

# The Willow Grove

January 2020



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## Principal's Message

I hope each of you enjoyed the Holidays and that you were able to spend time with friends and loved ones. It is the season's traditions and activities shared at this time of year that create the memories that last a lifetime. I am always impressed to hear the stories of how many of our families helped other less fortunate families with hampers, donations, and service. May we all be grateful for what we have.

I also want to thank all our families for the time and energy that they put into submitting well prepared resource claims. This makes a huge difference in the process of preparing your claim.

May you all enjoy a year of Peace and Prosperity.

Happy New Year!

Joe Smith  
Principal Willow

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Associate Principal  
Willow Home Ed

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



## UPCOMING DATES

- **Jan 7** High school course submission deadline & ADLC diploma course deadline
- **Jan 13-30** High school diploma exams

## EDMONTON & AREA

- **Jan 7 & 21**, 1-3pm Meet-up at Ritchie Community Hall
- **Jan 21** Coffee Night at Good Earth in St Albert
- **Jan 24** Skiing at Snow Valley
- **Jan 31** Skiing at Rabbit Hill

## CALGARY & AREA

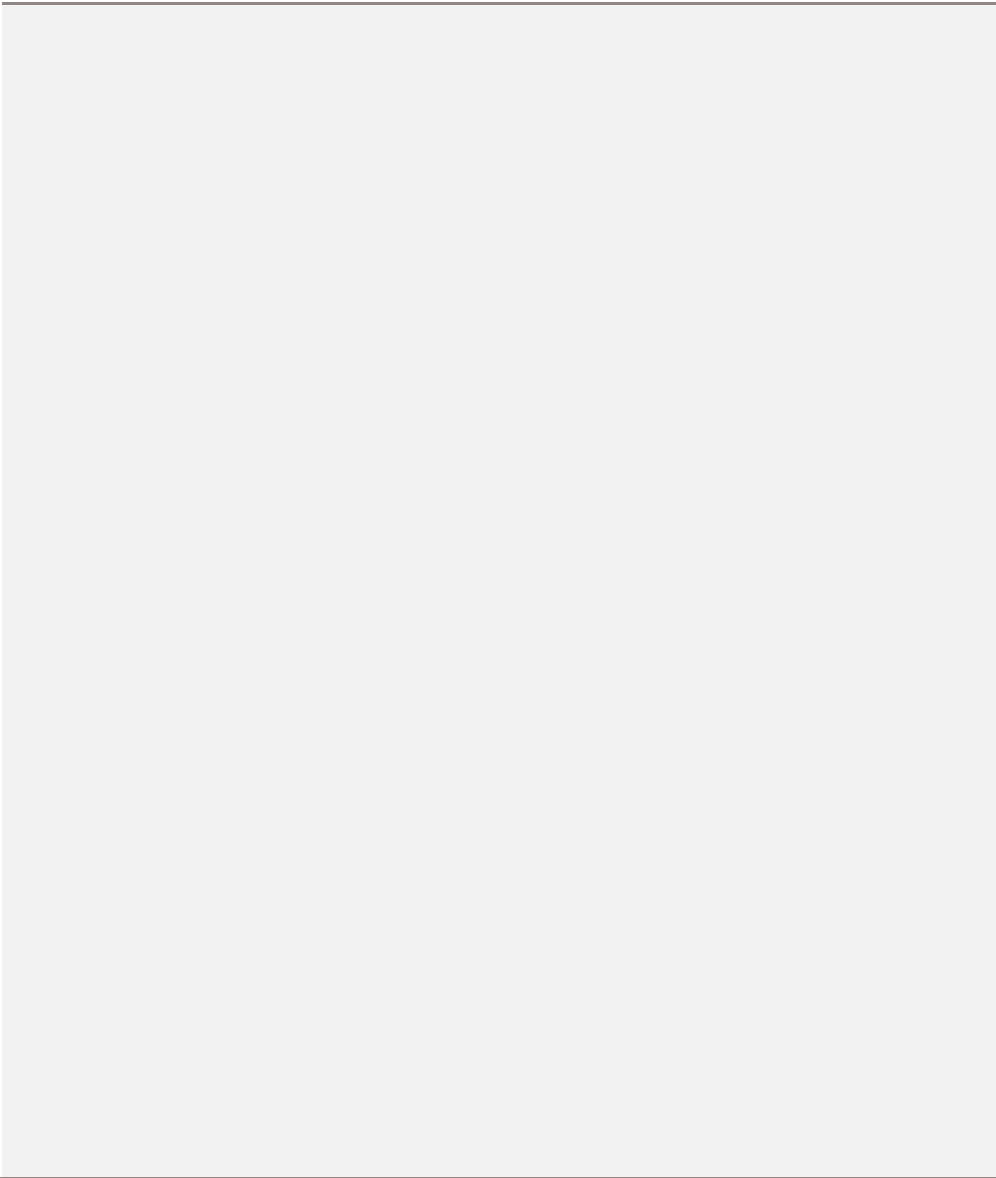
- **Jan 20** Kaykima Workshop
- **Jan 27** National Geographic Live, Deadliest Lifesavers

