

Children's Program Spring 2010

Ahh Spring! We are noticing lots of early signs of Spring at the Leighton Education Centre again; sprouts of green grass, early flower blossoms and of course the most prominent sign of spring - KINDERGARTEN students have once again been spotted!! Yes, Spring means our Kindergarteners return with their bright, eager faces and refreshing sense of wonder. These children are now developed enough for their busy teachers to bring them out to our site for a day of art and some fun in the out of doors.

Notes from the trail:

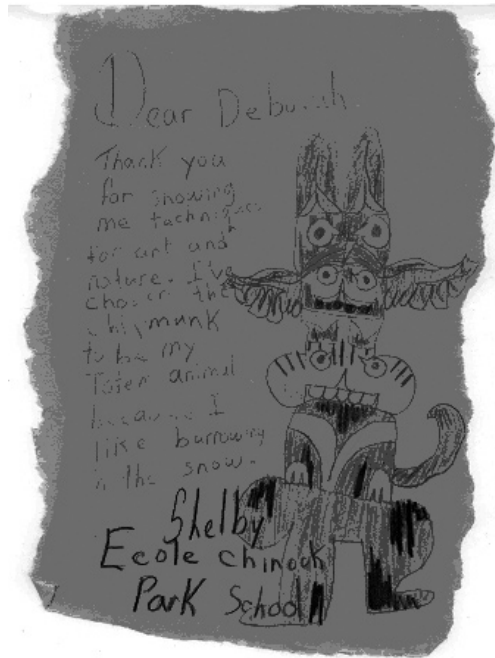
Teacher says: we have lots of animals at Leighton that change the way they look in the winter. Can you think of one of those animals?

Kindergarten student says: Is it a CHAMELEON?

So... on your next visit out here, make sure you watch for chameleons!!

We love our kindergarteners and they love us even though often the highlight of the day is the BUS RIDE, EATING LUNCH AND PLAYING. The ART is just a great bonus. We know that the Leighton is making a mark on these children and they will remember us in the years to come.

Spring is one of the peak seasons at Leighton and our studios are filled to capacity as our visiting educators want to share this special place with their students. Think back to how the Leighton has touched your life and you will understand how our dedicated teachers feel. What other field trip can you do where students can ENGAGE and be immersed in our ART AND NATURE programs.



Yes, we are certainly enjoying the warmer days of Spring, but our super-organized visiting teachers are already booking for next fall. "The early bird catches those other prime spots" in our other peak season.

After June 25 we changeover to our exciting SUMMER CAMP 2010!! Meaghan Cassidy will continue as Camp Director again this year and is once again planning a fun-filled program of art, nature, science, games and discoveries.

Please come out to the Leighton gallery to enjoy the beauty of the landscape in springtime. Please note that the Education Centre yard is not open to the public, however the museum and gallery is open for viewing Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 4pm

**Karen Freeman
and the Ed Centre Staff**

Leighton Top 10

Top Ten Reasons Teachers Love Booking at the Leighton!!!

one:

Parent helpers will love coming along.

two:

You and your students will make lasting memories.

three:

Where else can you take your class to 80 acres of spectacular foothills landscape? No traffic, no noise, no stress.

four:

Book all three studios and you have the place to yourselves.

five:

Step off the bus and we take care of everything – our qualified and professional teachers do the teaching for the day.

six:

Customize your day with us – we want to hear your suggestions.

seven:

We can meet your curriculum requirements through our varied programs.

eight:

Escape to the green! We let your students reconnect with nature.

nine:

The Leighton House is an Alberta Historic site with a rich and vibrant educational history.

AND THE TOP REASON YOU'LL WANT TO VISIT US...

ten:

We are the Alberta Foothill's best-kept secret!!

Creatin' at Leighton Spring Classes

Handmade Paper

Discover how easy and fun it is to create and shape your own pieces of handmade paper. Embed your paper with flower seeds to make "plant-able paper" or decorate to create a design or picture.

Saturday, May 22, 10 AM-2 PM

Clay Bowl

Learn some basic skills of this fantastic art form to make your own decorative clay creation. Clay will need three days to dry at home and can then be painted and/or glazed.

Saturday, June 12, 10 AM-2 PM

Felted Landscape

This felting project will introduced your family to the versatile art of textiles. Using roving and felt as a mount, you will create a landscape with unexpected form and depth.

Saturday, June 26, 10 AM-2 PM

Botanical Transfer

Learn the art of botanical and flower pounding, a beautiful form of printmaking using all natural ingredients! Leave with a unique print perfect for framing or used as an art card!

Saturday, June 12, 10 AM-2 PM



Other things you need to know:

- Be on time as a courtesy to other participants.
- We are hard to find! Download a map by going to the "contact" page on our website: www.leightoncentre.org. Give yourself extra time to get here.
- Bring your lunch and any special beverages you may want (we are located rurally with no nearby facilities).
- Dress for weather if you're participating in an outdoor class.
- These are parent attended workshops.
- Cost: \$12 per person
- Call 403 931-3636 to register

A la Art Outreach Program

A la Art is our outreach program designed to bring Art into your classroom. This exciting half day event involves sketching and an art project chosen by the teacher.

It's a delightful way to encourage artists young and old to open their "artist eyes" and experience their world in a whole new way. To find out more about A la Art, and what spaces are available this spring, please go to our website at leightoncentre.org click on Children's Programs and follow the links to A la Art. We look forward to unleashing the artist in everyone!



Summer camp counsellors left to right: Meagan Cassidy (Summer Camp Director), Kaitlynn Hansen, Kayla Hicks, Kristen Powell, Kalina Malowany, Shelby Bahler and Lindsay Corbet.

Summer Camp July and August

Another year of summer camp is fast approaching at the Leighton Education Centre, with some great news to start off the season. Last year we hosted an amazing 8 weeks of camp with six incredible counsellors bringing art and nature programming to 480 children. This year it is my pleasure to announce the following six women will be **rejoining** the team of Leighton Ladies: Kayla Hicks, Shelby Bahler, Kalina Malowany, Kaitlyn Hansen, Lindsay Corbet and Kristen Powell! We are excited to share in this local tradition, established by Barbara and nurtured through the decades by staff dedicated to bringing the best quality of art and nature discovery to the children of the community. If you are looking for a camp where your child can create beautiful art and great memories you have found it - Leighton Summer Camp!

Meags Cassidy, Summer Camp Director