

The Willow Grove

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Principal's Message

The weather outside is cold, snow, and more snow. It's times like these when people seem to be looking out for each other a little bit more. Whether it means helping shovel someone's sidewalk, or pushing somebody's car out of a snowbank, we are all in this together.

I think Home Education is similar in that it is more successful when family, friends and others offer helping hands to enable us to reach our educational goals. We are not alone on this journey; there are good people just like yourselves that would be happy to join you on a fieldtrip or a special learning day at your home. I would encourage you to make friends, and look for opportunities to be involved with others in the homeschooling world. Check out our Friends of Willow Facebook page: there seems to be something exciting going on most of the time in the home education world. Get out there and make a difference in the lives of those around you, after all.....you are the best! Remember to have a friend.....you need to be a friend.

I am very excited to welcome our new Education Manager, Olena Russel to the Willow Home Ed team. She will be working with our families in the Edmonton area. She and her husband have 4 children that they homeschool at their home in Edmonton.

Joe Smith
Principal Willow Home Ed

"It's home education, your child's way."



<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>

Upcoming dates

February 26 10 am Outsiders at Storybook Theatre

We still have 2 tickets available for this show which is rated PG and recommended for ages 12+. Tickets are \$16.80 each for parent or student (\$16+GST). Please contact our HEM, Risa Kawchuk, asap at rkawchuk@willowhome.ca if you would like to attend.

March 21 1-3 pm InjaNation

Join us at InjaNation for an afternoon of fun.

Special Homeschooler's rate of \$20.



The Outsiders
at Teach with Movies

<http://www.teachwithmovies.org/guides/outsidere.html>

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Our student spotlight is the place where our students can show what they have been doing; what they are passionate about. If you would like to include something (original art, poetry, short stories, video, articles, etc.) in a future newsletter, please send it to Cindy at cschnee@willowhome.ca. We will showcase one student per month.

Trilobites

Travel to the Tremadocian,
And you will trip on,
Tromping, stomping,
Trick-track tribulations of trilobites.
Trouncing over the sea-bed,
True, they triumphed planetary.
Trilobites aren't much trouble:
Trilogies of Triarthrus, Trimerus and Trinia.
Try to look for trilobites today?
No luck!
Trumped by the Triassic.
By Daegan Kovacs



FIELD TRIP REVIEW

A great big thank you to the 25 Willow Home Ed students and their parents who joined us at the Westside Recreation Centre in January. Students had fun riding the waves, playing in the Splash Zone, floating down the lazy river, and of course speeding down the waterslide. Parents alternated between playing with their children, and hanging out with other parents in the hot tub. A great time was had by all. We hope to see many of you at Storybook Theatre on February 26th, or at InjaNation on March 21st from 1-3.

USING FILMS FOR LEARNING

Films are a fantastic resource that most students enjoy and there are many available at the library as DVDs and digital formats (see below Kanopy and Hoopla). Tumblebook Library has short clips and there are many sites showcasing documentaries. Teach with Movies is a wonderful site dedicated to lesson plans based on movies and films; with before and after reading/watching activities, discussion questions, assignments and assessments.

Kanopy - This is a video streaming service providing thoughtful entertainment aimed at adult viewers. It offers over 30,000 documentaries, classics, international films and training videos, including selections from the Criterion Collection, Great Courses, and Frontline series. 10 checkouts/month at CPL, 5 per month at EPL.

Hoopla - Movies and TV shows. There are lots of titles for younger kids and some of the Great Courses. We checked out the music selection and there is everything from concerts (Pavarotti, Twisted Sister), documentaries (Amy Winehouse, Elvis, Madonna) to World (Irish, Scottish). 3 checkouts/month at CPL. Available at most major libraries.

TumbleBookLibrary - This resource, which was mentioned last month, is worth mentioning again as it provides short clips on various topics. Also available at Learn Alberta (ask your HEM for username and password)

Documentary sites - Documentaries on any number of topics are available from the following sites: Our favourite is <https://topdocumentaryfilms.com/>, but check out <https://www.thebalance.com/free-documentaries-online-1357449> for a list of many other excellent sites.

Teach with Movies - <http://www.teachwithmovies.org/> . This is an invaluable free site for lesson plans based on movies and films.

From the vault (by Ann-Marie)

The Eyeclops has been a favorite in my house for years. We love how easy it is to hook up and view on the TV screen. We've viewed everything from clothing fibers to crystals, and plants to head lice with the 200X magnification. We originally bought it because it's an easier microscope for young kids to use, and all of us can view at the same time. We have kept using it because it's so addictive!

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B01CY8B4UU/ref=s9u_psimh_gw_i2?ie=UTF8&fpl=fresh&pd_rd_i=B01CY8B4UU&pd_rd_r=e10ae65e-fad7-11e7-a97a-9ba70c80a3ad&pd_rd_w=e2sBB&pd_rd_wg=RCiij&pf_rd_m=ATVPDKIKX0DER&pf_rd_s=&pf_rd_r=3T8XXP3RJWBTHNMEDDM9&pf_rd_t=36701&pf_rd_p=1dd2ffc3-992f-4bde-81b0-de270e0ead5a&pf_rd_i=desktop

GLOBAL CALL FOR STUDENT ARTISTS



[Taking It Global](#), a network for young people to learn about and work towards tackling global challenges, is [looking for student art that represents the climate-friendly cities students would like to live in.](#)

Submissions received by March 1 will be considered for exhibition at the 2018 [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) Conference in Edmonton.](#)

[Learn more about this student art opportunity.](#)