

The Willow Grove

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Principal's Message

Spring is here at last! We all look forward to the arrival of warmer weather, green trees, and the opportunity to enjoy more outdoor activities.

I would like to make our families aware that we at Willow Home Ed have made an application for a new school, Willow Academy. We are doing this to be able to offer our families more support in their children's programming needs. If approved, we would be able to offer Shared Responsibility and Online Education to our Willow families as well as our regular Traditional Self-Directed program.

We plan to begin these programming supports and services starting in September 2019. Because of the upcoming election, the approval process with Alberta Education has been delayed. We have already passed the first stages of the approval process and are optimistic that we will get approved. This means that we will need to accept registrations in May and June 2019 to be ready for a September start up. We will be posting registration information May 1, 2019.

If any of you have questions regarding these new programming options I welcome you to give me a call.

Joe Smith

Principal Willow Home Ed

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



UPCOMING DATES

EDMONTON-AREA

Apr 12 1 pm IMAX Movie at Telus World of Science

Apr 17 6-8 pm SHiNE Homeschool Board Panel

Apr 26 1:30-4 pm Swimming at Clareview Recreation Centre

CALGARY-AREA

Apr 16 12-2 pm: Kaykima Torch Making

May 1 7:00-8:30 pm Willow high school information night at Third Academy

HIGH SCHOOL

Apr 12 Deadline to register for diploma exams.

Apr 23 Willow graduation photos by Lifetouch in their Calgary studios.

WILLOW INFO SESSIONS

Apr 3 6:30-8:00 pm Airdrie Public Library

Apr 16 6:30-8:00 pm Okotoks Public Library

Apr 25 7:00-8:30 pm Strathmore Civic Centre - Chuck Mercer Room

Everyone welcome, so please invite your homeschooling friends!

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.

RESOURCE CLAIMS

The deadline for spring resource claims is May 23 for June 30 payout. We want you to get your full payment of \$835.40, and will keep reminding you, so please help us at this busy time, and get your claims in as soon as possible. You can mail or take into the school at Willow Home Ed. 3, 510-77 Ave SE, Calgary, T2H 1C3, or give to your Home Education Manager at your spring visit if it happens before the deadline. The resource claim form can be found on our website: [Willow Resource Claim 2018-2019](#).

A few reminders:

- Verify that receipts are eligible for reimbursement using the [Standards for Home Education Reimbursement](#). Original receipts are required.
- Submit one claim form per family. **All items claimed must be on your program plan(s)**. Attach your program plan(s), updating if required.
- Tape small receipts to a standard 8.5x11 sheet of paper. A short clarifying note is appreciated. e.g., “Printer paper” or “ingredients for lasagna”.
- Record one receipt per line. Do not list individual receipt items unless items belong to different claim categories.
- **Keep copies of all receipts and claim forms for your files.**
- If you need assistance, please ask your HEM.

EDMONTON “FIELD TRIP FRIDAYS”

April 12 1pm IMAX Movie at Telus World of Science – D-Day: Normandy 1944 IMAX (40min PG)

April 26 1:30-4pm Swimming at Clareview Recreation Centre

OUT AND ABOUT IN EDMONTON

April 15 Telus World of Science Home School Day – lots of classes left

April 17 6-8pm SHiNE Homeschool Board Panel MAC Centre 6104 172 Street NW

FIELD TRIPS IN CALGARY

KAYKIMA

There are Spring Kaykima workshops booked for our students in grades K-5. The sessions cost \$15 per person, and are all located at Bragg Creek Provincial Park. If you would like to sign your student up please email: cbeck@willowhome.ca

April 16 12-2pm: Torch Making

May 14 12-2pm: Orienteering

June 11 12-2pm: Summer Foraging

STORYBOOK THEATRE AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

The two remaining shows are Storybook Theatre's *Return to Treasure Island – musical* on April 23 and National Geographic Live's *Adventures among Orangutans* May 7. Both shows are sold out! If you missed out, but would like to attend, watch our Friends of Willow Facebook group. Sometimes families have a change of plans and are looking to sell their tickets.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION RESOURCES

Truth and Reconciliation can be a meaningful part of your homeschool journey, but it can be tricky to know where to start. Here are a couple of excellent free resources to help.

