



Manitoba Association for Schooling at Home

PRESENTS

2025 MASH CONFERENCE

Bravely Optimistic

• SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 •

• 10:00AM - 4:00PM •

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LETTER TO THE PARTICIPANTS FROM MICHELE AND TIFFANY

We both joined the MASH Board in 2022 hoping to help rebuild our community after some tough years. We started with an idea for monthly meet-ups called MASH-Ups, which quickly turned into weekly meet-ups, park meets and now self-driven community meet-ups. Then in 2023, we BRAVELY co-chaired our first conference together, the 2023 MASH Conference was themed "Let's Build Community Together". Seeing the manifestation of that conference has been truly a warm and wonderful feeling. Seeing this community grow has us feeling more OPTIMISTIC of the future. We hope we can help others feel BRAVELY OPTIMISTIC too. Welcome to the 2025 MASH Conference: Bravely Optimistic!

If you have not already heard it, seen it, or felt it, we appreciate your attendance, from the bottom of our hearts! There would be no conference without you. It is each of us, together, that make our community stronger. We believe in the richness of experiences gathered here to in this space with us today. Y'all have so much to give to our community whether you realize it or not. And because of that recognition, this year's conference follows the same new format as we came up with in 2023. Instead of speaker panels for participants to attend, we have opted for Table Talks, giving more of a chance for participation and connection between homeschoolers. This is a human library where each person here has some experience that you can check out and learn from their trials and successes.

In 2023, we almost doubled the number of participants for the conference from years prior. This year, we have yet again exceeded the previous year's attendance. With almost every participant representing one family (there are some partners attending from the same household) and with each household representing one or more children; that is truly incredible! We have tweaked this conference here and there from the last one but would love more feedback on what worked, what could be improved and what needs to change.

All in all, we are happy with the present, but we are

Bravely Optimistic

of the future. Enjoy the conference y'all!

With Truly Grateful Hearts,
Michele Merchant and Tiffany Todosichuk
2025 MASH Conference Co-chairs

SCHEDULE

Special Thanks to our MC,
GeNie Baffoe:
Wedding DJ, MC, Dance Instructor,
Hip Hop Educator.
www.dancewgenie.me

READY, SET, CONFERENCE!

- Register at the Welcome Table
- Find a Snack and a Refreshment
- Take a look at the Resource Tables
- Find Your Seat at First Table Talk

WELCOME

10:00AM - 10:30AM

2025 MASH Conference Co-Chairs, Michele and Tiffany want to welcome everyone and introduce our conference theme:

Bravely Optimistic

Senior MASH Advisor, Jennifer Gehman, will open the up with conference by sharing her experiences about bring brave.

There will be a short introduction about the conference format and other details for the day.

① FIRST TABLE TALK

10:30AM - 11:30AM

LUNCH BREAK

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Lunch will be served in the upper gym.
Sit anywhere you would like. Meet someone new. Enjoy!

*Don't forget to thank the chef:
Fellow homeschooler, Richard (pronounced Ree-shard).*

② SECOND TABLE TALK

12:30PM - 1:30PM

BREAK

1:30PM - 2:00PM

Two talks down and one more to go!
Take a break, you deserve it!

③ THIRD TABLE TALK

2:00PM - 3:00PM

IT'S A WRAP

3:00PM - 4:00PM

We will have a homeschool graduate, Daniel McIntyre-Ridd, wrap up the conference with an amazing bow. After his speech, there will be a Q&A session.

We will share our thanks and announce some prizes.

Please feel free to use the rest of the time to make last minute connections with fellow participants and checking out the resource table!

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."
-Amanda Gorman

MESSAGE FROM THE MASH PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2025 MASH Conference!

I'm so glad you're here. Whether you're a seasoned homeschooler, just starting out, or somewhere in between, I want you to know that your presence here matters. This conference is about more than just learning new tools or strategies—it's about connection, sharing our stories, and recognizing that we're all walking this unique journey together.

The theme, *Bravely Optimistic*, feels especially meaningful to me because it speaks to the heart of what it takes to homeschool. It's not just about the choices we make each day, but the quiet bravery it requires to trust our instincts and to carve out a path that's right for our children and families. It takes optimism, too—optimism to face the challenges that inevitably come, knowing that we're shaping something meaningful for the future.

