups† and email. They can evaluate School Boards by reviewing their websites, search out curriculum and other learning equipment online, and use the vast array of websites to assist with teaching. The information available is daunting. Tracking down available resources takes a lot of time and energy… time and energy that could be better spent doing fun stuff with your kids!

This is where the *Homeschooler's Guide* can help. The intent is to gather resources and share them with you. Resource providers need a place to communicate with the entire homeschooling community all at the same time and the homeschooling community needs a place where they can access/receive this information on a regular basis.

Products and services are particularly difficult to find because if you don't know they exist then it is impossible to find them. The primary way of receiving homeschool product and service information is through conferences and special events. The *Homeschooler's Guide* has created a special section dedicated to informing you about products and services. These products and services are also listed on the website for your convenient reference whenever you need them.

Activities are another resource in the *Guide*. Calgary and area contain a wealth of individuals and facilities that can offer fun, educational activities. There is a world of opportunity out there! Why not learn from the individuals and facilities that are right under our noses and offer specialized expertise?

Learn about paleontology from the interpreters at **Dinosaur Provincial Park** or dealing with conflict from the **Museum of Regiments**. Develop research skills through a branch at that **Calgary Public Library**. Learn history with **Fort Calgary.**

Supplement your child's learning with a variety of programs and events. The following activities are currently available and listed in the Guide:

Math and Language Arts: Check out the part-time academic programs offered by Homeschoolers' Learning Centre (run by homeschool parents). Kumon is also offering a timeslot specifically for homeschoolers. CHEERS has Super Storytellers Creative Writing and Marilyn Hahn offers small group sessions with her No Girls Allowed creative writing curriculum.

Science: CHEERS and South Fish Creek both offer Mad Science classes. CHEERS also offers Lego Simple Machines and Lego Motorized Machines.

Second Language: CHEERS offers both French and Spanish.

Music/Drama: Calgary Home School Band is a band for homeschoolers and their parents, Children Sing Broadway! is a choir, and Music for Living is a unique music program involving hand bells. Each class becomes an acting company and they prepare musical numbers and skits for Music in Common. South Fish Creek also offers music and drama programs.

Art: Glenbow Museum's Discoveries Big and Small, South Fish Creek and Wildflower Arts Centre.

Computer: Chinook Learning offers keyboarding classes. Computers are Fun offers keyboarding as well as other computer skills.

Physical Education: The *Guide* contains many facilities that offer specialty sport programs like gymnastics, swimming, dance, yoga, climbing and martial arts. You can also find multi-sport programs from Talisman. Their All Sport Sampler and All Sport Specific programs touch on soccer, basketball, floor hockey, lacrosse, handball, track and field, triathalon, volleyball, fencing, martial arts, and/or running.

Unique Learning Opportunities: CHEERS offers Let's Make Lunch (cooking class); Calgary Public Library offers tours, research assistance and a parent/child book club; Chinook Learning offers Architectural classes and an animation class; Girls Guides, Brownies and Sparks are all offered during that day as well as Junior Forest Wardens. Head Start is where children learn about financials goals and budgeting. South Fish Creek's Foundations of Magic is a program for beginning magicians. South Fish Creek also offers Public Speaking.

Kindergarten Programs: Phoenix is running a kindergarten program, specifically designed for homeschool families. CHEERS is offering Kinderclass.

Junior/Senior High School Activities: The Museum of the Regiments offers several classes for this age range that can be found in the Events section.

Calgary Taekwondo, CHEERS, Chinook Learning, Homeschoolers' Learning Centre, Junior Forest Wardens, Music in Common, South Fish Creek, Talisman Centre, VRRI, Woodwork Shop and School, and YMCA all offer programs for teens. The Woodwork Shop and School programs qualify for credit.

We would like to increase the number of High School Classes (including those which qualify for credit) offered in the *Guide*. If you know of any classes please contact us. Of particular interest are the following classes necessary for obtaining a provincial high school diploma: CALM, P.E. 30, and second language classes.

There are so many options to choose from you will run out of time before you run out of options! Want more? There is more! Watch for a new downhill skiing program, ice hockey/skating, and skateboarding![††]

So this summer, sit back and enjoy a cup of coffee[†††] while you plan your fall semester. This year you are getting some help finding homeschool activities, products and services. The *Homeschooler's Guide* exists for your reading pleasure.

Have a GREAT summer!

Theresa is Editor and Publisher of the Homeschooler's Guide.

[†] *For a listing of homeschool support groups see Homeschool Resources on the website.*

[††] *See Activity/Announcements on the website for news on additions, cancellations and other changes to activities in the Guide.*

[†††] *There are a number of coffee shops around the city that will have a copy of the Homeschooler's Guide available. See Guide in Print on the website for an updated listing.*

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The Big Fat *"What If . . ."* Fear

by Marilyn Hahn

Heart-to-heart. Here we are, starting the new school year with high hopes and a pinch – OK, a bucketful – of nervous tension. Whether we've done this homeschool thing 10 years or two, each autumn brings with the frosty nights and changing leaves a knot of "What If's". What if I don't really know what I'm getting into? What if I get It wrong? What if the facilitator thinks (or actually finds out) I'm a dim-witted nincompoop who doesn't know a thing about teaching? Ahhhhhhh!

Putting fear into perspective is fun. Come on. Picture this: You're Zena, the warrior princess, standing atop the crest of a hill, darkened against the sweltering sun with wind tossed hair. The long shadow of your upraised fist clenching the latest of curriculum and the echo of your screeching victory yelp fills the Valley of Panic below, a blitz of outright adrenaline, dopamine, cortisol, and endorphins, a concoction of pure fear-energy.

"This year is mine! Look out, world! My kid IS literate!!!!" you hiss through perfectly aligned teeth pearly white against yesterday's fears….

Slap-slap-smack!

Cold water doused on delusion. Hallucinating in Technicolor again. Sorry….

OK. So fear isn't fun. But it is something that can give you an inner emotional thrust to get the job done, as well as an exquisite means to a miracle (think up-turned car and Baby needing rescue). So let's confront some of these fears and get us some momentum and a miracle or two.

(1) Fear of the Unknown: What if I don't *really* know what I'm getting myself into?

If you don't know something, it's largely because you don't prepare to know something. Don't know about what you're getting into if you use an Archimedes screw? Then prepare yourself: read books and talk to Archimedes screw fanatics, and then you'll know. Don't know about what you're getting into with home schooling? Prepare yourself: read books and talk to home schoolers, and then you'll know! Make contacts. Join a support group and don't waste time talking about the high price of potatoes; get to the nitty-gritty issues of staying at home and teaching your kids.

Then be prepared for *The Unexpected*. Just know up front that *The Out of the Blue* likes dumping things on us. Something's going to happen but Zena is prepared; she pulls her head out of the laundry basket and waits for it!

(2) Fear of Failure: What if I get It wrong?

Here is my Number One piece of advice: get the resources you need to Zena-zap to smithereens the fear of getting It wrong. Log onto www.albertalearning.com and find the typical grade level expectations for your child(ren) (called intended learning objectives) by using the Programs of Studies link. There are three groups of learning objectives: cognitive (thinking), affective (attitude) and psychomotor (bodily movement) learning objectives. You should feel a whole lot better knowing what the learning targets can be (unless you've got ice water for blood). You don't like some of them? Well… chuck 'em! But at least you've got a church choir from which to choose to chuck from! (Hey, how much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchu… Slap-slap-smack!).

These 'targets' are especially helpful in teaching Language Arts, but when it comes to other subjects, look carefully at the affective and psychomotor goals; these are first-rate intended learning objectives no matter the topics chosen. I mean, whether it's conductive thermal energy or iguanas, your child should demonstrate curiosity (an affective goal) and write legibly (a psychomotor goal).

Choose the best FIFTEEN from each subject area you would like to focus on for each month, FIVE from each of the three learning objectives' groups. Print each set of five onto one of three 81/2 X 11" sheets of paper below the titles Brain Learning, Attitude Learning, and Body Learning. Post them where you and your child(ren) can see them. Then learn, read, rehearse, write, and research so as to specifically target and master these goals. Check them off as they are accomplished.

WORD OF WARNING: Don't go, "Yah. Yah. I know I want my kid to be respectful, write nice, and read a sentence aloud without keeling over because he forgets to breathe at the periods and commas. I don't need to write these goals out."

OK. Then how will you measure your "getting it right moments" on those days when everything blows apart nasty at the seams, you feel like screaming "I'm so stuuuuuupid!" and calling it quits while the 'cheering squad' over there is smiling and singing "We toooooold you so!"? Get the targets up! Shoot those arrows in, Zena, so that on those days when the sun rises rascally and badly behaved, you can point and exclaim, "I'm not doing THESE things wrong at least! Go scowl on someone else's parade!"

(3) Fear of Personal Responsibility: What if things/people keep spoiling my success?

Constant blaming of one's limitations and failures on The School System, others, or circumstances is a sure give away there is a fear of taking personal responsibility. We tend to be afraid of facing our personal responsibility to:

(1) handle other people,

(2) survive increased workloads, or

(3) face criticism for the home schooling decisions we now have the privilege of making.

Pull up the sleeves of denial and figure out which of the three above-mentioned areas of personal responsibility you find most fearsome; stop pointing the finger at some shadowy bogeyman who "makes" things happen to you; and then find someone who is good at taking responsibility in this area and beg them to specifically mentor you. Welcome to becoming a grown-up adult!

4) Fear of Teachers: What if my facilitator thinks I'm a nincompoop?

The beans? I am first and foremost a… nooooo, not a politician, a dentist, or a tax collector. Worse. A teacher! There, I said it! The dreaded T word: teacher! The personification of every evil word and deed levelled against you in grade school by some thoughtless educationalist seemingly bent on flattening you.

I feel your pain. I had a teacher who spit at me. That's how much of a nincompoop I was in his eyes!

Here are some more beans; your facilitator wants to help you. (Ever met a teacher who doesn't like giving advice? Ouch….) More than likely differences come down to dissimilar personality styles. Read up on personality styles, then intelligently interact with the facilitator based on your findings. Try reading about Myers-Briggs' personality styles.

Secondly, here's a shameless but practical 'shmoozing" idea: do something nice for your facilitator before the first visit, for they generally do not consider one to be a nincompoop if offered a small gift of diamonds. But a mailed encouragement card, or packet of stickers, or bundle of goofy pens would do just as well… in a pinch. Let me tell you this: the quizzing of one's favourite brand of coffee and the promise of a fresh cup awaiting my arrival absolutely sets my soul a-soaring. I mean, how big a "nincompoop" could she be if there's a mug of Colombian ready, velvety-rich with 18% cream? You'd be surprised what a touch of thoughtfulness does to a person's definition of "good" learning.

