

The Willow Grove

May 2019



Willow Home Ed

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Principal's Message

I would like to let our Willow community know that we have made an application with Alberta Education to open a new school. We are confident that we will be granted approval for our new school. This new school will allow us to provide our families with more programming options. We plan to add Shared Responsibility programming as well as an Online Virtual School.

A Shared Responsibility School would mean that some of your child's courses would be delivered to them at the school, by a certified teacher. The remainder of their courses would be taught at home. An online Virtual School would mean your child would be able to take courses taught by a certified Teacher online. As well you would have the option to sign up for extra help in the way of an online tutor to assist your child through their courses.

We are currently working very hard to prepare to start this new programming in September 2019. This means that it is time to accept registrations. Registration forms are being prepared now, and will be made available to our families this month. If you think you may be interested in Shared Responsibility or Online Learning next year, please give me a call and I can share more information with you.

Joe Smith

Principal Willow Home Ed

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



UPCOMING DATES

May 23 deadline for resource claims

ADLC

June 24 all work needs to be submitted into ADLC by this date to ensure marking is completed by June 30.

EDMONTON-AREA

May 8 Citadel Theatre - The Tempest
May 10 1:30-4:00 swimming Clareview Recreation Centre

May 31 1:30 -4:00 picnic in Churchill Square at noon and visit to Royal Alberta Museum

CALGARY-AREA

May 14 12-2 pm Orienteering with Kaykima

HIGH SCHOOL

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

May 30 deadline for submitting portfolios for self-directed courses.



As we plan for next year, and reflect on the activities, outings and field trips organized by Willow over the past year, we welcome your suggestions for what you'd like to see/do next year. Please pass your ideas on to your HEM

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”

May 8 Citadel Theatre - The Tempest - Contact HEM Karen for tickets at

May 10 1:30-4:00 Swimming Clareview Recreation Centre

May 31 1:30 -4:00 Picnic in Churchill Square at noon and visit to Royal Alberta Museum

OUT AND ABOUT IN EDMONTON

May 6 Telus World of Science Homeschool Day

May 8 and 9 Skills Canada Try a Trade at Expo Centre

FIELD TRIPS IN CALGARY

KAYKIMA

At our April Kaykima Outdoor Camp we had 15 Willow Home Ed students from grades K-5 at Bragg Creek Provincial Park making torches. The students learned how to find natural materials and how to safely use knives to make these torches. They also had a great time playing tag and hide and seek in the woods together. Join us at our next workshops, Tuesday May 14 (Orienteering) and Tuesday June 11 (Summer Foraging), 12-2pm, \$15/student. To register email cbeck@willowhome.ca

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

The last remaining show is National Geographic Live's *Adventures among Orangutans* May 7. This show is 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.



Torch making at Kaykima

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

May 30 is the deadline for handing in any self-directed coursework to be declared for credits this school year.

Third Academy / Willow Home Ed Graduation Ceremony will take place **June 28**. For further information and to purchase tickets for this joint Third Academy / Willow Home Ed event, contact Joe at josmith@willowhome.ca. Note that this event is open to all grade 12 students, diploma route or non-diploma route.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Willow Home Ed is proud to have **Cruz Mann** representing us in the Calgary Invitational Elementary Spelling Bee. Please watch for Cruz Saturday, June 1st at 10:30 am on CTV.

Congratulations to **Rhett Udsen**, a Willow Home Ed student who is currently performing as Billy in Theatre Calgary's Billy Elliott. If you would like to catch one of Rhett's shows, he will be performing the evenings of May 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th, and 9th, and the 2:00p pm performances on May 11th & 12th.

Radio - <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-97-the-homestretch/clip/15686607-theatre-calgary-launches-billy-elliott-with-impressive-young-calgary-talent?fbclid=IwAR2JcRHJx2ez040udTH1Bffb8jiIB7zaSMwrZ5DG2fstWZ97AzdXPOAc4cE>

Global News - https://globalnews.ca/news/5099831/billy-elliott-the-musical-calgary-leads/?fbclid=IwAR17bWcRE8XiZ9B8jvx5OoZmZw0FawxCHvYDxqNNBLLe_vbfGYB16xal3t7I

Willow Home Ed has two students who won awards from ExamBank's "Noggin Hoggin Challenge". **Hugh Mackay** and **Piper Kozak** both won t-shirts. Congrats!



The Next Challenge Starts
Monday April 20, 2020
at 01:00 AM Mountain Time!

THINKING OF HOMESCHOOLING? ONE TEEN'S INSIGHT

by Faeryn Pinel

Willow Home Ed has been a huge help in not only my education and ability to learn, but also my emotional and mental health. By allowing me to learn at my own pace and focus on things that are important to me, I have slowly but surely become surer of myself as a learner and as a person. Doing my schooling with the Willow Home Ed program allowed my mom and me to travel, touch and explore for my school work, learning things I could never learn in a classroom. It's a freeing feeling to be able to learn outside of your comfort zone, and expand that comfort zone along the way. It makes school about more than just pencil on paper.

The best experience I have had this year working with Willow Home Ed was travelling with my mom to Las Vegas. I got to leap outside of what I knew and I learned so much there. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, and I was learning at the same time. I met Siegfried from Siegfried and Roy, and spent hours talking to the trainers of the dolphins in his animal habitat. I learned more about wildlife conservation there than any school field trip has ever taught me, and it gave me memories that will last a lifetime. I went to an aquarium, and I was able to get hands-on with my schoolwork- literally! I saw sharks, fish and rays galore all above and around me, and I got to touch and handle the manta rays and stingrays. I have never had so much fun in my life. I also made a friend who works at the aquarium and is one of the herpetologists there, and we have stayed in contact talking about snakes and reptiles ever since.

Having trouble with whatever I am working on, from poetry to math, is no longer a problem for me. I no longer feel awkward about asking for help, and I know that I can take it at my own pace and switch to something else for a bit if I need to. I have become more confident, less anxious, and in general a happier person from being able to go out and *do* things, rather than sit and watch them on a classroom screen. Learning has been fun, freeing and real since I started working with Willow Home Ed, and has made me confident to attempt going to a public high school. I know that even if I can't make it through the year in public school, I can always come back to what I am comfortable with here with the full support of my mom and Willow Home Ed.