I truly hope that during this conference, you feel the strength and warmth of this community. I hope you find not just new ideas, but a sense of belonging. I hope you leave feeling inspired, supported, and reminded that you are not alone on this journey. The moments of challenge, the questions, and all the victories—they all matter. And they matter here, with people who understand exactly what you're going through.

The Manitoba homeschool community wouldn't be the same without you. The richness of this group comes from the diversity of stories and experiences that each of us brings. It's through sharing, connecting, and supporting one another that we all grow. I'm so deeply grateful for you and the unique gifts you bring to this community.

If this conference inspires you and you feel moved to help us keep this momentum going, please reach out to myself or another MASH board member. We would be honored to have you involved as we continue building a community where everyone truly belongs—where we all support one another in our journeys.

I'm truly excited for the road ahead, and I hope you leave here feeling ~bravely optimistic~ about your own homeschooling path, knowing that you are an essential part of this incredible community.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Chantal Beaudry
MASH President

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“The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become.”
-Heraclitus

TABLE TALKS

TALKING ABOUT LIFE-LEARNING/UNSCHOOLING

Description: Likely you've seen life learning and unschooling in action as your child explores, asks questions and naturally builds on previous knowledge. These child-led educational approaches do not involve a curriculum, rather they involve supporting your child in their desired learning, and trusting that they will learn what they need to know. At this Table Talk, chat with homeschoolers about the benefits and challenges with this educational approach.

NURTURING YOUR HOMESCHOOLER'S PASSIONS

Description: Supporting your child's passions is a wonderful sentiment, but what does it mean? At this Table Talk, we look forward to discussing what your child is excited about and how supporting those interests may look. It can be challenging to support an interest that isn't easily identifiable as providing life skills, but let's delve into how those interests can provide opportunities for growth and mastery.

HOMESCHOOLING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

Description: Homeschooling any child can be a struggle sometimes, but homeschooling children who don't "fit the mould" can provide an extra layer of challenges. At the same time, homeschooling can provide our neurodivergent children with the freedom to develop in their own way. At this Table Talk, we'll talk about the real life struggles and successes of homeschooling students who are neurodivergent.

CREATING CO-OPS AND COORDINATING EVENTS

Description: Are you looking for a community to share experiences with? Do you have an idea for a club that you'd like to create for your kids to play with other homeschooled kids? Would you like to attend field trips with other homeschoolers? How do you go about finding your community? At this Table Talk, we will be discussing these questions and sharing how homeschoolers have created – and kept – their homeschool co-op community alive.

HOMESCHOOLING THE EARLY YEARS

(up to approx. 12 years old)

Description: It is natural to be born with a love of learning. How can you foster this love of learning and help your child(ren) develop a solid foundation for future learning? At this Table Talk, chat with two homeschoolers about the trial and error of developing an early years homeschool plan.

HOMESCHOOLING THE LATER YEARS

(teen years to graduation)

Description: Homeschooling during the teen years comes with unique challenges, such as planning for the future, providing opportunities for engaging with peers, and ensuring that plans are in place if further education (university, college, etc.) is anticipated. At this Table Talk, chat with homeschoolers to hear their experiences, ask your questions and to get inspiration as you homeschool your teen(s).

HOMESCHOOLING MULTIPLE AGES

Description: Homeschooling children of multiple ages can be challenging because there are just so many kids!! Juggling your time to meet the needs of each child and each subject, while dealing with frequent interruptions is a lot. However, it can also allow for unique opportunities like prioritizing teamwork, strengthening family bonds and developing character. At this Table Talk, we look forward to discussing some of the challenges and opportunities when simultaneously homeschooling children of different ages.

HOMESCHOOLING WITH ANXIETY

Description: Has your anxiety prevented you from taking part in homeschooling events or reaching out to fellow homeschoolers? Has it made it challenging to be the homeschooling parent you want to be for your child(ren)? At This Table talk, chat with homeschoolers who live with anxiety, hear about their challenges/successes, share your own (if you'd like) and, hopefully, feel comforted on your homeschooling journey.

"Optimistic leadership is about being brave, kind and courageous as a leader. To be optimistic means knowing that we can overcome anything. The power of being focused on being true and kind to oneself and others is leadership."
- Sonia McDonald

HOMESCHOOL GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

We would like to shine a spotlight on the unique journeys of a few homeschool graduates to help those still on the path find their way.

MAGGIE

HOMESCHOOLED: K to Grade 12 | **GRADUATED:** 2016

CAREER PATH: Vocational Certificate, Bachelor Degree, Entering Workforce, Master's Degree

WHAT DID HOMESCHOOLING LOOK LIKE IN YOUR HOME?

