

The Willow Grove

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Important Dates

May 1 Deadline for grades 1-9 to register for any courses at ADLC

May 23 Deadline for resource claims

May 30 Deadline for high school course submissions

Field trips/Events

April 30 6:30-8:00 pm Open House (location: Red Deer Public Library 4818 – 49th Street)

May 2 10 am Huck Finn at Storybook Theatre. This show is rated PG and recommended for ages 12+. Tickets are \$16.80 each for parent or student (\$16+GST). For tickets, please contact our HEM Risa Kawchuk at rkawchuk@willowhome.ca

May 3 7 pm Open House and High School Information Night (location: Third Academy)

May 15 1:30 pm The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe play at Trinity Christian School. See newsletter article for more details. Contact HEM Risa Kawchuk (rkawchuk@willowhome.ca) as soon as possible if you would like tickets. First come, first served.

May 22 6:00-7:30 pm Open House (location: Cochrane Public Library)

May 26 Third Academy Gala



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Principal's Message

I recently returned from a trip to China and the Philippines, an adventure with much to see and do. While travelling I visited public schools, private schools, and other learning institutions. I found out that families in those countries do not have the option to educate their children at home, and in many countries have no say at all as to where their children go to school. Here in Alberta we have choices in our children's education that are not common around the world. I am grateful we have freedom of choice and the opportunity to be directly involved in our children's education.

The Willow Home Ed Family is growing and we are happy to announce the hiring of two new Home Education Managers. We would like to welcome Carmen Beck and Guy Campeau. Carmen lives in Cochrane, and Guy in Red Deer, both have experience home educating their own children. We are so excited to have them joining our highly dedicated team.

I want to thank all those who participated in our Willow Open House on April 17th at the Third Academy School. It was very well attended and several families showed interest in joining our program. We have three more open houses coming up: Red Deer on April 30, Calgary on May 3, and Cochrane on May 22. I encourage anyone who has questions, needs support, or just wants to meet our new Education Managers to join us.

I would also like to personally like to invite all families to support Third Academy, our supporting Authority, by attending the 2018 'Honoring a Hidden Hero' Gala on May 26th. Please see the attached information in this newsletter. It's going to be a great evening, supporting a great cause.

Joe Smith

Principal Willow Home Ed

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

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.

Halle Borden, along with the help of two of her teammates, ran a very successful recreational skipping session for homeschoolers this past fall for 10 weeks. They had 21 skippers learn basic skills as well as single rope, double dutch, and a number of creative jump rope games. Surprisingly, we had more boys than girls – which is so wonderful to see in a sport dominated by females!

Halle, being 12 years old at the time, had a chance to learn to be a leader/teacher, share her skills, and become even more passionate about the sport of jump rope. This was an invaluable opportunity for her! She spent hours setting up weekly practice schedules and was truly excited for each week to teach. We received such great feedback from the participants and parents that we will offer this again next year to homeschoolers.

Halle is in her 5th year of jump rope and is a competitive skipper with the Calgary Jump Crew. She had to earn her spot in the Canadian Nationals 2015, 2016 and 2017. Placing 6th place overall in all of Canada in 2017! She also holds the Alberta Record for consecutive double-unders.



Abigail Leech created her art piece "Turtle Family" using water colours and salt to get the water effect and the turtles were created on tinfoil over a patterned board (to give them dimension) and coloured with sharpies.

The tutorial she used came from:

<https://www.deepspacesparkle.com/foil-turtle-and-fish-collage/>

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE PLAY

Risa's son's voice teacher also teaches theatre at a school in SE Calgary, and has offered us at Willow Home Ed an opportunity to see their production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Note that this is a school production in close quarters, and as such, she asks that very small children not be brought if they cannot sit quietly. There is some detailed fight choreography within quite close quarters and they cannot have any wanderers about the space, for safety reasons. The play lasts about 80 minutes, and the performers are in grades 7 through 9.

Please contact HEM Risa Kawchuk (rkawchuk@willowhome.ca) as soon as possible if you would like tickets. First come, first served. Here's the full details:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe play

Tuesday May 15, 1:30pm at Trinity Christian School (#100 295 Midpark Way SE, Calgary), 80 minutes

\$5 per ticket, adult or student. (Note comment about very young children above)

Parking can be found on the street across from the school, limited stalls in the school lot as well, and also at the Wingate Hotel just one block away. All parking is free.

