

# The Willow Grove

December 2018



## Willow Home Ed

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### Principal's Message

As the 2018 year comes to a close, I want to thank all of our families for their hard work, as they learned at home with their children. As we visited your homes we have witnessed so many excellent learning activities and projects this past year. We have also enjoyed rubbing shoulders with you at the many fieldtrips and activities that we have shared together. Many families have also benefited from our Friends of Willow Facebook Page and Willow Grove Newsletter. It seems that we have all helped to create a culture of families that enjoy learning, growing, and sharing together. Thank you all, because you have all had a positive influence in the lives of our children. May you enjoy the upcoming holidays with your friends and loved ones, and may you all find peace and contentment.

Joe Smith

Principal Willow Home Ed

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



# Happy Holidays!

### UPCOMING DATES

**Dec 21** Last day of classes at Third Academy

**Jan 7, 2019** High school course submission deadline

**Jan 7, 2019** Third Academy reopens

### ADLC DATES

**Dec 17 – 21** – ADLC is open, *teachers unavailable.*

**Dec 24 – Jan 1, 2019** – ADLC is closed

**Jan 2 – 4, 2019** – ADLC is open, *teachers unavailable*

**Jan 7, 2019** – ADLC is open, teachers and support staff available as usual

### EDMONTON-AREA

**Dec 7 11-4 pm** - Millennium Place (2000 Premier Way, Sherwood Park) Meet Up-Skating, floor hockey, soccer, swimming, indoor playground and hanging out with homeschool buddies.

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### CALGARY-AREA

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## OUT AND ABOUT IN EDMONTON

**Dec 7 1-2:30pm** – Teen Meet up at Woodcroft Library

**Dec 14 11:30 am** – Get Smart Matinee by MCS Theatre Club \$8/ticket contact [serenarae.stein@epsb.ca](mailto:serenarae.stein@epsb.ca) for tickets

**Dec 17** - Telus World of Science Homeschool Day

**Dec 20** - Downhill Skiing with SHINE contact Karen or [shinedmonton@gmail.com](mailto:shinedmonton@gmail.com) for more information

Lots more activities listed on the Friends of Willow Facebook page!

## FIELD TRIPS IN CALGARY

### KAYKIMA WILDERNESS CAMPS IN BRAGG CREEK

The first two Kaykima workshops at Bragg Creek Provincial Park were a big success. In October, our students worked on knife skills and fire building. At the November workshop they built a lean-to. We meet again on December 3 when the students will learn about winter first aid. The community of learners at Willow Home Ed sure knows how to have fun in the woods!

We have more workshops for our K- grade 5 learners scheduled for January 23, February 27, and March 20. If you would like to join, please email Carmen Beck at [cbeck@willowhome.ca](mailto:cbeck@willowhome.ca).



## STORYBOOK THEATRE AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

We have organized group tickets to several shows for the 2018-19 year. For tickets, please contact our HEM Risa Kawchuk at [rkawchuk@willowhome.ca](mailto:rkawchuk@willowhome.ca). Your student's ticket(s) are eligible for reimbursement from your homeschool funding. Receipts will be provided. Following are the shows and available tickets at this time. **NEW: Risa will take "waitlist" names for sold out shows, as we sometimes have people unable to attend shows they bought tickets for.**

**Fri Dec 14 10am** Storybook Theatre's *'Twas the Night Before Christmas - musical*. Rated G, recommended for ages 6+ at Vertigo Theatre. Sold Out.

**Mon Jan 28 10:15am** National Geographic Live's *Search for Life Beyond Earth*. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. 2 tickets available, \$12/each.

**Wed Feb 6 10am** Storybook Theatre's *What if Romeo and Juliet...- acrobatic movement theatre*. Rated G, recommended for ages 8+ at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. 7 tickets available, \$16.80/each.

**Fri Mar 1 10am** Storybook Theatre's *The Giver – play*. Rated G, recommended for ages 10+ at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. 7 tickets available, \$16.80/each.

**Tues Apr 23 10am** Storybook Theatre's *Return to Treasure Island – musical*. Rated G, recommended for ages 6+ at Beddington Arts Centre. Sold Out.

**Tues May 7 10:15am** National Geographic Live's *Adventures among Orangutans*. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. Sold Out.

## REVIEW OF GOOSEBUMPS THE MUSICAL: PHANTOM OF THE AUDITORIUM

By Jono Robinson, age 9

During the Goosebumps production I felt very not scared at all! I also really liked the acts, and when my mom got scared when one of the actors jumped in front of her. I liked when the girl fainted, when Brian came out as the Phantom.

**To have your review of a show included in a future newsletter, send to [rkawchuk@willowhome.ca](mailto:rkawchuk@willowhome.ca).**

## WINTER SCIENCE



Chase the winter blues away on the coldest days by adding a little light and colour. Turn a science experiment into art! Fill helium-quality balloons with water, add a few drops of food colouring, and set them outside to freeze. (How many drops of food colouring does it take to get the look you want? How long does it take to freeze? Does the time vary based on the size? Do they freeze better at night? How long does it take them to melt?) Once frozen, peel away the balloon and check out your pretty frozen orb. For an amazing sight, place them over a strand of plain white lights! For more fun variations on this theme, visit: <https://www.twincities.com/2017/01/06/winter-bling-pour-colored-water-into-balloons-freeze-em-peel-em/>

### FROSTY WINTER WINDOWS

Why draw the blinds when it gets dark outside so early as the Winter Solstice approaches? Instead, create frosty, snowy windows with tissue paper.

Cutting through six layers of paper in order to create snowflakes is hard for young hands to do. If you use white tissue paper instead, it is much easier to cut through, and it is easier for everyone to cut more complex designs too.

Trace various sizes of plates onto tissue paper, and then cut out to give a round template to start with. Next, fold the circle in half twice, and then into thirds so the snowflake will have 6 sides.

Once you have created dozens of snowflakes, stick them all over a large window with double sided tape so you have some art to look at - and so do the neighbours - the flakes almost seem to glow at night. The snowflakes also create some frosty privacy which is much nicer than drawing the blinds to the winter wonderland