Structured curriculum

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

Being so close to my family for so long.

WERE YOU GLAD YOU WERE HOMESCHOOLED?

Very! It gave me the skills to spend my life doing what I love

WORDS OF ADVICE:

Prioritize supporting and loving your children, everything else will work out!

OLIVIA

HOMESCHOOLED: Grade 1 to 12 | **GRADUATED:** 2012

CAREER PATH: Work Force and Some Secondary Education

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

Working in my father's shop at the age of 11. Having real life experiences in a work environment.

WERE YOU GLAD YOU WERE HOMESCHOOLED?

Yes

WORDS OF ADVICE:

Children learn best when we get out of the way

EMMA FARMER

HOMESCHOOLED: Grade 1 to Grade 11 | **GRADUATED:** 2011

CAREER PATH: Construction Safety Coordinator/
Homeschooling Stay at Home Mom

WHAT DID HOMESCHOOLING LOOK LIKE IN YOUR HOME?

Unschooling system mainly. We were read to, did a very little bit of work books. Mostly played, went to museums, wrote in our journal, completed weekly project (of our choosing) and sometimes presented them to our parents.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

There are so many, to name a few:

- MASH science fair when I made a maze for my rat.
- Playing in the Talent show put on by MASH
- Walking across the street ignoring the school crossing guard.
- Running through the Manitoba Museum on "school days" with my sisters.
- Endless camping and weekday sleepovers.
- Making forts and playing in the garden by the river.

WERE YOU GLAD YOU WERE HOMESCHOOLED?

Absolutely

WORDS OF ADVICE:

Do not rush. Do not worry so much. Kids WILL learn when they want to. Sometimes it takes a while and that is ok. Learning through play and experience is the most rewarding. Let your kids play and take the lead.

"Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practice being brave."
-Mary Tyle Moore

CARLEE FARMER

HOMESCHOOLED: Grade 4 to Grade 12 | **GRADUATED:** 2009

CAREER PATH

A few years after graduation I enrolled at the University of Winnipeg where I received a degree in Environmental Science in the forest ecology stream. I worked a variety of forestry jobs from coastal BC to Northern Manitoba. These were great years spent doing what I loved most, exploring the outdoors. In 2022 me and my husband opened a sawmill company called Urban Lumber. We recycle the cities urban trees removed due to disease or decline that would otherwise be burnt or landfilled. We saw, kiln dry and sell both raw lumber and finished furniture products. I never expected to be a business owner, but have found great fulfillment in it. Since opening we have been able to recycle over 5000 trees. We hope to one day divert the majority of Winnipeg's trees from the landfill to our facility.

WHAT DID HOMESCHOOLING LOOK LIKE IN YOUR HOME?

My parents leaned more towards the life learning approach. We were giving the freedom to pursue whatever interested us. For me that looked like running wild outdoors in the summer, and leaning as much as I could about plants, animals, and nature.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

The countless hours of uninterrupted and uninhibited play with my sisters.

WERE YOU GLAD YOU WERE HOMESCHOOLED?

Absolutely. I had wonderful childhood due in a large part to homeschooling.

JOSH FRIESEN

HOMESCHOOLED: Grade 1 to Grade 6 | **GRADUATED:** 2008

CAREER PATH: One Year College, Apprenticeship in Trades, Now Own Home Building Company and Homeschooling Dad

WHAT DID HOMESCHOOLING LOOK LIKE IN YOUR HOME?

I was originally enrolled in public school for grade 1. They went on strike, so mom pulled me out of school (i also cried all the way to and from school every day) and home schooled me. I was schooled in a fairly structured format.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY?

The amount of playing and unstructured learning my brother and I did. Free time galore, spending time with parents, getting to do things out of season or while kids are in school.

WERE YOU GLAD YOU WERE HOMESCHOOLED?

Yes

WORDS OF ADVICE:

As a participant in home school, public school, and private school I would encourage home schoolers to be excited that they are taking control of their own education. They get to learn at their pace, about the things that interest them, and learn in more creative, outside of the box ways. The creativity and ingenuity that comes out of home schooling is wonderful and exciting. Keep on being excited about learning, nobody can teach you that!