Lastly, consider this: is it that you perhaps fear the job of teacher, not the teacher? Is it this fear that's making you feel like a "nincompoop"? Take a huge leap of faith, Zena, and flat out, up front share your issues with your facilitator. Ask for support, ideas, or resources. After all, the facilitator will then feel totally needed and validated, and that makes for an awesome two-way learning relationship.

Facing our fears isn't fun. But what we need to homeschool is to see fear as a source of momentum - not an obstruction - to get the job done, as well as a means to a miracle - the educating of our child(ren).

So stand against the setting sun with fist outstretched, shouting to the entire world, "Look out! Zena's kid IS literate!!!!"

And we'll see you next time at the Hide-away Homeschool Café for another heart-to-heart!

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All before 10 a.m.

by Theresa Kondrat Bochulak

My children are all early risers. Not being a morning person myself they usually have time to themselves before we start our day. On this particular morning I came downstairs to find my kitchen table piled with paper, pencils, glue and every form of craft item imaginable. Some items couldn't be contained on the table and were now littered about the floor. I think the expression on my face said it all as my three children turned to see my look of horror. My eldest approached me with great trepidation and tried to calm me down by saying: "It's ok, mom, we made a computer!"

With considerable effort I calmed myself down enough to ask them to show it to me. For the next 10 minutes I sat and listened as they described how they made a laptop computer complete with screen, keyboard, mouse and CDs. I was totally impressed. We discussed what wonderful tools computers are in our daily lives and the importance of keyboarding skills and written communication in general.

The conversation then turned to technology as we discussed that laptop computers are a relatively new invention. My children were amazed to learn that computers used to take up entire floors of office buildings and disks used to be the size of small dinner plates.

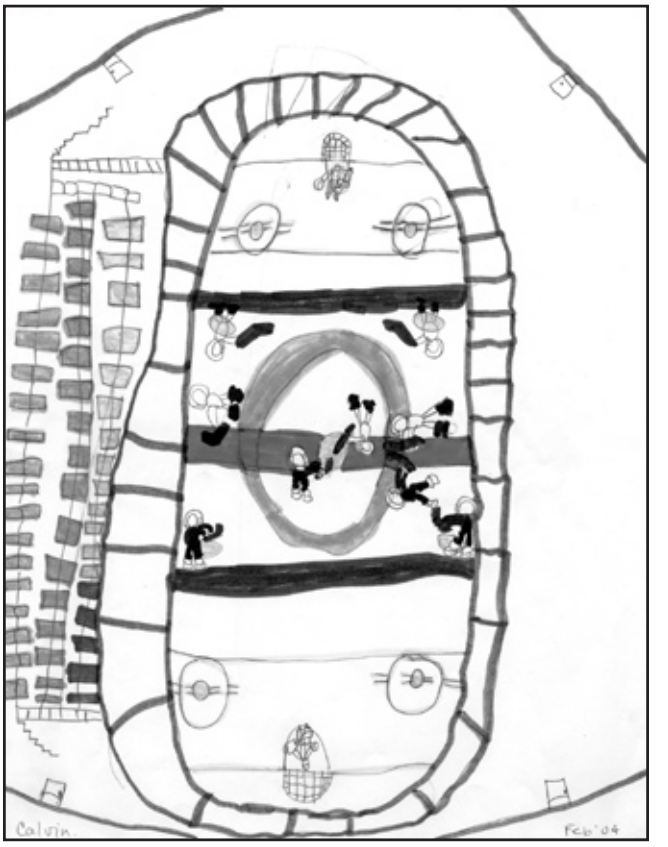
My 8 year-old son then left for the computer to continue his lessons on "Mavis Beacon's Typing" software and wasn't seen again for the next hour. He averages 10 words per minute.

My six and three year-old daughters were beside me as I started to make coffee. I took out the coffee maker and they took out a measuring cup. Thinking a measuring cup might be a bit much for the amount of coffee I was requiring that morning we started a discussion about math units. We talked about how Canadians use the metric system and hunted through the kitchen for utensils that were in metric. Then we talked about how our southern neighbors, the use the Imperial system of measurement. We also talked about silly units like measuring by the "shoe" or the "thimble" and why it was important to be consistent in measuring.

With a cup of coffee finally and successfully making it into my hands I sent my daughters off to play. As I sipped my coffee and checked the clock I thought: Not bad, I've covered some art, information technology, typing, math and geography… all before 10 am.

This is going to be a good day…

Do you have a memorable educational experience you would like to share with others? This section of the Homeschooler's Guide is dedicated to positive, inspirational and motivational real-life stories from homeschool parents. To submit your story visit the website www.homeschoolersguide.ca.



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Learning Theories & Styles in the Home Environment

by Lorraine Person

As adults, we may catch ourselves saying, "I have to write that down before I forget." or "Once I read something, I always remember it." Our familiar patterns indicate the significant role that learning styles play in our lives. Since Howard Gardner presented his theory of multiple intelligences (1983), educators, parents and the media have paid closer attention to the impact of these modalities on student learning. While there are numerous definitions of learning styles and methods for determining a child's style of learning, a parent's observation of their child's main learning interest serves as a reasonable guide. As children recite music lyrics, quote Biblical passages, play a guitar without sheet music, build or sew without plans or a pattern, draw cartoons or tabulate sports statistics, they expose the characteristics that indicate their prime learning strength.

Learners of all ages need to recognize the characteristics of their style of learning and strive to increase their potential for learning. A learner who accesses information through a preferred modality is an engaged learner, one who is challenged to ask more questions and encouraged to search for deeper answers. Children who are actively involved in their process of learning will more easily retain their skills and reach their potential. Simplified, learning styles can be broken into three categories: auditory, visual, and tactile or kinesthetic.

The auditory learner may favor activities involving linguistics, music and mathematical challenges. These are children who may spontaneously create puppet stories and provide the voices of each character as well as sound effects or the music for scene changes. Visual learners relate well to pictures and drawings. They are the children with doodles on their notebook pages, who may become our artists or designers of the future. Visual learners can often transform simple sketches into complex designs. Tactile or Kinesthetic learners are the 'doers', and they learn through movement, touching, and doing. As hands-on learners, they are builders and crafters. They can take a collection of ordinary wooden blocks and create a futuristic city.

A home environment is openly conducive to teaching through all learning modalities. Unrestricted by deadlines, rigid timetables or limited to one mode of learning, the home environment can involve the student in the process of learning, especially when the strength of the child's dominant learning style is respected. Learning at home expands opportunities for each style of learning.

Tactile learners, who need 'wiggle room' and opportunities for physical involvement find that the home setting provides practical life situations for learning abstract concepts. Mathematical skills and operations that involve measurement, for instance, are much easier to understand when applied to baking, building a birdhouse or filling an aquarium. A routine trip to the barnyard, zoo, or a science centre can open up a world of opportunities for at-home learners who are reluctant writers, as they become involved in real-life situations and explore ways of sharing those experiences.

Within the home environment, auditory learners have access to music, oratorical and drama programs or foreign languages, thus expanding their interests. Video and tape recorders, film and web-cam projects can stimulate the learning program and also provide an avenue for building strengths in visual and kinesthetic areas.

Visual learners are comfortable with colored pencils, glue, scissors and old catalogues. From self-designed comic books to PowerPoint presentations, the learning plan for visual learners probably includes maps, charts or diagrams or they may choose to present their information through visual demonstrations or drawings.

The home environment urges them to explore, creatively stirs students to examine and extend their personal style of learning. The support within the home provides an optimum learning environment for children to probe deeper into their style of learning and take the risks that lead them to question the 'hows' and 'whys' of discovery.

'From an early age Phillip had demonstrated a keen mathematical mind. Phillip did not have the same success with reading.

As his mother tried patiently, but unsuccessfully, to teach him the basic steps in reading, she noticed that Phillip was instantly attentive when the radio or television was turned on. She decided to change strategies. Rather than continue with the flash cards and phonics games, Phillip's mother located some cassette tapes and some computer games featuring basic reading skills. Within a few months, Phillip was reading. In fact, he had moved into books that were beyond his grade level. As his parents reflected on their oversight regarding his reading problem they realized that Phillip had been able to build and create his numerous mathematical projects without having to read. Once he was able to hear the sound patterns and connect them in his mind, he was able to master the printed word.'

Learning styles build on a child's uniqueness and offer a starting point to develop a learning program that is responsive to the child's learning needs – an ideal situation in a personalized home environment. Whether auditory, visual, kinesthetic, or a combination of these approaches to learning, a program that is aimed at developing a child's personal learning style is a program designed for success.

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FEATURE

Understanding Home Education in Alberta

by Marnie Ko

Home education and home-based education sound like similar terms, and although they SOUND the same, and sometimes LOOK the same, they are not. That has not prevented even experienced home educators from becoming confused with all the education jargon out there. So here's an easy guide to understand the various in-home education options available in Alberta.

Home Education:

Traditional/Basic: If you register your child in what many school boards refer to as a "traditional" home education program, and what Alberta Learning calls "Basic home education", you do not have to follow any of the Alberta curriculum. You can do as you wish. If that means getting a library card and doing all of your learning from library books and field trips, that's okay. If you want to order hundreds of dollars in "school work" and curriculum, that's okay too. If you do one hour sitting down and reading a book to your children each week and spend the rest of the time going on field trips, grocery shopping, paying bills, otherwise known as everyday life, then this is okay too. (This is also known as "unschooling", "de-schooling", self directed learning, or natural education, and as a traditional educator, it's all up to you).

Registering as a basic/traditional home educator gives parents the maximum amount of freedom and autonomy in selecting, delivering, and assessing, if they choose to assess, their child's education. Some parents choose to follow the Alberta curriculum. Others create their own curriculum, and some home educators have no curriculum at all. Every day becomes an opportunity to learn by doing.

The only guideline from Alberta Learning is the Schedule of Student Learning Outcomes, which is available on their website. The Learning Outcomes are designed to be met over the child's full k-12 education. In other words, the outcomes don't have to be met each year, rather, should be achieved by the completion of the child's education. So if one year you do less reading and more science via trips to the zoo, this is fine, as you have about 12 years of home-learning to get it all in. This freedom translates into less money, as basic home educators currently receive the least amount of funding in exchange for the autonomy.

