

The Willow Grove

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Principal's Message

I recently spent a few days in the Rocky Mountains and I was again reminded of the beauty that surrounds us, and how lucky we are to live in this area of the world. It was a winter wonderland that was full of people enjoying outdoor winter activities such as skiing, skating, snow shoeing, sledding or just walking. Embrace it if you can, and enjoy the last 9 weeks of winter before spring arrives.

We are now finished with all our fall/winter home visits and with the fall resource claim submissions. Because of the teamwork and cooperation of our parents and Home Ed Managers, things went very smoothly. Everyone should have received a statement or a check if you submitted a claim. If you have not received this then please let us know in case there is an address problem.

I am very grateful for families and Home Education Managers that work so hard to ensure that every child at Willow Home Ed can learn, grow and ultimately reach their educational goals.

Joe Smith
Principal Willow Home Ed

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



Upcoming dates

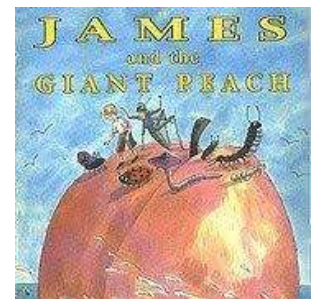
January 24 1:00-3:00 Swimming at Westside Rec Centre (see page 2 for more information)

February 26 10 am Outsiders at Storybook Theatre

We have 37 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 Risa asap at rkawchuk@willowhome.ca indicating how many tickets you would like and she will contact you to arrange payment logistics.

Did you know?

This Roald Dahl website <http://roalddahl.com/create-and-learn/teach/teach-the-stories> offers free lesson plans to go with many of the Roald Dahl stories. The website even includes free quizzes to test your knowledge.



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.

Zakariah Drouin loves the movie Coraline and this painting is his interpretation of the main character.



JOIN US AT THE WESTSIDE REC CENTRE!

A FUN OUTING FOR ALL AGES

Swimming at the Westside Rec Centre **January 24th 1:00-3:00pm**

This indoor pool features a wave pool, lap pool, lazy river, waterslide, hot tub, and steam room. According to their website the waves will be turned on from 12:00-4:00 and the lazy river and waterslide will be open. 4 lanes will also be open in the lap pool.

Daily Drop-in fees

Adult (18+) \$16.00

Senior (65+) \$10.00

Youth (10-17) \$10.00

Family (2 adults & dependent children under 18) \$33.00

Adult & Child (2-9) \$17.00

Add-on Child (2-9) \$5.00

Maximum 4 children per adult.

Swimmers 9 and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult in the water.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult or have completed a Westside orientation.

Visit their website for more information. <http://westsiderec.com/admission>

ADLC HOMEWORK HELPLINE

Did you know that ADLC operates homework helplines outside of regular teaching hours for some Grade 7–12 core courses?

- The English Helpline (for Senior High courses only) runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30–8:30 pm. 1-866-774-5333 ext. 5355
- The Math & Science Helpline (for Junior & Senior High courses) operates Monday to Thursday from 4:45–8 pm. 1-866-774-5333 ext. 5388 Skype: math_science_help_adlc

To learn more about ADLC's homework helplines please check their website:

<https://www.adlc.ca/homework-helplines/>

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

What did the chicken say when she visited the library? Book, book, book! In addition to all of the other amazing resources available at the library, there are still lots of books and if you can't get out to visit a branch in person you can read online. This month we will look at a few different apps for reading books online, many of which are found at most public libraries throughout Alberta.

Overdrive - eBooks and eAudiobooks to read or listen to on your computer, or download to your mobile device. Libby is another app offered by Overdrive.

Hoopla - Audiobooks, ebooks, and comics instantly available to borrow and stream on your browser, smartphone or tablet (iOS 6 and Android 4.0+ or higher). 3 checkouts/month at CPL.

Gale Virtual Reference Research Matters - Full-text and fully searchable e-books, including Business Plan handbooks, Grizmek's Animal Life, DK Eyewitness books, travel guides and more.

Litfinder - Full-text poems, short stories, novels, essays, speeches, and plays, plus biographies, summaries and more.

Read Alberta eBooks - Over 1000 Alberta-published ebooks representing 24 Alberta publishers available to read on the Cantook Station platform.

BookFlix - Animated read-along storybooks and videos for preschoolers and young school-age children.

TumbleBookLibrary - Animated read-along story books, and games for young children. Categories include graphic novels and math stories amongst others. Many of our favourite math readers such as the Sir Cumference series are here and you do not need a library card number to access this amazing resource.

ENJOY WINTER OUTDOORS IN CALGARY

Outdoor skating is available at the following parks: Prince's Island, Bowness, Carburn, Prairie Winds, Thomson Family, Big Marlborough as well as Olympic Plaza (rentals available). Please see the City of Calgary website for hours and more information:

<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Outdoor-skating-rinks.aspx>

Several golf courses in the city (Shaganappi, Confederation, and Maple Ridge) have groomed tracks for **X-country skiing** as do Bowness Park and South Glenmore Park. Check the City's website for more information <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Cross-country-skiing.aspx>. You can also **snowshoe** at any local park. Gear can be rented from SportsRent <http://www.sportsrent.ca/>, Mountain Equipment Coop <https://www.mec.ca/en/explore/gear-rentals> or you can Google "ski rental, Calgary", to find the most convenient outlet.

There are also several clubs that offer Jack Rabbit x-country ski programs:

Foothills Nordic <https://foothillsnordic.ca/program/cross-country-skiing-programs/>

University of Calgary <https://www.ucalgary.ca/ActiveLiving/registration/Browse/All/Cross-Country-Skiing?filters=Outdoor-Centre>

Calgary Ski Club <https://calgaryskiclub.org/cross-country-ski-lessons-jackrabbits-registration-is-open/>

Rocky Mountain Jackrabbits <http://rmjackrabbits.com/membership/>

Let's not forget playing in the snow; building quinzees, snow creatures, feeding the birds, creating snow angels! (<https://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/2992/how-to-build-a-quinzee-snow-shelter/> is a website showing how to build a quinzee.

Parkrun! It's a free timed 5km run, set up every Saturday at 9:00 from the Edgemont parking lot at Nose hill Park. You will never be last in this run as there is a tail runner every week. Please see <http://www.parkrun.ca/nosehill/> for more information.



Creating snow angels



Building a quinzee shelter



Enjoying x-country skiing