“Being brave isn’t the absence of fear. Being brave is having that fear but finding a way through it.”
-Bear Grylls

MEET THE LIAISON OFFICERS



Manitoba Homeschooling Liaison Officers monitor and support homeschooling families. We are all certified teachers with diverse backgrounds in education including homeschooling, overseas, urban and rural schools with 20 years total experience in the Homeschooling Office. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about homeschooling and welcome all phone calls, emails and visits.

Common questions we assist parents with are resource considerations, high school programming, applying to post-secondary, providing copies of reviewed forms and recommendations for assessments for academics and special learning needs. Please reach out to us at any point in your homeschooling journey.

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ASK YOUR LIAISONS

Some of your questions came up so frequently, we went straight to the source, the Homeschooling Office Liaison Officers. See what they said:

HOW DO YOU APPROACH FILLING IN HOMESCHOOLING FORMS WHEN YOU USE A CHILD-LED/UNSCHOOLING "CURRICULUM"?

The Liaison Officers from the Homeschooling Office encourage parents to call and have a conversation about what they are planning on covering, what interests the students have expressed and how they will cover that content. We would go over resource options and provide samples of forms. Being child-led/child-centered/unschooling does not mean parents are not planning and finding resources to cover interests and challenge student learning. Parents are legally required to cover the four mandated subject areas. Saying: "My student has no interest in math," does not exempt them from having a math program that meets equivalence. Parents have the responsibility to provide the Homeschooling Office with a program outline for each mandated subject area describing their overarching plan, naming their main resources and demonstrating they are meeting the requirement of equivalence. If, along the way, they change topic (like they started with volcanoes and moved to earth's crust in science) or resources (like they tried Saxon math and decide to switch to Jump math), they would report that in the appropriate progress report and detail their new plan for learning. A conversation with a Liaison Officer is the optimal way to ensure a program outline for child-centered learning meets equivalence.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR HOMESCHOOL "GRADUATES"? HOW CAN YOU PREPARE FOR THE POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION PROCESS?

The Homeschooling Office recommends parents start visiting postsecondary institutions with their 16-year-old student. It is important to become aware of the programs the student might be interested in applying for. Ask the admissions office what the requirements for admission would be for those programs. Whatever the admission requirements might be, the student would then have a few years, grades 11 and 12, to meet the needed requirements and prepare for the admissions process. For example, a student interested in entering vocational studies, like to become an electrician, might need to have the Manitoba Curriculum grades 11 and 12 math on their student transcripts. If that's the case, the student has options to ensure those math courses are completed. The Liaison Officers at the Homeschooling Office would explain the high school options available to help the student meet admission requirements. Some of these options may have fees, like online high school courses cost \$350 per course. Because the process is specific to each student, we recommend calling your Liaison Officer to walk through possible pathways for the student.

THE MASH ADVISORY TEAM

Chantal Beaudry



President

Chantal and her husband Richard unschool, carschool, and gameschool their two kids by following their interests, supporting their curiosities, and throwing in some formal math for good measure.

Her favorite part of homeschooling (other than not waking up early to move about in a panic five days a week) is the learning alongside her kids. (History podcasts, YouTubing bedtime's deep questions the following day, and LEGO challenges are her family's current top 3 methods of learning)

Her library books largely consist of texts on how humans learn, how the brain works, neurodivergence, and nature play.

Outside of homeschooling, Chantal works as a flight attendant and enjoys crossword puzzles, charcuterie boards, and color-by-numbers.

She joined the MASH board to be an advocate for home education in all its forms, and to help cultivate the necessary community for those who choose this journey.

**Mandy Johnson
Renaud**



Vice-President

Mandy is a home educating mom of three kids, a small business owner, and an advocate for inclusivity. With public school backgrounds Mandy and her husband, Chris, never intended on homeschooling. Once their kids were born and they witnessed the magic that is child lead learning, they were all in. Mandy and Chris unschool their kids and love to learn right along with them. Mandy strives to ensure that her children have the learning environment that fits them best and seeks out the resources to make it happen. Her favorite homeschooling resources are Julie Bogart of Brave Learner and Issy of the Stark Raving Dad Blog.

Mandy loves the peers/friends that she and her children have found through MASH and now in her 8th year of home educating she wants to give back and help to foster community in Manitoba.

Michele Merchant



Secretary

Michele likes to ask questions and know why. When her eldest son wasn't thriving in preschool, she began asking questions about alternatives and found homeschooling. She began as a school-at-home type homeschooler, but through her research and through trial-and-error, she feels that child-led learning is the best fit for her two sons (and herself). She is still going through her own deschooling process and has found online resources such as "Happiness is Here" and "Lucy AitkenRead" to be so helpful in her journey.