## FIND US ONLINE!

Visit our website for information on registering with Willow Home Ed, resource claims, program plans, high school information, activities, and past newsletters. <http://willowhome.ca>

**Friends of Willow Home Ed Facebook group** A place for families and friends of Willow Home Ed to get to know each other, plan activities, and share their experiences. Our home education managers are active on the Facebook group providing information on activities and events of interest, ideas for resources, and answering any questions you may have. Please join in the conversation at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsOfWillowHomeEd/>

**Willow Home Ed Facebook page** 'Like' our page to receive general announcements from Willow Home Ed. <https://www.facebook.com/WillowHomeEd/>



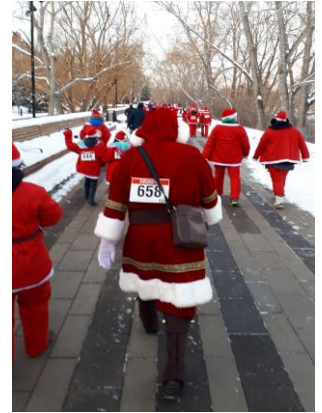
## **RUN SANTA RUN! 2019**

Run Santa Run 2019 was a fun time for all once again! Willow and Third Academy families, students, staff and friends all donned Santa's suit to run or walk 3, 5 or 10 km. Funds were raised to go towards Third Academy's dream school, as well as for future Willow field trips. Thank you everyone!

Once again, Willow HEM, Cindy Schnee won the 5km race – those with Cindy as their HEM will know that she bikes and runs everywhere, including her home visits – so it is no surprise that she is so speedy!

Third Academy teacher, Scott Finney, managed to hold onto his title as reigning 10 km champion with a strong challenge from his students.

Pictured Left are the less speedy



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## **INSTITUTE OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY**

The Institute of Child Psychology is an organization dedicated to helping parents, caregivers and professionals help children lead emotionally healthy lives. Homeschooling parents can access free resources, workshops, live online courses, and attend Alberta's annual conferences. More information is available on their website: [www.instituteofchildpsychology.com](http://www.instituteofchildpsychology.com)

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## **CANADIAN ONLINE HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE 2020**

February 5-11 – This is not a Willow event, but it does include topics that may be of interest to Willow families such as learning times tables, gameschooling, curriculum planning, homeschooling special needs, learning a second language, starting a youth run business by our own Willow parent, Stacey Piercey of Kids 2 Market, and much, much more.

<https://canadianhomeschoolconference.com/>

## **EDMONTON & AREA NEWS**

Our Home Education Manager, Karen Whitehead is booking tickets to two Citadel productions (*As You Like It* and *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*). Please email Karen at [kwhitehead@willowhome.ca](mailto:kwhitehead@willowhome.ca) or check the Friends of Willow Home Ed Facebook group if you are interested in tickets.



- **Wed, March 4, 11:00am-2:30 pm - *As You Like It*** – Rated 6+ Musical at Citadel Theatre. \$31.50/seat + approximate \$2 order fee per family.
- **Wed, April 29, 11-2:30pm - *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*** – **SOLD OUT** (waiting list available) - Rated 8+ at Citadel Theatre. \$20/seat + approximate \$2 order fee per family.

