

# The Willow Grove

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## Principal's Message

I want to thank you all for making this year a success, Willow Home Ed is growing rapidly, and I think it is because of our families and Education Managers working so hard and so well together. We recently hired another Education Manager to help us serve the ever growing number of new students. We would like to welcome Nicole Schumm to the Willow Home Ed family. We are excited for her to share her wealth of experience and knowledge with families in the coming year.

I would like to invite the Jr & Sr High students to join us on a 3 day fieldtrip to The Columbia Ice Fields and Banff in September. The scenery is breathtaking and the activities will be fun. See the information attached.

As we finish up with the end of another Home Education year of learning, we reflect back on everything we have learned, how far we have come, the new friendships we have made, and the good times we have enjoyed. I congratulate all our students for shining a little brighter, trying a little harder, and pushing themselves to try something new. For those graduating we recognize your accomplishments and wish you all the best that life has to offer. Enjoy your journey as you move forward to the next phase of your life. To the rest of our students we look forward to seeing you in September for another year of learning and growing together.

I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with adventure, relaxation and peace.

Joe Smith  
Principal Willow Home Ed

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



## IMPORTANT DATES

**July 5** School closes

**Aug 20** Deadline for registering for Ice Fields trip

**Aug 27** School office reopens

**Sept 11 7 pm** Willow Home Ed Open House at Third Academy

**Sept 12** Last day to order tickets to Storybook Theatre's production of Goosebumps (performance Wed Oct 24 at 10am at Beddington Community Art Centre). Contact HEM Risa Kawchuk for details at [rkawchuk@willowhome.ca](mailto:rkawchuk@willowhome.ca)

**Sept 14-15** Inspired Homeschool conference being held at Fort Calgary. Several of our HEMs will be in attendance. For tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/inspired-homeschooling-conference-2018-tickets-38712090906>

**Sept 22-24** Ice Fields trip

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

George Boyt with his K'nex creations.





# SOME PHOTOS FROM THE YEAR END PARTY AT BOWNESS PARK





# Willow Home Ed

## **Banff/Jasper National Park Fieldtrip September 22-24 2018**

Join us this September on a three day (two night) field trip to the Banff and Jasper National Parks. We are offering this excursion to Willow Home Education students registered in Grades 7 through 12 for the 2018-2019 School Year. Students will be supervised by Willow Home Ed Principal Joe Smith and our Home Education Managers. Our itinerary includes hiking, campfires, a tour of the Athabasca Glacier on a world famous Ice Explorer, swimming at the Banff Upper Hot Springs, an opportunity to make friends with other home educated students their own age, and much more.



**What is included:** Transportation, park fees, accommodation for 2 nights at Hosting International's Mosquito Creek Wilderness Hostel (including bedding), all food (with the exception of the first day's lunch and Monday's lunch in Banff), hikes and other activities, Columbia Icefield Glacier Adventure Tour, and admission to the Banff's Upper Hot Springs Pool.

**Cost:** Three Day Trip: \$175 (Value of trip exceeds \$400). The total cost of the trip can be deducted from your 2018-2019 resource claim.

**Transportation:** Students will be transported by school bus. We will pick up students at 2 locations in Calgary (SW & NW) and Cochrane.

**Credits:** Time spent on hikes and other physical activities can be applied to Physical Education credits.

Email [josmith@willowhome.ca](mailto:josmith@willowhome.ca) today for an information and registration package.

**We can only accommodate 30 students on this trip. These spaces will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis upon Willow Home Ed's receipt of completed registration forms. Register early to avoid disappointment. Our registration deadline is August 20, 2018. While we anticipate all spaces will be taken, Willow Home Ed reserves the right to cancel if interest is not sufficient.**