Alternative/Home-Based Programs: These are all programs that may be referred to as home education programs by various School Boards, but not all are considered home educating. They may be referred to as virtual school, blended, fully aligned, correspondence, distance learning - and all are considered home-based education, not home-education by the Alberta government.

Blended: Generally, this is a split in responsibility between the parent as educator and School Board as educator. The parent is considered a facilitator while the child's primary teacher is considered the teacher employed by the school board. "Blended program" means an educational program consisting of two distinct parts:

(1) an in-school program where a teacher employed by a school board or accredited private school is responsible for providing for the delivery and evaluation of courses; and

(2) a Home Education Program which meets the requirements of the Home Education Regulation.

This option receives slightly more funding than basic.

Funded Blended Program – also known as Fully Aligned: Generally, School Board assumes primary role as educator but learning occurs outside of regular school system. Child aligns 100% of his/her subjects with Alberta curriculum and the school board teacher is considered the educator, with the responsibility of delivering and assessing the child's program, just as if the child were a public school student.

Alberta Learning refers to this as a "Funded blended program". It is defined as a blended program where a teacher employed by a school board or an accredited private school, is responsible for the delivery and evaluation of courses amounting to:

(1) at least 50% of the student's program in grades 1-9, and

(2) at least 20% of the student's program in grades 10-12.

While many parents protest that even if their child is in this program the parent does all the teaching, these students are not considered home-educated and are not counted in the provincial statistics as officially Home Educated.

This does not prevent parents from believing they are "home educators", however. But as far as the government (Alberta Learning) is concerned, students in this type of program (fully aligned) are under the responsibility of a school board or private school in either a blended or online program.

"This is not a home education program," says Josepha Vanderstoop, Asst. Director, Media Relations Communications Branch of Alberta Learning, in a May 2004 interview.

Thus, these kids are not counted as home educated. Some parents are willing to accept this loss of status, as this program also offers parents the most money as an incentive to get them to sign up.

Alberta Learning began in the 1996/1997 school year reporting statistics on the number of students enrolled in Alberta in Home Education, going back as far as the 1991-1992 school year. Beginning in the 19967/1997 school year, Alberta Learning reported separately the registration figures for "Basic" and enrollment figures for "Blended", and then starting in 1999/2000, a separate number was added for "On-Line Program" enrolment.

Online Programs: Also known as virtual school, school-at-home, distance Learning, ADLC, correspondence: Generally, the same as "Fully Aligned" except curriculum is completed at home using a computer or print material sent by the school board.

Blended, Fully Aligned, Online/Distance Learning are terms that often confuse newcomers to home education. Even among school boards, there is irregularity and differences in how the various choices are put into practice. Some school boards currently allow fully-aligned home-based students a great deal of latitude in how the school program is delivered, however this should not be assumed or expected.

This practice will only continue until Alberta Learning audits school boards to ensure they are complying with the legislation, or finds out that school board teachers are not directing and delivering the child's educational program as they are supposed to.

This happened in British Columbia this year – various school boards offering programs for "home-based" students were audited and found to be giving parents too much freedom. Angry parents found out that they were not considered home educators at all, rather their children were public school students, even though the bulk of their learning occurred at home.

Parents who register for home-based programs should not assume that they still have the same legal rights and freedoms as parents who register for traditional home education programs.

The newest draft of the proposed Home Education Regulation takes special care to distinguish between Home Education and a Home-Based Student. It adds a definition for a "in-home program" as meaning "an education program delivered, supervised, and evaluated by a board or accredited private school and taken by a student at home." This includes blended and fully aligned students.

Home education is more clearly defined in the proposed regulation as: "does not include an in-home program."

All the changes that will be implemented in the new version of home education regulation, due out closer to fall, are not known yet, as such, some of the information contained in this article may be changed later in the 2004 year.

An interview with Josepha Vanderstoop, Assistant Director of Media Relations, Communications Branch of Alberta Learning, May 2004.

Q. It appears among the home schooling community that there are various terms used to describe the family's educational choices, such as: "traditional", "blended", "fully aligned". Then there is distance learning, Learn Net, and correspondence programs also. Please explain.

Blended program and funded blended program are Alberta Learning terms. *"Blended program"* means an educational program consisting of two distinct parts:

(1) an in-school program where a teacher employed by a school board or accredited private school is responsible for providing for the delivery and evaluation of courses; and

(2) a Home Education Program which meets the requirements of the Home Education Regulation.

"Funded blended program" means a blended program where a teacher employed by a school board or an accredited private school, is responsible for the delivery and evaluation of courses amounting to:

(1) at least 50% of the student's program in grades 1-9, and

(2) at least 20% of the student's program in grades 10-12.

Details on the funding available are in the Funding Manual for School Authorities at www.learning.gov.ab.ca/funding/FundingManual/pdf/2004Manual_single.pdf

By correspondence programs, you may be referring to distance learning. Distance learning is an alternative course delivery method available to home education students and all other students within and outside of Alberta. It is operated by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC).

"Fully aligned" is not an Alberta Learning term. Our understanding is that it means a school authority has taken responsibility for the program offering.

"Traditional" is not an Alberta Learning term. Our understanding is that it refers to a home education program for which a parent is responsible. This type of program is consistent with a "home education program".

Learn Net is not an Alberta Learning term. It describes the online learning resources provided by Edmonton Public School District for purchase by home educating parents.

Q. How does the AB government differentiate between children doing school work at home, and kids being home educated?

Parents who intend to home school their children must notify a school board or private school. Parents that home educate take direct responsibility for the education of their child.

Students who work at home in an on-line education program for which a school board or private school is responsible, are not taking part in a home education program. In this case, the school board selects materials and programs, teaches the Alberta Program of Studies and evaluates the child's performance.

Q. Can you please tell me which of these options above (blended, fully aligned, traditional, Learn net, etc,) are considered by Alberta Learning to be "home-education".

A *"home education program"* is defined as that portion of an education program delivered by a parent to a student in accordance with the Home Education Regulation.

Q. If "fully aligned", for example, is not considered home education, what is it? Are these kids considered public school students?

Students in this type of program (fully aligned) are under the responsibility of a school board or private school in either a blended or online program. This is not a home education program.

Q. What is the difference?

The critical distinction lies in who has responsibility for the program offered, a parent or a school authority. In a home education program, a parent has full responsibility for the educational program. The definitions above clarify the terms.

Q. How does funding work?

School boards and private schools that supervise home education must offer parents at least 50% of the funding from Alberta Learning to purchase resources or materials that the parents use in the home education program.

If a parent chooses to use distance-learning materials approved by the Minister of Learning, the supervising board or private school may use the portion of funding that would go to the parent, to pay for the distance-learning materials.

A parent who receives funding from the supervising school board or private school is accountable for how they spend the money. They must use the money only for the costs incurred by the parent for programs of study, instructional materials or other resources related to the home education program, and provide the supervising board or supervising private school with receipts showing how the money was spent.

For the 2003-04 school year, Alberta Learning provided $1,143 per student to for home education. As mentioned above, the school authority must offer at least 50% of that amount to the parents to use for the purchase of resources or materials. For the 2004-05 school year, this rate will increase to $1,241 per student.

Marnie Ko is a journalist and mother.

Home Education	Home Based Student
DIFFERENCES	
Curriculum approved and chosen by parent	Curriculum approved and chosen by state
Parent accountable to God /themselves	Parent accountable to State
Parent pays for teaching material/May be reimbursed	State pays for curriculum
Parent chooses assessments if any	State requires assessments
Parent decides graduation requirements	State mandates graduation requirements
Parent maintains student records if any	State maintains mandatory student records
SIMILARITIES	
Child learns at home	Child learns at home
Parent assists with or guides daily learning	Parent supervises daily learning

Registration

Registration for all programs and events is done directly through the individual or organization hosting the activity (the "Activity Host"). Contact information for all partners, including Activity Hosts, can be found in the Guide Partners section.

Before registering for any activity:

1. Confirm all information about the activity with the Activity Host. We do our best to ensure all information is correct. Changes and cancellations may occur between printing and the time the activity is scheduled to begin.
2. Inquire about and understand the Activity Host's policies on payment, cancellation, transferring and withdrawals.

All activities contain inherent risk. If you have a disability, allergy, and/or medical condition you should communicate this information to the Activity Host when registering.

The Homeschooler's Guide does not accept registrations or payment for any activity unless specifically stated.

Abbreviations

M – Months
Y – Years
Gr – Grade
A – Adult

M – Monday
T – Tuesday
W – Wednesday,
R – Thursday
F – Friday
Sa – Saturday
Su – Saturday

P – Parented
UP – Unparented
PP – Parent must remain on premises at all times
PO – Parent Optional
PD – Professional Development

NCP – No charge for homeschool parent
SD – Sibling Discount available
MBR – Member
NMBR – Non-member

Any additions, cancellations or changes to the activities published will be posted on the website under: Activity, Announcements.

Science Fun for Homeschoolers

2004-2005

www.calgaryscience.ca

Our special homeschool days for 2004-2005 are:

Monday November 22, 2004
Monday January 31, 2005
Thursday May 5, 2005 (International Space Day)

These one day events are dedicated to homeschool families. Our group rates are offered without the regular minimum attendance requirement. Families do not need to organize a field trip as a group, but we do require families to register their attendance in advance. Children will be able to explore our hands-on exhibits, Discovery Dome shows, LEGO® MINDSTORMS™, science demonstrations, special take home science activities and lots more!

More information about our education programs, homeschool events and how to register will be available in August 2004. Phone 268-8329 or email sue.hanham@calgaryscience.ca to be put on our homeschool mailing list.

EVENTS – AT A GLANCE

Additional details relating to each event on this schedule can be found in Event Details.
Activity Host information can be found in Index to Parners / Activity Hosts.