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## OUT AND ABOUT AROUND EDMONTON

**Jan 21** – Coffee Night – Join us at 7pm for community and to ask any homeschooling questions you may have at Good Earth Café in St. Albert (130 Bellerose Dr. St. Albert)

**Mondays all year** – 1:30-3:30pm HLSA Park Days (non-members welcome)

**Every second Tuesday**, 1-3pm - Meet up at Ritchie Community Hall – Jan 7 and Jan 21

**Ongoing** Homeschool Days Telus World of Science

<http://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/educators/school-programs/home-school-programs>

- Telus World of Science Homeschool Math Fest is March 13, 2020. \$11.50/student - call to book tickets. <https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/educators/real-people-real-science/>

If you are looking for friends to go on field trips and do activities with, don't forget to join Society for Homeschoolers in Edmonton (SHINE) or Homebased Learning Society of Alberta (HLSA). Get in touch with your HEM if you need contact information for these two groups or information about any of the above. Keep your eyes on the Friends of Willow Facebook group for more events to come.

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## Skiing and Snowboarding

GRADES K-12: Home Education Manager, Janelle Jamison, has volunteered to book skiing and snowboarding at some local hills in the Edmonton area for the new year. Join us for the following afternoons for fun outside with friends. This event is open to all.

Skiing and Snowboarding Dates and Locations:

- January 24 – Snow Valley
- January 31 – Rabbit Hill
- February 7 - Snow Valley
- February 14 – Snow Valley
- February 21 – Rabbit Hill



Please email Janelle at [jjamieson@willowhome.ca](mailto:jjamieson@willowhome.ca) for more information.

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## CALGARY & AREA NEWS

### GROUP TICKETS IN CALGARY - STORYBOOK THEATRE AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE

Our HEM, Risa Kawchuk, has organized group tickets to several shows for 2019-20. Please contact her at [rkawchuk@willowhome.ca](mailto:rkawchuk@willowhome.ca) to be put on the waiting list, should tickets come available:

**STORYBOOK THEATRE:** For show details, please see <https://www.storybooktheatre.org/season43>

- **Feb 25, 26, 27**, 10am *The Neverending Story* – play. Rated PG, recommended for ages 8+, at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. Tickets \$17/each.
- **Apr 16**, 10am *A Year with Frog and Toad* – musical. Rated K, recommended for ages 3+, at Beddington Theatre Arts Centre. Tickets \$13/each.



**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE:** For show details, please see <https://artscommons.ca/arts-commons-presents/national-geographic-live/>

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- **Mon, Jan 27**, 10:15am Deadliest Lifesavers. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. Tickets \$12/each.
- **Tues, Mar 17**, 10:15am Building the Photo Ark. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. Tickets \$12/each.
- **Mon, May 4**, 10:15am When Women Ruled the World. Recommended for grades 3-12 at Arts Commons. Tickets \$12/each.

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Keep your eyes on the Friends of Willow Facebook group for more events.

### Homeschool Preschool Screenings

Cochrane Area Families: Homeschool Preschool Screenings - Are you homeschooling a preschooler in Cochrane and would like to access free supports like speech therapy and occupational therapy for your 4 to 5-year olds? It Takes a Village is starting a pilot project to help preschool aged students, ages 4 to 5, access free screenings and (if recommended) free therapy sessions with wonderful local professionals (speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist and psychologist). Please contact Sam Kuperis, a fellow Willow Home Ed parent, at [sam.kuperis@itaves.com](mailto:sam.kuperis@itaves.com) for more information and to sign up for a free preschooler screening.

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### Gingerbread Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the gingerbread contest! The winners are pictured below: Scene - Tyrian and his winter wonderland; Funniest – Nathan’s outhouse; Creative – Alice and Levi for their hamster cage and critters; and Traditional – Nyala for her traditional log cabin. Amazing work!




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### Kaykima Wilderness

GRADES K-9: Kaykima Workshops – There is still room to Register for our Kaykima Workshops being held in the Bragg Creek / Calgary area!



Our K-5 students will be meeting 12-2pm followed by our older students in grades 6-9 from 2:30-4:30pm. Please feel free to invite students in grades 6-9 from other homeschool boards to join these workshops (our K-5 workshops are quite full, and are for Willow Home Ed students only at this time).

If you would like to participate please see the dates and times below and email Carmen Beck at [cbeck@willowhome.ca](mailto:cbeck@willowhome.ca) to register.

No prior experience is required!

All workshops are \$20 per student and take place at Bragg Creek Provincial Park. Please pay Rob via cash/EMT before or at the sessions. Rob will provide receipts if requested.