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has a fantastic free online resource called [It's Our Time: The AFN Tool Kit](#), available at www.afn.ca/education/toolkit

This resource includes lots of classroom resources, appropriate for homeschool settings across multiple ages, as well as "Plain Talks" available on iTunes and as PDF's that introduce learners to lots of topics related to Indigenous peoples, from treaties to languages.

EdCan Network has also published an excellent article on incorporating Truth and Reconciliation into classrooms, also applicable to homeschool environments. Please see:

<https://www.edcan.ca/articles/truth-reconciliation-classroom>

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The deadline to register for June Diploma Exams is **April 12**. Please register using MyPass.

Willow Graduation Photos will be taken by Lifetouch on **April 23** in their Calgary studios. 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 15**, 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 Ceremony will take place on **June 28th** at Deerfoot Inn. For further information and to purchase tickets for this joint Third Academy / Willow Home Ed event, contact Joe at josmith@willowhome.ca. 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Petty Officer First Class Liam Deuel has been in Sea Cadets for three and a half years, starting at the age of thirteen. Having worked his way through the ranks, Liam is now the highest ranking cadet in RCSCC 360 Erratic, the official Okotoks Sea Cadet Corps. This past October, Liam had the opportunity to spend a week on-board a Navy training vessel off the coast of Vancouver Island.

Liam was chosen from hundreds of sea cadets across the country to become one of thirty-two youth on the seamanship deployment. He had just completed a six week summer camp for seamanship, so this made him an ideal candidate. The deployment consisted of six full days of training on one of two Orca class training vessels. During the training, the cadets rotated through many positions to utilize the skills they had learned during their summer camp.

Each day started with “slipping the ship”, with two cadets untying the ship from the dock. After the ship left the dock, the two remaining cadets took a zodiac power boat to the ship out at sea. Throughout the day, the cadets took turns participating in various jobs including:

- Helmsman-the cadet who navigates the ship
- Port/Starboard Watch-the cadets who look out for potential collision objects
- Life Buoy Sentry-the cadet who watches out for man overboard
- Officer of the Watch-the cadet responsible for ensuring everyone is where they are supposed to be
- Navigator-the cadet responsible for charting the course

As well as the jobs on board, the cadets practiced scenarios such as fire drills, hull damage, man overboard and rudder control breakdown. At the end of the day, the cadets docked the ship, which required two cadets to arrive ahead of the ship to catch the ropes needed to secure the ship to the dock.

The final job of the evening was night watch. This job required two cadets to patrol the ship to make sure everyone was in bed and everything on the ship was secure.

Liam enjoyed his time on the Orca and looks forward to being considered for future special training assignments. For now, Liam will continue participating in weekly cadet training as well as extra training weekends throughout the year. He is looking forward to another camp this summer or possibly the opportunity to attend camp as a staff cadet.



Liam working as Helmsman



The Orca

For more information about the group please visit their Facebook page at [360 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Erratic](#)



SPRING CLEANUP!

As the weather warms and snow recedes, we see what has been left behind over the long, cold winter: food wrappers, coffee cups, old flyers, other garbage, and dog droppings. What can we do to help? Many communities are organizing volunteer clean-up efforts. These can be fun to join! We can also challenge ourselves, our family and our friends to pick up one piece of litter and properly dispose of it every time we go out. If we are dog owners and have an extra poop bag, we can help our canine friends be more welcome in our communities by picking up a little something extra as well! We want our children to become responsible citizens. By encouraging them to pick up litter, we will all help make our communities places where we're all proud to live.

\$\$\$ ~ STOCK MARKET MATH OR BUILD A BUSINESS ~ \$\$\$

It's that time of year when students may want to try something new. A mini unit on stock market math and business development might be something fresh to try before we can all get outside more again.

Biz Kids is a fun and easy to use business program for elementary and junior high kids. It has lessons, start up planning, advertising ideas and some videos for budding young entrepreneurs who are starting up their own business.

<http://bizkids.com/>

Here are the resources:

<http://bizkids.com/business-resources>

For students who want to dabble in the stock market, How the Market Works is used by high school and junior high students in business classes to learn the ins and outs of the stock market, and to see if they could potentially make any money at it. There are games, lessons, and some complex math so parental help may be needed with younger students.

<https://www.howthemarketworks.com/>

There is also an area for educators, with resources, that could easily be adapted for homeschooler use:

<https://education.howthemarketworks.com/classroom/>

Have fun making money, virtual or not!