		Event	Activity Host
Jul 22 (R)	10:00 – 12:00	**Kindergarten Information Session**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Aug 14 (Sa)	10:00 – 2:00	**Start Right Homeschool Workshop** for parents	CHEERS
Aug 19 (R)	1:00 – 3:00	**Open House**	Talisman Centre
Aug 23 (M)	10:00 – 12:00	**Open House**	Kumon, Marda Loop
Aug 24 (T)	10:00 – 12:00	**Kindergarten Information Session**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Sep 7 (T)	10:00 – 12:00	**Kindergarten Information Session**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Sep 13(M)	7:30	**Support Meeting**	CCHEA
Sep 14 (T)	10:00 – 12:00	**School Photos**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:30	**Clay for Kids – Leaf Picture Frame** K+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:30 – 3:00	**Help Your Kids be Library Wizards**	Calgary Public Library, Shawnessy
Sep 15 (W)	11:00 –12:00	**Library Orientation** for 6-12Y	Calgary Public Library, Crowfoot
	7:30	**Home Education Parent Info Night** for Adults	Calgary Public Library, Nose Hill
Sep 16 (R)	10:00 – 2:00	**Mini Resource Fair**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	10:00 – 2:00	**Clay for Kids – Family Plaque** for K+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	7:30	**Home Education Parent Info Night** for Adults	Calgary Public Library, Shawnessy
Sep 20 (M)	10:00 – 12:00	**Open House**	Kumon, Marda Loop
	7:30	**Home Education Parent Info Night** for Adults	Calgary Public Library, Shawnessy
Sep 21 (T)	10:00 – 2:00	**Pele's Peak (Part 1 of 2)** for Gr2-7	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Build a Volcano (Part 1 of 2)** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:00 – 3:30	**Talk with a Geologist** Gr2-4	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:00 – 3:00	**At Home in the Library** for Teens (UP)	Calgary Public Library, Shawnessy
	7:30	**Home Education Parent Info Night** for Adults	Calgary Public Library, Village Square
Sep 22 (W)	11:00 –12:00	**Library Orientation** 12Y+	Calgary Public Library, Crowfoot
	11:00 –12:00	**What's Happening at the Library** for 6-9Y	Calgary Public Library, Thorn-hill
	12:00 –1:00	**What's Happening at the Library** for 9Y+	Calgary Public Library, Thorn-hill
Sep 23 (R)	9:30 – 10:30	**How to Write an Education Plan**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	11:30 – 12:30	**Planet Earth Exploration** Gr5-8	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Build a Volcano (Part 2 of 2)** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Pet Rock Painting** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Sep 24 (F)	9:00 – 12:30	**Pele's Peak (Part 2 of 2)** for Gr2-7	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 3:00	**Hawaiian Luau** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	All Day	**Student Pictures**	Canadian Home Ed Resources
Sep 28 (T)	10:00 – 12:30	**Junior Paleontologis**t for Gr2-4	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:00 – 3:00	**At Home in the Library** for 9-12Y	Calgary Public Library, Shawnessy
	3:00 – 4:00	**Evergreen Theatre: Rockin' & Erodin'**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Sep 29 (W)	9:30 – 2:30	**Young Writers Institute Workshop** for 9–14Y	Canadian Home Ed Resources
Sep 30 (R)	9:30 – 2:30	**Young Writers Institute Workshop** for 9–14Y	Canadian Home Ed Resources
	10:00 – 12:30	**Dino Math** for Gr2-4	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Tiny Dino Math Adventures** for K-Gr2	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**How to Draw Dinosaurs** for Gr2+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:00 – 4:00	**Clay for Kids, Dinosaurs!** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 1 (F)	10:30 – 11:30	**Journey through Time, Drumheller** K-Gr3	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	10:30 – 11:30	**Raptors in Action, Drumheller** Gr3-6	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Badlands Hike,** Drumheller K+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation

		Events continued	Activity Host continued
Oct 5 (T)	10:00 – 11:00	**Stone Age Tool Making** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	11:30 – 12:30	**Stone Age Diet** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Ice Age Gathering Bags** for 4Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 4:00	**Hot and Cold** for Gr1-3	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:00 – 2:45	**At Home in the Library** for 6-8Y	Calgary Public Library, Shawnessy
Oct 06 (W)	10:00 – 11:00	**Listening Around the World**	Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra
	1:00 – 2:00	**Listening Around the World**	Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra
Oct 7 (R)	10:00 – 11:00	**Design a Stone Age Totem** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	11:30 – 12:30	**Mystery of Stonehenge** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Sabre Tooth Necklace** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 4:00	**Hot and Cold** for Gr1-3	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:30 – 3:30	**Cave Painting** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 08 (F)	10:30 –11:45	**Building Calgary** for K-Gr.3 (P)	Fort Calgary
	10:30 –12:00	**Buffalo: A Way of Life** for Gr.4-6 (P)	Fort Calgary
	1:00 – 2:30	**Calgary Community** for K-Gr.3 (P)	Fort Calgary
	1:00 – 3:00	**Archaeology** for Gr 4-6 (P)	Fort Calgary
Oct 12 (T)	10:00 – 12:30	**Exploring Ancient Egypt (Part 1 of 2)** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Heiroglyphs** for 4-7Y & 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Egyptian Jewelry** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 14 (R)	10:00 – 12:30	**Exploring Ancient Egypt (Part 1 of 2)** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Heiroglyphs** for 4-7Y & 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Egyptian Canopic Jars** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	4:30 – 7:30	**PD: Energy Flow in Global Systems, Climate Change**	Calgary Science Centre
Oct 15 (F)	9:15 – 3:30	**Parent Professional Development Day**	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 18 (M)	1:30 – 2:30	**Library Scavenger Hunt** for 7-13Y (P)	Calgary Public Library, Louise Riley
Oct 19 (T)	10:00 – 12:30	**Exploring Ancient Egypt (Part 2 of 2)** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Building a Pyramid** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Egyptian Beliefs** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	4:30 – 7:30	**PD: A Look at Sky Science** for adults	Calgary Science Centre
Oct20 (W)	10:30 – 12:00	**At Home in the Library** for family	Calgary Public Library, Nose Hill
Oct 21 (R)	10:00 – 12:30	**Exploring Ancient Egypt (Part 2 of 2)** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Pharaoh Crown Making** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Egyptian Beliefs** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Make a Mummy** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	4:30 – 8:30	**PD: Educator Open House** for adults	Calgary Science Centre
Oct 22 (R)	11:00 – 1:00	**Egyptian Feast** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 26 (T)	11:30 – 12:30	**Chinese Calligraphy** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:30	**Chinese Philosophy, Culture Pt. 1** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:45	**Chinese Kite Building** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 27 (W)	10:30 – 12:00	**At Home in the Library** for family	Calgary Public Library, Glenmore Square
Oct 28 (R)	11:30 – 12:30	**Chinese Book Covers** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Chinese Foam Dragons** 4-7Y	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Giant Pandas** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:00	**Chinese Philosophy, Culture Pt. 2** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	3:00 – 4:00	**Emperor's Coin Necklace** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Oct 29 (F)	1:30 – 3:00	**Meaning of Remembrance Day** for Gr.1-6	Museum of the Regiment
Nov 2 (T)	11:30 – 12:30	**Chinese Calligraphy Calendar** 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Arm Chair Travel to China** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Secrets of Chinese Silk** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Great Wall of China Building** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation

		Events continued	Activity Host continued
Nov 4 (R)	1:00 – 2:00	**Chinese Calligraphy Clock** for 8Y+	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	1:00 – 2:00	**Chinese Dragons** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
	2:15 – 3:15	**Paper Making** for family	Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Nov 5 (F)	1:30 – 3:00	**Canada's Ties to the Netherlands** for Gr 7-9	Museum of the Regiments
Nov 6 (Sa)	9:00 – 4:00	**Making Books, Making Writers** for Moms	Canadian Home Ed Resources
Nov 8 (M)	7:30	**Support Meeting**	CCHEA
Nov 17 (W)	1:30 – 3:00	**Keeping the Peace** for Gr 10-12	Museum of the Regiments
Nov19 (F)	10:30 –11:30	**Library Scavenger Hunt** for 7-13Y (P)	Calgary Public Library, Louise Riley
Nov 22 (M)	9:00 – 4:00	**Homeschool Day!** (multiple programs for K-Gr12)	Calgary Science Centre
Dec 3 (F)	10:00 – 12:00	**Canada and WWI** for Gr.10-12	Museum of the Regiments
Dec 9 (R)	10:00 – 12:00	**Albertans Dealing with Conflict** for Gr 4-6	Museum of the Regiments
Dec 13(M)	10:00 – 12:00	**Canada: Responding to Change** for Gr 7-9	Museum of the Regiments
	7:30	**Support Meeting**	CCHEA

Kindergarten Program

Designed for Families Who Intend to Home Educate their Children

In order to register in this unique Kindergarten program, your child must...

1. *never have been registered in another funded Kindergarten program or Grade*
2. *be a minimum of 4 years old as of Feb. 28, 2004.*

This unique 475 hour program is designed to involve various stimulating elements within weekly themes. Classes include activities such as related songs, games, crafts, circle time, stories, problem solving activities, worksheets, poetry, science experiments, play time, exploration of a variety of math concepts, puppet play, dress up, make-believe activities, snacks, group, partner or single cooperative activities and more! **You get to pick and choose what classes or events you and your child will attend. Attendance is not mandatory.**

Kinder Schedule...

Tues/Thurs. offers classes/programs/guest speakers &workshops. Fridays are set aside for fieldtrips.

** Parents are required to participate in classes/events their child attends. Younger siblings are welcome in the classroom.*

Kinder Kash Dollars...

$450 is provided to families for transportation or to access special interest classes, fieldtrips, resources, workshops etc. offered through Phoenix.

For more information or to pre-register call

589-9566

Phoenix Home Education Foundation ***"Soaring To Brilliance"***

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contact Carolyn Foard-McPhail: 403-974-2869 or moredu@telusplanet.net
-or-
www.museumoftheregiments.ca

Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

Oct 6 **Listening Around the World**
In acknowledgement of International Music Day (Oct 1), we present music from around the Globe. Teacher orientation and resources available. $6/student (NCP)

Calgary Public Library
Registration: starts September 1
Unless otherwise specified, Library Events are free.
A valid Calgary Public Library card in your name is required to attend all events.

Library Orientations and Tours

Sep 14	Shawnessy Branch	Help Your Kids be Library Wizards
Sep 15	Crowfoot Branch	Research Skills for Homeschoolers for 6-12Y
Sep 21	Shawnessy Branch	At Home in the Library for Teens (UP)
Sep 22	Crowfoot Branch	Research Skills for Homeschoolers for 12Y+
Sep 22	Thorn-Hill Branch	What's Happening at the Library
Sep 28	Shawnessy Branch	At Home in the Library for 9-12Y (UP)
Oct 5	Shawnessy Branch	At Home in the Library for 6-8Y (UP)
Oct 18	Louise Riley Branch	Library Scavenger Hunt for 7-13Y
Oct 20	Nose Hill Branch	At Home in the Library for family
Oct 27	Glenmore Square Branch	At Home in the Library for family
Nov 19	Louise Riley Branch	Library Scavenger Hunt for 7-13Y

Home Education Parent Info Nights @ Library
Join the publisher of the *Homeschooler's Guide* and other homeschool parents in a discussion about homeschooling in Calgary. For new or prospective homeschool parents. No pre-registration. Adults only.