#### **Kaykima Workshop Schedule:**

- Monday January 20 – Fire Starting: Grades K-5, 12-2pm and Grades 6-9, 2:30-4:30pm
- Monday February 3 – Winter Shelters: Grades K-5, 12-2pm and Grades 6-9, 2:30-4:30pm
- Monday March 2 – Winter First Aid: Grades K-5, 12-2pm and Grades 6-9, 2:30-4:30pm
- Monday April 6 – Glue and Natural Adhesives: Grades K-5, 12-2pm and Grades 6-9, 2:30-4:30pm
- Monday May 4 – Axes: Grades K-5, 12-2pm and Grades 6-9, 2:30-4:30pm
- Monday June 15 – Summer Shelters: Grades K-5, 12-2pm and Grades 6-9, 2:30-4:30pm



## **PAT INFORMATION**

For those who signed up, a reminder that early PAT ELA 9 part A exams are written on January 11<sup>th</sup>, and FLA 9 is on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Part B and all other subjects will be tested between January 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Spring PATs for grade 6 and 9 have Part A of ELA and FLA written on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. Part B and all other subjects will be tested between June 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Joe Smith or your HEM if your student wishes to write PATs.

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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### Diploma Course Information

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Scheduling diploma exams for students remains the responsibility of the student.

- January 7 - diploma course completion date for January diplomas for both ADLC and self-directed for credit courses.
  - Work from self-directed courses for credit must be turned in to Willow or your HEM.
- March 25 - diploma course completion date for April diplomas
- June 2 - diploma course completion date for June diplomas

#### January Diploma Exam Schedule:

- January 13, 9:00 am - English Language Arts 30-1 & 30-2 Part A
- January 14, 9:00 am - Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2, Part A
- January 15, 9:00 am - Français 30-1 Partie A & French Language Arts 30-1 Partie A
- January 21, 9:00 am - Français 30-1 Partie B & French Language Arts 30-1 Part B
- January 22, 9:00 am - Mathematics 30-1 Mathematics 30-2
- January 23, 9:00 am - English Language Arts 30-1 Part B English Language Arts 30-2 Part B
- January 24, 9:00 am - Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2 Part B
- January 27, 9:00 am - Biology 30
- January 28, 9:00 am - Chemistry 30
- January 29, 9:00 am - Physics 30
- January 30, 9:00 am - Science 30

### ADLC Information

#### ADLC Important Dates

- March 31 - deadline for registering for 3-5 credit Student Instruction (SI) courses
- May 15 - deadline for registering for 1-credit SI courses
- June 15 - last day for non-diploma courses unless otherwise stated by the ADLC teacher
- June 26 - last day of school - all SI courses finalized, SI course expiry

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER COURSES FOR CREDIT



Students looking to gain some high school credits over the summer have a number of options available to them, in and out of the classroom.

Willow students working on courses for credit are welcomed to start, continue with, or complete high school courses for credit over the summer; please make arrangements with your HEM.

For students doing online classes through ADLC (Alberta Distance Learning) your HEM may be able to get an extension for you, prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, in order to work on your courses over the summer. Also, most local school boards also offer summer school courses to their students for a fee.

There are a number of outdoor education courses available for teens:

**FACES 15, 25, 35** is a 12-day summer camp where Alberta students in grade 9 can earn 15 high school credits by challenging themselves physically and mentally. It has been said to be "an experience of a lifetime."



FACES creates an opportunity for students to explore a new and exciting world. This new world is created as they are challenged to see themselves and their situations with new eyes, and with changed perspectives. FACES is an experiential opportunity to discover their true and infinite personal worth. It is also filled with opportunities to grow their personal power.

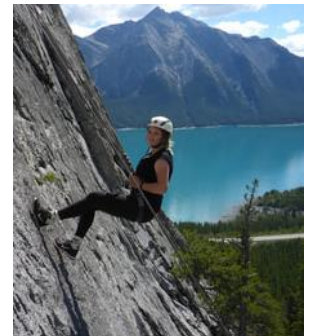
Visit them on Facebook site for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/FACES.Ed/>



HeLa Ventures Adventure Education Centre and Edmonton's Progressive Academy have collaborated to develop Mountain Adventure School for Alberta high school students. Mountain Adventure School provides students from grade 10-12 with the opportunity to earn up to eleven Alberta high school credits in the beautiful Rocky Mountains during the summer.

<https://www.helaventures.com/mountain-adventure-school.html>



For additional information on pricing and the Alberta summer high school credits covered please see the Mountain Adventure School Website or call 780-455-8344.

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