

# The Willow Grove

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## Willow Home Ed

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### Principal's Message

It seems like summer has arrived early this year. After a long winter I would encourage you to get outside and get your bodies moving. I know many of you use the out of doors as an extended classroom, this is a wonderful experiential way for your children to learn.

May has been a very busy month for everybody. Resource claims were due on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and we are full steam ahead at processing them. High School courses are due May 30<sup>th</sup>, and our Education managers are actively doing their spring visits with their families. We are also accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 home schooling year. Many families have registered for next year already.

The Willow team has presented three open houses in Calgary and Red Deer, as well as one in Cochrane. They have been a rousing success, with many new families joining us.

We are looking forward to attending the Third Academy Gala on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Each year we honor a special Hidden Hero; this year we will be recognizing Mr. Peter Maher, "Voice of the Calgary Flames".

Be kind to yourself, so you can be happy enough to be kind to the world. - Misha Collins

Joe Smith

Principal Willow Home Ed

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



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

<http://asianheritagecalgary.com/>

### Important Dates

**May 23** Deadline for Resource Claim submissions

**May 26** Third Academy Gala

**May 30** Deadline for high school course submissions

**June 12 11:00-2:00** End of year picnic at Bowness Park. See details below

**June 15 Graduation**

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE PRESENTATIONS FOR 2018 - 19

Our HEM Risa is in the process of organizing tickets to some National Geographic Live shows for the 2018-19 school year. The shows are an hour long, cost \$12/person, and start at 10:15am at the downtown Arts Commons facility. For more details and to take part in the poll to indicate which shows you are interested in, please see the Friends of Willow facebook page, contact your HEM, or send Risa an email at [rkawchuk@willowhome.ca](mailto:rkawchuk@willowhome.ca). Details about these shows, if you haven't yet been to one of these excellent presentations, can be found here: <https://artscommons.ca/arts-commons-presents/national-geographic-live/>

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## 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](mailto:cschnee@willowhome.ca). We will showcase one student per month.

The Fietz and MacDonald families learning about the Olympics



# FIELD TRIP REVIEW

## Huck Finn and Storybook Shows for 2018-19

On May 2, about 35 Willow Home Ed students, and their friends and families attended Huck Finn at Storybook Theatre. It was a very interesting adaptation of Mark Twain's classic novel. There were only 3 actors: Huck, who both acted in scenes and narrated; "Actor 2" who played Jim, the Duke, the Widow, Townfolk and many others; and "Actor 3" who played Tom Sawyer, The King, Pa, and more. There were also 3 musicians to the side of the stage, adding music to create mood or emphasize certain events, and occasionally providing extra bodies when needed, as in the feud or the killing of the pig when Huck faked his death to escape his Pa. One cleverly done scene was when Huck, Jim, the Duke and the King were floating down the river on the raft—quite the feat with only 3 actors! Actor 2 had a hat on his head, and one in a hand behind his back, changing them as he switched between characters. After the play we were again treated to a talkback session with the actors and musicians. The Huck Finn actor shared how difficult his role was, as he was never offstage, saying if his mouth went dry he couldn't duck backstage for water, or how there were no cues for him to make entrances. He had to learn not just his lines but the order of scenes, as his narration provided all the cues for his fellow actors. Highly recommended!

For the 2018-19 year our HEM Risa is arranging tickets to 5 Storybook "student matinee" performances: Goosebumps (musical), A Boy's Own Jedi Handbook (play), 'Twas the Night Before Christmas (musical), What if Romeo and Juliet...(acrobatic movement theatre), and The Giver (play). For dates and prices please see the Friends of Willow facebook page, contact your HEM, or contact Risa Kawchuk at [rkawchuk@willowhome.ca](mailto:rkawchuk@willowhome.ca).

## **IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!**

Join us for some good times at Bowness Park

**Tuesday June 12 from 11:00-2:00**

Come when you can, you won't want to leave!

Bring your picnic lunches and beverages, sunscreen, hats, etc.

Plus any toys you might want to play with such as balls and  
Frisbees

We can play Pokémon Go too!

And wade in the river!

Birdwatching anyone?

**Just look for the Willow banner and your favourite HEMS**