Sep 15	Nose Hill Branch
Sep 16	Shawnessy Branch
Sep 20	Shawnessy Branch
Sep 21	Village Square Branch

Calgary Science Centre
Registration: starts August Display Ad pg. 13

Nov 22 **Homeschool Day!**
These one-day events are dedicated to homeschoolers. Group rates are offered to those who register in advance. Explore hands-on exhibits, Discovery Dome shows, science demonstrations, take-home activities and more!
K-Gr12 – $3.50 - $12/student

Oct 14 **PD: Energy Flow in Global Systems: Climate Change**
Join other educators for this workshop. Includes refreshments, materials and hand-outs.
Adults only – $20/person

Oct 19 **PD: A look at Sky Science**
Join other educators for this workshop. Includes refreshments, materials and hand-outs.
Adults only – $20/person

Oct 21 **PD: Educator Open House**
Join other education professionals explore exhibits, preview Discovery Dome films, enjoy refreshments and find out about educational programs.
Adults only – No charge.

Canadian Home Education Resources (CHER)

Sep 24 **Student Pictures**
Professional pictures by Ted Dawson.
Book appt with Marilyn Faas 276-6931.

Sep 29 & 30 **Young Writers Institute Workshops**
Intensive one-day writing workshops with Sigmund Brouwer, best selling Canadian author.
Beginner workshop Sep 29
Advanced workshop Sep 30
9-14Y – $45/child/workshop

Nov 6 **Making Books, Making Writers**
This is a full day workshop with Cyndy Regeling, Canadian author, to enhance your homeschool experience. Tips and hands-on activities!
Homeschool Moms – $30.00+gst/person

CCHEA

Sep 13 **Support Meeting**
Nov 8 Support for parents, especially moms, from
Dec 13 other moms.
Adults only – $0 Mbr, $2/NMbr.
Location: 108, 1289 Highfield Cr. SE (CHER)

CHEERS
Registration deadline: August 10

Aug 14 **Start Right Homeschool Workshop**
An informative, interactive event geared to parents considering or new to homeschooling. Lunch provided.
Location: Foothills Alliance Church, 333 Edgepark Blvd. NW.
Contact: Lenka 275-2382 lenkahoffmann@shaw.ca
Adults only – $15/person, $25/couple

Fort Calgary
Registration deadline: September 24

Oct 8 **Building Calgary (P)**
Fort Calgary houses examples of a variety of building construction and materials. Children will view building styles and construct a large model log cabin complete with "sod" roof.
K-Gr3 – $3.50/student. (NCP)

Oct 8 **Buffalo: A Way of Life** (P)
Learn about the nomadic ways of the Plains Natives and how their life changed when the buffalo disappeared.
Gr4-6 – $3.50/student (NCP)

Oct 8 **Calgary Community** (P)
Learn the story of how four cultural groups interacted by using maps, models and artifacts to create the new community of Calgary.
K-Gr3 – $3.50/student (NCP)

Oct 8 **Archaeology** (P)
Uncover artifacts buried in the sand, record you data and analyze your finds.
Learn about archeological tools and methods.
Gr5-6 – $3.50/student (NCP)

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Aug 23 & Sep 20 **Open House**
Learn more! Presentation starting at 10:30.

Museum of the Regiments Display Ad, pg. 17
All events include gallery tour and hands-on session.

Oct 29 **Meaning of Remembrance**
Review what Remembrance Day means.
Gr1-6 – $3.00/student (NCP)

Nov 5 **Canada's Ties to the Netherlands**
During WW II a strong bond of affection grew between Canadian soldiers and the Dutch people. Explore why this is significant today.
Gr7-9 – $3.00/student (NCP)

Nov 17 **Keeping the Peace**
Examines the significance of Remembrance and Canada's past involvement in coming to the aid of friends and allies in times of conflict and war.
Gr.10-12 – $3.00/student (NCP)

Dec 3 **Canada in WWI**
Tour WWI exhibits in multiple galleries, presentation on Vimy Ridge and Canadian Sovereignty.
Gr10-12 – $5.00/student (NCP)

Dec 9 **Albertans Dealing with Conflict**
Includes a tour of Alberta Gallery and presentation on Life of a Soldier.
Gr4-6 – $5.00/student (NCP)

Dec 13 **Canada Responding to Change**
Tour of the Waging Peace and Calgary Highlander Galleries. View video on politically sanctioned racism and discrimination in B.C. against Chinese nadians in WW II.
Gr7-9 – $5.00/student (NCP)

Phoenix Home Education Foundation Display Ad, pg. 16
Unless otherwise stated, all events held at Beddington Community Centre, 375 Bermuda Dr. N.W.
Child care available for adult classes at $2/child.

Kindergarten Info Sessions (Adults only)
Jul 22, Aug 24, Sep 7 Learn about a unique kindergarten program designed specifically for parents considering home education. Please choose one session to attend. No Charge. Registration deadlines:
Jul 21 for Jul 22 session
Aug 20 for Aug 24 session
Sep 3 for Sep 7 session

Sep 14 **School Photos**
Packages range from $6 to $33.
Register by Aug 31.

Sep 14 **Clay for Kids, Leaf Picture Frame**
With Clay for Kids company, students watch a pottery wheel demo then build a leaf picture frame. $8/child

Sep 16 **Mini Resource Fair**
Check out the resources available to homeschoolers. Vendors register by Aug 27.
Attendees Register by Aug 31

Sep 16 **Clay for Kids, Family Plaque**
With Clay for Kids company, students watch a pottery wheel demo then build a family plaque.
Register by Aug 31 – $8/child

Sep 21 & 24 **Pele's Peak**
Investigate the science of volcanoes while learning about Hawaiian mythology, geography and history. Erupt volcanoes at Luau on Sep 24!
Register by Sep 10 – $48/child
(Luau fee included for class participants)

Sep 21 & 23 **Build a Volcano**
Build a paper mache volcano in first class and paint/decorate in second class. All supplies included. Register by Sep 10 – $12/child

Sep 21 **Talk with a Geologist**
Explore rocks and minerals with a professional geologist. Rock kits will allow further exploration.
Register by Sep 10 – $4/child

Sep 23 **How to Write an Education Plan (Adults only)**
For new homeschoolers, session will explore styles of ed. plans, what to include, how to stay flexible and how to make changes once it is submitted. Register by Sep 15 – $6/adult

Sep 23 **Planet Earth Exploration with Guest Speaker**
Explore the planet Earth with guest speaker.
Register by Sep 10 – $4/child

Sep 23 **Pet Rock Painting**
Design and create your own pet rock. Artist, Jill Mann, will demonstrate "stepping stone art" she creates with airbrush tools.
Register Sep 10 – 6/child

Sep 24 **Hawaiian Luau**
Come join us for a Hawaiian Luau! Students who built volcano projects are encouraged to bring them to display and students from Pele's Peak class will erupt their model volcanoes during the Luau. Register Sep 10 – $5/person

Sep 28 **Junior Paleontologist**
Discover the world of dinosaurs and other prehistoric life. Register by Sep 17 – $12/child

Sep 28 **Evergreen Theatre's Rockin' & Erodin'**
Evergreen Theatre's presents this interactive and entertaining program that explores the effect of climate change on geology.
Register by Sep 17 – $8/child. All ages welcome!

Sep 30 **Dino Math**
Explore math concepts in a fun format with various tips that make the concepts memorable.
Register by Sep 17 – $12/child

Sep 30 **Tiny Dino Math Adventures**
Class focuses on math activities using dinosaurs to illustrate concepts.
Register by Sep 17 – $6/child

Sep 30 **How to Draw Dinosaurs**
Learn to draw dinosaurs with a real artist. All supplies included. Register by Sep 17 – $6/child

Sep 30 **Clay for Kids, Dinosaurs!**
With Clay for Kids company, students watch a pottery wheel demo then build a dinosaur.
Register Sep 10 – $8/child

Oct 1 **Journey Through Time**
Our time machine is warmed up and ready to transport creatures back from the past.
Location: Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller, AB
Register by Sep 17 – $5/child
(includes admission to Museum)

Oct 1 **Raptors in Action**
Working in groups, students will build a working model of a dinosaur leg.
Location: Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller, AB
Register by Sep 17 – $5/child
(includes admission to Museum)

Oct 1 **Badlands Hike in Drumheller**
Guided hike with Tyrrell Museum staff member. Look at fossils; learn about the land formation and how dinosaurs may have lived in Alberta.
Location: Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller, AB
Register by Sep 17 – $5/child
(includes admission to Museum)

Oct 5 **Stone Age Tool Making**
Learn to make stone-age tools with stone-age challenges. All materials included.
Register by Sep 24 – $6/child

Oct 5 **Stone Age Diet**
Explore what it meant to hunt and gather for food. What did they eat? How did they catch it?
Register by Sep 24 – $18/child

Oct 5 **Ice Age Gathering Bags**
Class will give children the chance to explore the ice age while sewing a gathering bag.
All materials included.
Register by Sep 24 – $6/child

Oct 5 or 7 **Hot and Cold**
A fun way to cover this Gr. 2 Science topic.
Choose one day only.
Register by Sep 24 – $18/child

Oct 7 **Design a Stone Age Totem**
Early humans used animal and plant designs to tell about themselves. Design a totem badge for your family. All materials included.
Register by Sep 30 – $6/child

Oct 7 **Mystery of Stonehenge**
How and why was Stonehenge built? Build your own miniature Stonehenge. All materials included. Register by Sep 30 – $6/child

Oct 7 **Saber Tooth Necklace**
Make a saber tooth necklace while exploring the Ice Age. Register by Sep 30 – $6/child

Oct 7 **Cave Painting**
Come learn about cave paintings and create rock art. All materials included.
Register by Sep 30 – $6/child

Oct 12 & 19 **or** Oct 14 & 21 **Exploring Ancient Egypt**
Explore this ancient land and learn about their advanced civilization, the Nile River, customs and traditions. All materials included.
Register by Oct 1 – $24/child

Oct 12 & 19 **or** Oct 14 & 21 **Hieroglyphs**
Learn how Ancient Egyptians recorded information and how to write using hieroglyphs.
Choose one day only. All materials included.
Register by Oct 1 – $6/child

Oct 12 **Egyptian Jewelry**
Make a piece of jewelry Egyptian style. All materials included.
Register by Oct 1 – $24/child

Oct 14 **Egyptian Canopic Jars**
Canopic jars were used by Egyptians to store certain organs. Find out more about them and make a set of your own jars.
All materials included.
Register by Oct 1 – $24/child

Oct 15 **Parent Professional Development Day**
Join us for a day of information sessions on: Getting Started, Portfolio Preparation & Lapbooking Techniques, How to Choose Resources; Reading Games; Determining Your Child's Learning Style & Home Ed Philosophy Discussion Panel. Adults only.
Register by Oct 1 – $6/per session.