WILLOW FAMILIES ENJOYING SOME ACTIVE TIME AT INJANATION.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- ✚ HEM's need to complete all their high school (for credit) visits by May 15th, so please plan accordingly.
- ✚ May 30 is the deadline for handing in any coursework to be declared for credits this school year.
- ✚ Please see part C – portfolio checklist of our ABC proposal form to complete your portfolio and make sure everything is included. <http://willowhome.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Part-C-Portfolio-checklist-Willow.pdf>
- ✚ Third Academy / Willow Home Ed Graduation will take place on **June 15, 2018**. **For further information and to purchase tickets** for this joint Third Academy / Willow Home Ed event, **please see the form on the last page of this newsletter**. Ann-Marie, Risa and Joe attended the event last year and thought it was lovely: photos of the students' educational journeys were shared over dinner in a silent slideshow, and each graduating student was talked about by teachers, parents, or relatives in touching, amusing, and inspiring anecdotes. Note that this event is open to all grade 12 students, diploma route or non-diploma route. Please send completed form and cheque to Joe, our principal, at josmith@willowhome.ca. Thanks, and we hope to see some of you there!



Third Academy / Willow Home Ed Graduation Ticket Form

What? Graduation Date

When? Friday, June 15th 2018

Where? Deerfoot Inn and Casino (Midnapore Room) <http://deerfootinn.com/>

Key Info:

- * Grad student ticket is paid for by the school and the P.A.C (Parent Advisory Committee)
- * Event starts at 6pm (cocktails), Dinner at 7pm.
- * Each table fits up to 8 people
- * Tickets are on a first come first serve basis
- * Each ticket is \$65
- * Dinner choices will be sent out soon.

I would like to buy _____ tickets to attend graduation on Friday the 15th of June 2018.

***Please make any cheques payable to Third Academy.**



“Yeah, Baby!” Honoring a Hidden Hero

A SPECIAL EVENING IN CELEBRATION OF PETER MAHER
THIRD ACADEMY'S 21ST ANNUAL GALA

SATURDAY MAY 26, 2018 • Cocktails 6 pm • Dinner 7 pm
CALGARY DOWNTOWN WESTIN • 320 4th SW CALGARY



Join Master of Ceremonies Rob Kerr and the Friends of Third Academy for an unforgettable evening as we honor Mr. Peter Maher. Well known by members of Canada's hockey community as the broadcast voice of the Calgary Flames for 33 years, outside of the radio airways Mr. Maher has greatly benefited others through his work with charitable organizations throughout Canada. Mr. Maher has assisted and advocated for those who are often unable to speak for themselves, including children and persons with Alzheimer's. Third Academy calls these individuals who selflessly serve others "Hidden Heros."

We are also delighted to announce that we have a very special guest speaker lined up to help us honour Mr. Maher: National Hockey League executive Mr. Al Coates. As Assistant to the Calgary Flames President, Mr. Coates was there to see the Flames win the Stanley Cup in 1989. Mr. Coates also served as the Flames General Manager from November 1993 through to the end of the 1999-2000 season.

Third Academy assists exceptional children—students with special education needs—in Grades 1 through 12 in specialized educational settings in our elementary and junior/senior high schools. Third Academy teachers and other professional staff do what it takes to help these children succeed in school and in life. Third Academy is a community of Hidden Heros. Join us and Mr. Peter Maher on the evening May 26th as we celebrate the difference Hidden Heros make in the lives of children.

All funds raised at our 21st Annual Gala will be used to support special programming for Third Academy students in celebration of our 2017-2018 School Theme: *Canada 150+: A Voyage of Discovery*.

Individual Tickets: \$200 Each

To purchase tickets, visit us online at thirdacademy.ca/gala/ or contact Renee Rideout at 403-288-5335

As a registered Charity (No. 88694 2085 RR0001), Third Academy issues charitable receipts subject to Revenue Canada regulations. Individual ticket purchasers will receive a charitable donation receipt for the ticket price, less the cost of the meal.

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