

The Willow Grove

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Principal's Message

Although it still looks like winter outside, spring is just around the corner. And with the coming of spring, the world will again begin to turn green as the trees and the grass come back to life. Many will venture back outside to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. I am grateful to live in such a place where we can enjoy the changes that the seasons bring.

We would also like to remind you that we have already started our spring visits. It's time to collect samples of your learning to share with your Home Education Manager. We are excited to share this celebration of learning with you and your children.

Joe Smith
Principal Willow Home Ed

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



<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

Important Dates

Apr 12 Deadline to register for June Diploma Exams on MyPass

May 23 Deadline for resource claims

May 30 Deadline for high school course submissions

Field trips/Events

Apr 17 7pm Open House and High School Information Night (location: Third Academy)

May 2 10am 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 7pm Open House and High School Information Night (location: Third Academy)

May 18 Tyrell Museum Homeschool Day
http://www.tyrellmuseum.com/programs/homeschool_day.htm

Vacations and Closures

Mar 28-Apr 11 Principal Joe Smith will be away from the office.

Mar 25 to Apr 6 HEM Risa Kawchuk will be away from the office.

Please contact HEMs Ann-Marie Sparks at aspark@willowhome.ca or Cindy Schnee at cschnee@willowhome.ca if you require assistance during these periods

Mar 30-Apr 10 School closed. Please plan for any exams at the school for before or after these dates.

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.



Paintings by Leah Morton

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- ✚ The deadline to register for June Diploma Exams is April 12th. Please register using MyPass.
- ✚ Grad photos will take place April 23rd in the Calgary Studio of Lifetouch Canada Inc. Location: 3628 Burnsland Rd SE. Please Book appointment: call **403-255-5440** or online at lifetouch.ca/southernalberta
- ✚ HEM's need to get all their high school (for credit) visits completed 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.
- ✚ 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 a cheque to Joe, our Principal, to 3-510,77 Ave SE, Calgary T2H 1C3. Thanks and we hope to see some of you there!

FIELD TRIP REVIEW

The Outsiders at Storybook Theatre

Many thanks to the nearly 40 Willow Home Ed students, parents and friends who attended Storybook Theatre's matinee performance of *The Outsiders* on February 26th. It was interesting to see how the play was adapted from both the book and the well-known 1983 movie: the fixed stage was a challenge they cleverly worked around, allowing the setting to vary between a drive-in movie, a park (with large fountain), Ponyboy's house, an old church, a hospital, a Dairy Queen and more. Many positive comments were heard afterwards from parents and students alike, saying how much they enjoyed the production and found themselves engrossed in this 1960s world of poor "Greasers" and rich "Socs". After the play, we were treated to a talk-back session with the cast, and several Willow students had their questions answered. We homeschoolers are a curious bunch! ☐

Our next outing to the theatre is Wednesday May 2 for Storybook's *Huck Finn*. The play is rated PG and suggested for ages 12+. For tickets, please contact our HEM Risa Kawchuk at rkawchuk@willowhome.ca. We are also in discussion about getting tickets to a school production of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, a play suitable for all ages, in mid-May. Look for details in next month's newsletter.



The set of Outsiders

GRADE 6 AND 9 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Are you wanting your students to try their hand at writing the Provincial Achievements Tests for their grade? See below, dates of writing. Please contact Joe at (403) 680-5124 or josmith@willowhome.ca to arrange.

RVS Provincial Achievement Test Administration Schedule: May and June 2018

May 2018		
Thursday, May 10	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 - 10:20 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part A
Friday, May 11	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie A

June 2018		
Monday, June 18	9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Social Studies
	9:00 - 10:20 A.M.	Grade 9 Social Studies
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Social Studies
Tuesday, June 19	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) A and B*
	9:00 - 10:30 A.M.	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) A and B**
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Mathematics
Wednesday, June 20	9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Science
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 Science
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E Science
Thursday, June 21	ABORIGINAL DAY	No Tests Scheduled
Friday, June 22	9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B
Monday, June 25	9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
	9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie B

*The Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) A and B is administered over 75 minutes. At the teacher's discretion, students can take a break/recess between Part(ie) A and B and teachers have flexibility regarding the length of the break. Refer to the *Introduction and Revisions* section for specific test administration details.

**The Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) A and B is administered over 90 minutes. At the teacher's discretion, students can take a break/recess between Part(ie) A and B and teachers have flexibility regarding the length of the break.

"We engage all learners through meaningful and challenging experiences, preparing them to understand, adapt and successfully contribute to our changing global community."



Third Academy / Willow Home Ed Graduation Ticket Form

What? Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony

When? Friday, June 15th 2018

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

Key Info:

- * Student Grad student ticket is paid for by Third Academy and the PAC (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.**