Oct 19 **Building a Pyramid**
Find out why scientists marvel at the pyramids and experiment by building your own.
Register by Oct 8. All materials supplied.

Oct 19 or 21 **Egyptian Beliefs**
Discover why the Ancient Egyptians had so many Gods/Goddesses and what each represented.
Choose one day only. Register by Oct 8 – $6/child

Oct 21 **Pharaoh Crown Making**
When Upper/Lower Egypt united so did their crowns. Discover interesting facts about Egypt's crown and make your own. All materials supplied. Register by Oct 8 – $6/child

Oct 21 **Make a Mummy**
Learn about embalming practices while creating your own mummy. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 8 – $6/child

Oct 22 **Egyptian Feast**
Join us for Egyptian style fun with music, food and games. Each family will be asked to bring one item to contribute to the event.
Register by Oct 8 – $5/person

Oct 26 **Chinese Kite Building**
The Chinese were the first to build kites. Students create/fly their own. All materials provided.
Register by Oct15 – $9/child

Oct 26 **Chinese Calligraphy**
Try the ancient art of Calligraphy. This class is a prerequisite for all other Calligraphy project classes. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Oct 28 **Chinese Book Covers**
Students will create their own book cover influenced by Chinese culture, colour and symbols. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Oct 28 **Chinese Foam Dragons**
Chinese dragons were revered. Students create a foam dragon. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Oct 28 **Giant Pandas**
The panda is a shy and gentle endangered creature. Learn about the panda and what you can do to help ensure its survival.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Oct 28 **Emperor's Coin Necklace**
Create your own royal coin necklace while learning the traditions surrounding the Emperors of China. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child.

Oct 26 & 28 **Chinese Philosophy, Culture & Religion**
Students will explore the secrets to clan names, sacred animals, lucky colors and numbers and Chinese virtues. Includes overview of Taoism, Buddhism and Confucius. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 15 – $12/child

Nov 2 **Chinese Calligraphy Calendar**
Create a calendar using calligraphy. All materials supplied. Prerequisite: Oct 26 Chinese Calligraphy class.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Nov 2 **Arm Chair Travel to China**
With a guest speaker "travel" to China and learn it's ancient ways.
Register by Oct 15 – $4/child

Nov 2 **Secrets of Chinese Silk.**
Discover the secrets of silk in this class.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Nov 2 **Great Wall of China Building**
Learn some amazing facts about the Great Wall of China. Students create a model of the Wall. All materials supplied.
Register by Oct 15., $6/child

Nov 4 **Chinese Calligraphy Clock**
Create a calligraphy wall clock. All materials supplied. Prerequisite: Oct 26 Chinese Calligraphy.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Nov 4 **Chinese Dragons**
Students explore the different cultural influences on mythical dragons.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Nov 4 **Paper Making**
Join us as we learn the art of paper making. Wear clothes that can get wet/dirty.
Register by Oct 15 – $6/child

Talisman Centre Display Ad, pg. 28

Aug 19 **Open House**
Come and try out our high energy phys-ed classes and tour the facility.

MONDAY (M)	Age/Gr.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00+
CHEERS - Kinderclass	4-6Y															
CHEERS - Gym	6-9Y															
Cgy Gymnastics - Gym-A-Tot	2-3Y															
Cgy Gymnastics - Hot Shots	3-4Y															
Cgy Gymnastics - Kindergym	4-6Y															
Cgy Gymnastics - Homeschool	6Y+															
Music In Common	6-7Y															
Computers are Fun - Level 1-3	Gr1-6															
Wildflower - Art	6-8Y															
Kumon - Math & Reading																
CHEERS - Gym	3-6Y															
Cgy Taekwondo	6-17Y															
Music In Common	8-11Y															
CHEERS - Creative Co-op	3-12Y															
Music In Common	12Y+															
CHEERS - Modern Dance	3-9Y															
CHEERS - Gym	9-12Y															
Wildflower - Art	9-12Y															
Cgy Public Library - Book Club	9-12Y															
Woodwork - Social Woodworking	12Y+															
Cgy HS Band - Beginner	-															
Cgy HS Band - Advanced	-															

PROGRAMS – AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY (T)	Age/Gr.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00+
S.Fish Creek - Basic Fine Art	14Y-A															
S.Fish Creek - Drama	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Elements of Music	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Foundations Magic	6-9Y															
Phoenix - Forensic Investigation	Gr5+															
Homeschoolers' - Part-time School	Gr5-6															
Homeschoolers' - Part-time School	Gr7-9															
Computers are Fun - Level 1-3	Gr1-6															
Wildflower - Art	9-12Y															
S.Fish Creek - Advanced Fine Art	14Y-A															
S.Fish Creek - Drama	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Elements of Music	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Foundations Magic	10-13Y															
Phoenix - Tuesday Gym	4-7Y															
Altadore - Gymnastics	3-5Y															
Crossings - Introductory Ballet	5-6Y															
Phoenix - Thematic Gym Drop-In	8Y+															
S.Fish Creek - Basic Fine Art	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Drama	14Y-A															
Altadore - Gymnastics	6-14Y															
Wildflower - Art	6-8Y															
Crossings - Introductory Ballet	7-9Y															
Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks	5-11Y															
Crossings - Ballet/Jazz Basics	10-14Y															
S.Fish Creek - Advanced Fine Art	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Elements of Music	14Y-A															
S.Fish Creek - Foundations Magic	14Y-A															

WEDNESDAY (W)	Age/Gr.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00+
CHEERS - French	3-6Y															
CHEERS - Mad Science Force & Flight	6-9Y															
CHEERS - Gym	9-12Y															
CHEERS - Lego Motor Machines	7-12Y															
Chinook - Junior Architects	Gr4-6															
Chinook - Architectural Design	Gr7-9															
Computers are Fun - Level 1-3	Gr1-6															
CHEERS - Creative Writing	6-9Y															
Cgy Taekwondo	6-17Y															
CHEERS - Gym	3-6Y															
CHEERS - Let's Make Lunch!	9-12Y															
CHEERS - Gym	6-9y															
CHEERS - Lego Simple Machines	5-8Y															
CHEERS - Teen Gym	13Y+															
Music for Living - NW Hand Bell Choir	8-12Y															
Altadore - Gymnastics	3-5Y															
CHEERS - Art	6-9Y															
Altadore - Gymnastics	6-14Y															
Junior Forest Wardens	6-18Y															
Head $tart	9-12Y															
CHEERS - Spanish	6-12Y															
Music for Living - Northwest I	4-5Y															
Music for Living - Northwest II	6-10Y															

THURSDAY (R) A.M. Programs	Age/Gr.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00+
VRRI - Swim Lessons	3-16Y															
Phoenix - Family Karate	5Y+															
S.Fish Creek - Intro French	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Public Speaking	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Dance	14Y-A															
S.Fish Creek - Mad Science	14Y-A															
Village Sq - Activity Program	6-8Y															
Village Sq - Activity Program	9-12Y															
Homeschoolers' - Part-time School	Gr5-6															
Homeschoolers' - Part-time School	Gr7-9															
Children Sing Broadway!	7-12Y															
Computers are Fun - Level 1-3	Gr1-6															
Glenbow - Discoveries Big & Small	3-7Y															
Glenbow - Discoveries Big & Small	8-11Y															
Talisman - Yoga for Kids	3-5Y															
Talisman - All Sport Sampler	6-8Y															
Talisman - All Sport Specific	6-8Y															
Talisman - All Sport Sampler	9-12Y															
Talisman - All Sport Specific	9-12Y															
Talisman - All Sport Specific	13-16Y															
S.Fish Creek - Dance	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Mad Science	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Intro French	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Public Speaking	10-13Y															

THURSDAY (R) P.M. Programs	Age/Gr.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00+
Talisman - Ducklings Swim	3M-1Y															
Talisman - Dolphins 1 Swim	3-5Y															
Talisman - Dolphins 2 Swim	3-5Y															
Talisman - Dolphins 3 Swim	3-5Y															
Talisman - Stage 1 Swim	6Y+															
Talisman - Stage 2 Swim	6Y+															
Talisman - Stage 3 Swim	6Y+															
Talisman - I Can Swim All Season	12-16Y															
S.Fish Creek - Martial Arts (Aikido)	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Mad Science	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Dance	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Intro French	14Y-A															
S.Fish Creek - Public Speaking	14Y-A															
Phoenix - Basketball Skill Builder	8Y+															
Phoenix - Soccer Skills	8Y+															
Talisman - Dinos Swim	1-3Y															
S.Fish Creek - Intro Fine Art	6-9Y															
S.Fish Creek - Martial Arts (Aikido)	10-13Y															
S.Fish Creek - Martial Arts (Aikido)	14Y-A															

PROGRAMS – AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY (F)	Age/Gr.	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00+
Cgy Gymnastics - Homeschool	6Y+															
Computers are Fun - Level 1-3	Gr1-6															
Glenbow - Discoveries Big & Small	3-7Y															
Glenbow - Discoveries Big & Small	8-11Y															
Music for Living - DT Hand Bell Choir	8-12Y															
Cgy Taekwondo	6-17Y															
Music for Living - Downtown II	8-12Y															
Chinook - Keyboarding for Kids	9-11Y															
Music for Living - Downtown I	6-8Y															
YMCA - Star Swimmer Program	6-17Y															
YMCA - Learn to Swim	6-17Y															
YMCA - Learn to Swim	6-17Y															
YMCA - Learn to Swim	6-17Y															
New Attitude Line Dance Company	12Y+															
YMCA - Star Swimmer Program	6-17Y															
YMCA - Wall Climbing, Bugaboos	6-8Y															
YMCA - Wall Climbing, Rockjocks	12-14Y															
Woodwork - Level 1	12Y+															
Chinook - Keyboarding for Youth	12-17Y															
Chinook - Get Animated!	13-17Y															
YMCA - Wall Climbing, Hangdogs	9-11Y															

HOME*SCHOOL*
PROGRAMS

Talisman Centre is excited about the opportunity to partner with the Homeschool community to create healthier futures for children & youth!