In these 9+ homeschooling years, she has found comfort in knowing the MASH community is here for support, and is excited for the opportunity to be part of it.

Gina Friesen



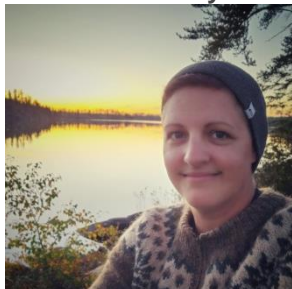
Treasurer

Gina is a homeschooling mom of 3, though she used to say she "would never homeschool." Once her oldest child was close to kindergarten age, she started to reconsider. Gina and her husband Josh love the family time, flexibility, and slower pace home education provides. Gina is a photographer on the side, is passionate about outdoor learning/living, the importance of play, and finding ways that each individual child can find joy in learning. She is proud of how much she has learned in her 5 years of homeschooling so far, and is excited to continue to learn with her kids.

Gina is extremely thankful for the amazing homeschool community her family has found in MASH, and is excited to have an opportunity to be part of helping the community continue to thrive.

THE MASH ADVISORY TEAM

Allison Hay



Board Member

Allison strives to be curious and when the pandemic hit, she saw it as an opportunity to get curious about homeschooling her kiddo, who at that time was in grade 2. She left the fast paced world of music therapy at St. Amant and opened an online music teaching studio so that she could work from home and homeschool full time. She is curious about intertwining attachment theory and education and while she and her son spend as many of their days outside and in nature as possible, they also enjoy the vast digital landscape and endless possibilities of the digital world. Fast forward 3 years and Allison has found a soft landing place within the MASH community, enjoying the weekly Mash-ups, the incredible camping weeks at Bird's Hill, and the connectedness found from participating in the fall conference.

In the fall of 2023, Allison joined the MASH board and has been enjoying taking a more active role in the homeschooling community.

Savita Bawa



Board Member

Savita Bawa brings over 15 years of seasoned expertise in human resources, collaborating directly with executive teams to cultivate people strategies congruent with organizational objectives. Serving as Human Resource Manager, Savita oversees leadership development, succession planning, team dynamics, occupational health and safety, strategic initiatives, and customized HR solutions.

Currently, as co-owner of My Gym, Savita brings nearly a decade of dedicated experience in catering to children, parents, governmental entities, and diverse stakeholders.

As an business owner, we could prioritize our children's well-being and education. Homeschooling offers a tailored approach to learning that can really allow our children to excel in their areas of interest. Creating a safe and nurturing environment is crucial for optimal learning and development. By homeschooling, we have the flexibility to focus on our children's individual needs and interests, fostering a love for learning without the distractions that can sometimes arise in traditional school settings.

Rachelle Pinto



Board Member

Rachelle has homeschooled her 3 kids for 6 years. She would describe her homeschooling style as eclectic because she loves gathering wisdom from as many different sources as possible. She has seen the power of interest led learning and has so much fun following the rabbit trails of her kids' passions.

Rachelle loves gardening, beekeeping, volunteering as a Scout leader, and her work at the YMCA.

Rachelle and her kids joined MASH two years ago and they have enjoyed all the support and great events that have enriched their homeschool journey. She joined the board last fall to help MASH grow and support more homeschoolers in the community.

Gillian Moore



Board Member

Gillian and her husband Adam have six kids ranging from highschooler to toddler. Homeschooling since the beginning, she follows a relaxed Charlotte Mason approach that's informed by her deep trust in her children's ability and innate desire to learn. Between some specific learning disabilities and a couple different neurodiverse kids, she's accidentally become very interested in all things brain science. Between homeschooling, homemaking, and volunteering, she tries to make time for her favourite hobby: reading and listening to audiobooks.

Tiffany Todosichuk



Board Member

Born and raised in Texas, Tiffany was never a fan of the cold. After falling in love with a Manitoban, she warmed up to the idea. Tiffany left a corporate job to join her husband, Mike, in his small business. Once there were 3 children under 4, Tiffany became fulltime caretaker while Mike became an independent contractor of Todo Reno. The idea of homeschooling started to grow on them for many reasons: growing lifelong learners, family bonding, character building, flexibility in schedule, etc. Homeschooling has been an ever evolving mishmash of ideas that changes with the family as personalities unfold and various connections are made.