Talisman Centre phys-ed programs for the Homeschool community focus on fostering an active life-style and promote skill development through play and a fun. Information-rich programs for children age 3-16Y are designed to support and celebrate their successes. The programs will be delivered by sport and activity experts from Talisman Centre.

The centre will be holding an **OPEN HOUSE** on ***Thursday, August 19 from 1:00-3:00pm***. Come and try out some of our high energy phys-ed classes and tour the facility to learn more about all our programs and memberships. Here are some examples:

Make A Splash!

Sears I Can Swim Program
Dolphins 1-3 and Stages 1-3
I Can Swim All Season

Get Moving!

All Sport Sampler
All Sport Specific *(fencing, martial arts, soccer, badminton and running)*

All homeschool programs will be included in Talisman Centre's **Fall Brochure** available the week of Aug 23rd, 2004. ***Annual pass holders receive a 10% discount on all Talisman Centre programs, including homeschool programs.***

Corporate Membership
With as few as 5 homeschool families purchasing a 4-month or Annual pass, your association is eligible for corporate rates. Payment plans are available for the Annual Pass (initial payment plus eight payments that begin on the same month the pass is activated).

For more information or to register for programs call Kate MacDonald at 355-1276.

Talisman Centre

for sport and wellness

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Altadore Gymnastics
Registration deadline : September 10

Homeschool Gymnastics (UP)
Sep 28 – Nov 30 (T) and/or Sep 29 – Dec 1 (W)
3-5Y 1:00 – 2:00 $100 / 10 classes
6-14Y 1:00 – 2:30 $120 / 10 classes
All athletes charged $15 for annual insurance.

Calgary Gymnastic Centre

Gym-A-Tot (P)
Sep 13 – Nov 26 (M)
2-3Y 9:15 – 10:15
$142 / 10 classes + $17 Annual Fee

Hot Shots (PP)
Sep 13 – Nov 26 (M)
3-4Y 9:15 – 10:15
$142 / 10 classes + $17 Annual Fee

Kindergym (UP)
Sep 13 – Nov 26 (M)
4-6Y 9:15 – 10:15
$142 / 10 classes + $17 Annual Fee

Homeschool Gymnastics (UP)
Children will follow CanGym Program and receive badge along with report card at each level.
Sep 13 – Nov 26 (M) or Sep 17 - Nov 30 (F)
6Y+ 9:00 – 10:30
$155 / 10 classes + $17 Annual Fee

CHEERS
Registration deadline : September 3
CHEERS members receive 20% discount on class pricing.

Mondays Sep 13 – Dec 20/04

Kinderclass (PP)
4-6Y 9:00 – 10:00 $66 / 14 classes

Creative Co-op Corner (P)
Creative craft projects for smaller children.
Includes all materials.
3-12Y 11:45 – 12:45 $24 / 14 classes

Modern Dance (PP)
3-9Y 1:00-2:00 $66 / 14 classes

Mondays Sep 13 – Jun 20/05

Gym (PP)
6-9Y 9:00 – 10:00 $246 / 35 classes

Gym (PP)
3-6Y 10:30 – 11:30 $246 / 35 classes

Gym (PP)
9-12Y 1:00 – 2:00 $246 / 35 classes

Wednesdays

French Language Instruction (PP)
Sep 15 – Dec 15
3-6Y 9:00 – 10:00 $96 / 14 classes

Mad Science Force & Flight (PP)
Sep 15 – Nov 6
6-9Y 9:00 – 10:00 $84 / 8 classes

Gym (PP)
Sep 15/04 – Jun 22/05
9-12Y 9:00 – 10:00 $276 / 39 classes

Lego Motorized Machines (PP)
Build motorized lego constructs in a team situation.
Sep 15 – Oct 13
7-12Y 9:00 – 11:00 $90 / 4 classes

Creative Writing, Super Storytellers (PP)
Sep 15 – Dec 15
6-9Y 10:15 – 11:15 $108 / 14 classes

Gym (PP)
Sep 15/04 – Jun 22/05
3-6Y 10:30 – 11:30 $276 / 39 classes

Let's Make Lunch (PP)
Cooking Lunches. Create and eat!
Sep 15 – Oct 20
9-12Y 10:30 – 12:00 $78 / 6 classes

Gym (PP)
Sep 15/04 – June 22/05
6-9Y 12:00 – 1:00 $276 / 39 classes

Lego Simple Machines (PP)
Build Lego constructs in team situation.
Sep 15 – Oct 13
5-8Y 12:00 – 2:00 $90 / 4 classes

Teen Gym (PP)
Sep 15/04 – Jun 22/05
13Y+ 12:45 – 2:00 $276 / 39 classes

Art (PP)
Sep 15 – Dec 15
6-9Y 1:00 – 2:30 $96 / 14 classes

Spanish, Conversational (PP)
Spanish language with intro to Spanish history and culture.
Sep 15 – Dec 15
6-12Y 1:45 – 2:45 $60 / 14 classes

Calgary Home School Band
Registration deadline : August 1

Repertoire is well rounded, including some classical, movie themes, and contemporary.
Concerts 2-3 times during the year.

Sep 13 – May 26 (M)
Band Program Beginner 3:30 – 4:30
Band Program Advanced 4:30 – 5:30
$275 / yr + band shirt (NCP)

Calgary Public Library
Registration: starts September 1
Unless otherwise specified, Library Events are free.
A valid Calgary Public Library card in your name is required to attend all programs.

Parent/Child Book Club @ Shawnessy Branch SE
Sep Meeting: Among the Hidden by M. Peterson Haddix
Sep 20, Oct 18 & Nov 15 (M)
9-12Y 1:30 – 3:00

Calgary Taekwondo Academy Display Ad, pg. 30
Registration deadline : ongoing

Home Education Taekwondo
Learn the martial art of Taekwondo – "the way of the foot and the fist". Attitudes of non-violence and respect are highly stressed.
Sep 13 (M, W, F)
6-17Y 10:30 – 11:30 Starting at $67 / mo (SD)
Cost varies with age & commitment.

Children Sing Broadway! (PO)
Registration deadline : August 15

Learn 10 Broadway songs (Mary Poppins) while working on singing technique and performance. Music book included.
Sep 16 – Dec 2 (R) with concert on Dec 3.
7-12Y 9:45 – 11:00 (9:45 – 11:15 last 4 classes)
$77.50 /13 classes (SD)

Chinook Learning Services
Registration deadline : one week before program starts

Junior Architects @ S.Fish Creek
Create miniature buildings, design architectural drawings & build models.
Nov 17 – Dec 8 (W)
Gr 4-6 9:30 – 1:00 $89 / 4 classes

Architectural Design @ S.Fish Creek
Discover architectural design: drawing, building structural elements, science, and building materials.
Oct 20 – Nov 10 (W)
Gr7-9 9:30 – 1:00 $89 / 4 classes

Keyboarding for Kids @ S.Fish Creek
Develop technique, speed and accuracy.
Oct 15 – Dec 3 (F)
9-11Y 12:00 – 2:00 $200 / 8 classes

Keyboarding for Youth @ S.Fish Creek
Develop technique, speed and accuracy.
Oct 15 – Dec 3 (F)
12-17Y 2:30 – 4:30 $200 / 8 classes

Get Animated! @ Erlton Campus SW
Create animated mini-film while using Freehand, Photoshop, Sound Studio, Flash, HTML and Dreamweaver.
Nov 5 – Dec 10 (F)
13-17Y 3:00 – 6:00 $249 / 6 classes

Calgary Taekwondo Academy

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Taekwondo is a martial art and Olympic Sport.

At Calgary Taekwondo Academy, we encourage our students to have attitudes of non-violence, respect, and modesty.

Children will develop concentration and focus, which often translates to higher academic success.

Taekwondo training helps develop a strong body and mind and strengthens self-confidence.

Calgary Taekwondo Academy will be having classes specifically for homeschoolers on Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30 to 11:30 AM, starting on September 13, 2004.

All homeschoolers will receive an additional 10% off of our rates.

Computers are Fun

Level I, Level II, & Level III
Basic computer terminology, history, keyboarding, word processing and intro to internet.
Week of Sep 13 through to Week of Nov 15
All Levels are offered simultaneously.
Gr1-6 10:00 – 11:00 (M, T, W, R, F)
$70 / 8 classes

Crossings Dance Ministries Display Ad, pg. 33
Registration deadline : August 31.

All programs run Sep 14 – Dec 14 (T)

Homeschool Introductory Ballet (UP)
5-6Y 1:00 -1:45 $139 / 13 classes

Homeschool Introductory Ballet (UP)
7-9Y 1:45 – 2:30 $139 / 13 classes

Homeschool Ballet/Jazz Basics (UP)
10-14Y 2:30 - 3:30 $166 / 13 classes

Girl Guides of Canada
Registration deadline : ongoing

Girl Guides, Brownies, Sparks
Sep 7 (T)
5-11Y 1:30 – 3:30
$70 / yr + $0.50 / wk + uniform ~$30

Glenbow Museum
Registration deadline : September 30.

Discoveries Big and Small
Explore line, shape, colour and stories in the paintings/ sketches of Charles Russell and Frederic Remington in the Discovery Room and gallery.
Sep 16 – Oct 7 (R) or Sep 17 – Oct 8 (F)
3-7Y (P) 10:00 – 11:15
8-11Y (UP) 10:00 – 11:15
Mbr $45 / family, NMbr $55 / family for 4 classes

Head Start (PO)
Registration deadline : September 13.

Children learn about financial choices (saving, spending, donating, and investing) and how to set financial goals by creating a personal budget.
Sep 29 – Nov 17 (W)
9-12Y 1:00-3:15 $125 / 8 classes

Homeschoolers Learning Centre
Registration deadline : August 31.

Classes include: Science (2hrs), Spanish (1hr), Social Studies & L.A. combined (2.5hrs). Lunch break (1hr).

Sep 14 – Jun 16 (Weekly on T & R)
Gr5-6 & Gr7-9 9:00 – 3:30 ~$255 / mo. Deposit $200

Junior Forest Wardens
Registration deadline : ongoing

Sep 15/04 – Jun 15/05 (W)
6-18Y 1:00 – 2:30 $50 / child for year

Kumon, Marda Loop Display Ad, pg. 41
Registration deadline : ongoing.

Supplementary education program for Math and Reading Comprehension.

Homeschool Drop-In
10:00-12:00 (M)

Music for Living
Registration deadline : Sep 10.

Northwest Hand Bell Choir (UP)
For both novice and experienced musical students.
Sep 15 – Nov 17 (W)
8-12Y 12:45 – 1:45 $120 / 10 classes

Northwest I (UP)
Intro to music with movement, vocal, listening and notation utilizing rhythm & hand bells.
Sep 15/04 – Apr 27/05 (W)
4-5Y 2:00 – 3 :00 $300 / 28 classes

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Music skill development with movement, vocal, listening and notation utilizing rhythm & hand bells.
Sep 15/04 – Apr 27/05 (W)
6-10Y 3:15 – 4 :15 $300 / 28 classes

Downtown Hand Bell Choir (UP)
For both novice and experienced musical students.
Sep 17 – Nov 19 (F)
8-12Y 10:00 – 11:00 $120 / 10 classes

Downtown II (UP)
Music skill development with movement, vocal, listening and notation utilizing rhythm & hand bells.
Sep 17/04 – Apr 29/05 (F)
8-12Y 11:15 – 12 :15 $300 / 28 classes

Downtown I (UP)
Intro to music with movement, vocal, listening and notation utilizing rhythm & hand bells.
Sep 17/04 – Apr 29/05 (F)
6-8Y 1:00 – 2 :00 $300 / 28 classes

Music in Common (UP)
Registration deadline : Sep 13

Classes become acting "companies". They prepare musical numbers and skits then perform in Dec and May. Three classes per month with company + one group class to prepare for production.
Oct 4/04 (M) – May/05
6-7Y 10:00 – 10:50
8-11Y 11:00 – 11:50
12Y+ 12:00 – 12:50
$40 / mo (max. $100 / family)

New Attitude Line Dance Company
Registration deadline : Sep 27

Non-Country Line Dance to Latin American, Rhythm & Blues, Funk, Top 40, Celtic, Jazz, Rock & More.
Oct 1 – Nov19 (F)
12Y+ 2:00 – 3:00 $48 ea / 8 classes (SD)

Phoenix Home Education Foundation
Register by September 10

Forensic Investigation
Investigate a crime scene with Barry Davidson.
Sep 21 – Oct 12 (T)
Gr. 5+ 9:00 – 10:30 $33 / 4 classes

Tuesday Gym
Sep 14 – Dec 14 (T)
4-7Y 11:00 – 12:00 $84 / 14 classes

Thematic Gym Drop-In Class
The theme of the week will be incorporated into activities that engage body and mind.
Sep 14 – Dec 14 (T)
8Y+ 1:15 – 2:15 $6 per class

Family Karate
Learn punching, blocking, kicking and more. Uniforms not required. Bare feet please. Adults with participating students are free.
Sep 16 – Nov 4 (R)
5Y+ 9:00 – 10:00 $42 / 7 classes

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Develop and refine basketball skills.
Oct 14 – Nov 4 (R)
8Y+ 1:15 – 2:15 $24 / 4 classes

Soccer Skills
Brush up on skills and learn new ones with Christian Cantius.
Sep 16 – Oct 7 (R)
8Y+ 1:15 – 2:15 $24 / 4 classes

South Fish Creek Recreation Association

Fall#1 Session Sep 7 – Oct 26 (T)
Fall#2 Session Nov 2 – Dec 21 (T)
$70 MBR, $75 NMBR / 8 classes

Advanced Fine Art – Fall#1 & #2
Principles of drawing with pastels, acrylics, watercolors and/or modeling clay.
10-13Y 2:30 – 3:50
14Y-Adult 10:30 – 11:50

Basic Fine Art – Fall#1 & #2
Sketching and its requirements.
10-13Y 1:00 – 2:20
14Y-Adult 9:00 – 10:20

Drama – Fall#1 & #2
Fundamental acting skills. Performance on last day.
6-9Y 10:30 – 11:50
10-13Y 9:00 – 10:20
14Y-Adult 1:00 – 2:20

Elements of Music – Fall#1 only
Age-appropriate short stories, poems and plays.
6-9Y 9:00 – 10:20
10-13Y 10:30 – 11:50
14Y-Adult 2:30 – 3:50

Foundations of Magic – Fall#2 only
Basics of magic. Performance on last day.
6-9Y 9:00 – 10:20
10-13Y 10:30 – 11:50
14Y-Adult 2:30 – 3:50

Fall#1 Session Sep 9 – Oct 21 (R)
Fall#2 Session Oct 28 – Dec 16 (R)
$65 MBR, $70 NMBR / 7 classes

Dance – Fall#2 only
Introduction to various dance styles, including ballet, jazz, modern and hip hop. Presentation at end of session.
6-9Y 10:30 – 11:50
10-13Y 1:00 – 2:20
14Y-Adult 9:00 – 10:20

Introductory Fine Art – Fall#1 & #2
Basic Instruction in sketching and painting and more. Supplies included.
6-9Y 2:30 – 3:50

Introductory French – Fall#1 only
Conversational French and simple grammar.
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10-13Y 10:30 – 11:50
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10-13Y 2:30 – 3:50
14Y-Adult 2:30 – 3:50

Public Speaking – Fall#2 only
Includes proper diction, breath support, vocal expressiveness and how to craft a speech. Performance at end of session.
6-9Y 9:00 – 10:20
10-13Y 10:30 – 11:50
14Y-Adult 1:00 – 2:20

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9Y-12Y UFT 10:30 – 11:00 Class 11:00 – 12:00
13Y-16Y UFT 10:30 – 11:00 Class 11:00 – 12:00
$132 / 12 classes

Ducklings Swim Program (P)
3M-1Y Class 12:55 – 1:25 UFT 1:30 – 2:30
$58 / 12 classes

Dinos Swim Program (P)
1Y-3Y Class 1:30 – 2:00 UFT 2:00 – 2:30
$58 / 12 classes

Dolphins 1 Swim Program (UP)
For youngsters with no swimming experience.
3Y-5Y Class 12:55-1:25 UFT 1:30-2:30
$58 / 12 classes

Dolphins 2 Swim Program (UP)
For children already comfortable in the water.
3Y-5Y Class 12:55 – 1:25 UFT 1:30 – 2:30
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Dolphins 3 Swim Program (UP)
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6Y+ UFT 1:00 – 1:25, Class 1:30 – 2:00, UFT 2:00 – 2:30
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Stage 2: Skill Development (UP)
Developing basics of four key strokes.
6Y+ UFT 1:00 – 1:25, Class 1:30 – 2:15, UFT 2:15 – 2:30
$72 / 12 classes

Stage 3: Skill Improvement (UP)
Stroke Technique refined.
6Y+ UFT 1:00 – 1:25 Class 1:30 – 2:30
$80 / 12 classes

I Can Swim All Season (UP)
Explore water sports: competitive swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming and triathlon.
12Y-16Y Class 12:55 – 1:55 UFT 1:55 – 2:30
$90 / 12 classes

Village Square Leisure Centre
Registration: starts July 26

Homeschool Activity Program
A variety of recreation activities and crafts.
Sep 30 – Dec 9 (R)
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Homeschool Art (UP)
Art may include clay, drawing, painting, printmaking and mixed media. All supplies included.
Sep 20 – Nov 22 (M)
6-8Y 10:00 – 12:00 code 130459
9-12Y 1:00 – 3:00 code 130460
$124 / 9 classes

Sep 21 – Nov 16 (T)
6-8Y 1:00 – 3:00 code 130462
9-12Y 10:00 – 12:00 code 130461
$124 / 9 classes

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Registration deadline: August 20

Social Woodworking (P)
Build a Country Jelly Cabinet.
Sep 20 – Oct 25 (M)
12Y+ 2:00 – 4:00
$155 +GST / 5 classes

Woodworking: Level I
Build a coat rack & wall watch. Qualifies for credit through Alberta Learning.
Sep 24 – Nov 26 (F)
12Y+ 2:00 – 4:30
$207 +GST / 10 classes

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Bugaboos: Intro to Wall Climbing
Sep 10 – Dec 17 (F)
6-8Y 2:00 – 3:00 (code 8037)
$150 MBR, $180 NMBR / 15 classes

Hangdogs: Basics of Wall Ascent
Sep 10 – Dec 17 (F)
9-11Y 3:00 – 4:30 (code 8059)
$150 MBR, $180 NMBR / 15 classes

Rockjocks: Conquer the Wall (12-14Y)
Sep 8 – Dec 17 (F)
12-14Y 2:00 – 3:30 (code 8069)
$225 MBR, $270 NMBR / 15 classes

Learn to Swim
Sep 10 – Dec 17 (F)
6-17Y 1:00 – 1:30 (code 12117)
6-17Y 1:30 – 2:00 (code 12118)
6-17Y 2:00 – 2:30 (code 12119)
$53 MBR, $83 NMBR / 15 classes

Star Swimmer Program
Sep 10 – Dec 17 (F)
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By Tim Godfrey 08/03/2004
Tim is an 11 year old from Okotoks, AB

Kaiernn Gan, a Grade Four student, has placed 5th out of 8163 students in the Canadian Mathematics Contest (http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/), written by 45,000 students across the country. He was the only student from Alberta to reach the Honor Roll.

Ross Kostecky, a Grade 6 student, also placed in the upper ranks of the Canadian Mathematics Competition. He received 'The Great Pythagorean' Medal, a symbol of great distinction. In addition to his mathematical accomplishment he recently had some of his writing published in an Anthology produced by University of Calgary Gifted Centre. Ross was enrolled in the Gifted Language Arts Pilot Project at the University of Calgary Gifted Centre.

MacKenzie Harding, a Grade Two student, recently entered one of her original stories in the Scholastic Canadian Writing Competition in the Grade 4 to 6 category and her story was selected for publishing.

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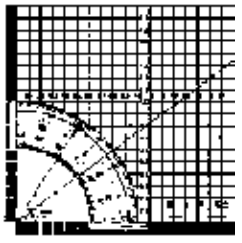

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