In joining the advisory board, Tiffany hopes to learn a little, help a little and create a bit of community.

PAST EVENTS

MASH puts on a few events every year and helps to promote other events put on by the community that may interest homeschoolers. Here are a few of the events from the past year:

- MASH Workshop: Playful Families - Foundations for Learning (March 2024)
- MAD Science Workshop: Fantastic Flights (April 2024)
- Meet the Manitoba Homeschooling Office (May 2024)
- MASH End-of-Year Picnic (June 2024)
- 2024 Kindergarten Graduation
- MASH Spring Camping Week (June 2024)
- MASH Fall Camping Week (September 2024)
- MASH Not-Back-to-School-Picnic (September 2024)
- Birds Hill Park - Junior Naturalist Homeschooling Program (September-December 2024)
- Homeschool Day on the Farm (October 2024)
- Earth Explorers Youth Market (October 2024)
- MASH Parents Night Out (October 2024)
- MASH Community Holiday Party (December 2024)

Visit our **Website** for the latest MASH events,

<https://manitobahomeschool.ca/>

OR join our **Facebook Groups** for more events and discussions:

Manitoba Association for Schooling at Home (MASH)

Want to get involved?

MASH is a group of volunteers trying to support Manitoba homeschoolers to homeschool.

Our meetings are open to any MASH member as long as our meeting space can accommodate it. Please let us know prior to a meeting if you would like to join.

We meet the 2nd Wednesdays of each month from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Location is at a board room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look out for these upcoming events:



Community Support

Want to support the homeschool community but do not feel the MASH Board fits? We are always looking for volunteers to help in different ways. Email us if that volunteer is you.

Contact

If you have any comments or suggestion for MASH, please feel free to email us at info@manitobahomeschool.ca

- MASH Winter Fun Day (March 3, 2025)
- MASH Ask Me Anything Facebook Live (TBD)
- MASH End-of Year Picnic (June 2025)
- MASH Camping Weeks
 - o Planning will begin in March
 - o Reserve campsite in April
 - o Spring Camping Week (June 2025)
 - o Fall Camping Week (September 2025)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Some events are weekly events:

- Tuesday Homeschool Community Meet-Up
- Stick 'n' Puck
- TEEN Meet Ups at the Forks

You can look on our website (manitobahomeschool.ca) for more details about these and any events OR ask a MASH Advisory Team Member.

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SWIM ACADEMY

Aqua Essence is a private swim school with over 20 years of business in Winnipeg! We teach the Ready, Set, Swim Curriculum, which focuses on teaching from where an individual swimmer is at, making sure to move forward with skills that are ready and spending more time on skills that need it! Daytime lessons are always available!

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BOOKS BY PAMELA RAYNER MOORE



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"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."
-Xun-Zi

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"Optimism is radical. It is the hard choice, the brave choice."
-Guillermo del Toro

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“Optimism is essential to achievement and the foundations of
courage and true progress.”
-Nicholas M. Butler

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“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”
-Helen Keller

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See Other Side

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Winnipeg Library - Visit the library or use their online resources

<https://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/>

Libby App for your phone or tablet is a helpful app to utilize your library card to check out digital books, both written and audio.

Education and Early Childhood Learning in Manitoba

This is the government website about homeschooling.

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/planning.html>

Cathy Duffy Review - This site gives a good idea what most curriculum is like before you buy it so see it might be a good fit for you.

<https://cathyduffyreviews.com/#>

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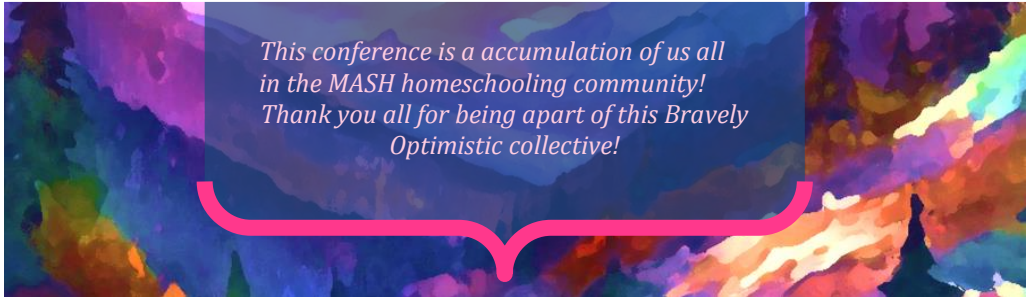
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