

The Willow Grove

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Principal's Message

I can't believe it is February already. It just crept up on me, and here we are past the half way mark in the school year. I hope you are all happy and well, as we try to avoid getting sick during this season of colds and flu.

February is also the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. I like to think that Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate and recognize love, kindness, and compassion. There are those among us that will give gifts of chocolate or flowers, however there are so many other gifts to give. You can give the gift of service by shoveling someone's side walk, or by offering to babysit for someone that does not get the opportunity to get out very often. You may want to give the gift of time by spending time with a loved one or maybe someone who needs a listening ear. The gift of kindness can also be given with a simple smile or greeting. Kindness is a form of love that does not cost a penny. I like to think that the gift of kindness is never wasted, a small gesture can make a large difference in the life of another.

So, may I challenge you to expand your Valentine's gift list to include not only those who are close to you, but to those who you do not know as well? That you will include gifts such as service, time, compassion or kindness? We all need a little more of these gifts every day of the year. Happy Valentine's Day!

Joe Smith
Associate Principal
Willow Home Ed

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

Willow Home Ed February Newsletter

Happy
Valentine's Day



UPCOMING DATES

EDMONTON & AREA

- **Feb 4 & 18**, 1-3pm Meet-up at Ritchie Community Hall
- **Feb 7 & 14** Skiing at Snow Valley
- **Feb 13** Coffee night at Transcend in Ritchie
- **Feb 21** Skiing at Rabbit Hill

CALGARY & AREA

- **Feb 3** Kaykima Workshop
- **Feb 7** South Calgary Coffee
- **Feb 14** North Calgary Coffee
- **Feb 25-27 10am** Storybook Theatre's Neverending Story
- **March 2** Kaykima Workshop

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/>

CENTRAL ALBERTA CANADIAN HERITAGE FAIR & YOUNG CITIZENS CONTEST

Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre – 18 student spaces available in grades 4 to 9

Canadian Heritage Fairs are an opportunity for students to create and present an in-depth project on a Canadian history or heritage topic of their choice.



Students typically present their subjects using a tri-fold, and include relevant models or display items, such as medals, books, art, food, music, videos and even costumes. Projects are eligible to win the Hugh Dempsey award for best project, grade level awards, and various thematic awards which vary from year to year, such as biographies, transportation, symbols of Canada, military, sports or women's issues.

Project ideas can be quite diverse, such as Calgary Flames/hockey history, your family's own heritage stories, women's right to vote, Chinese head tax, natural disasters like Edmonton's tornado, the underground railroad, the building of the TransCanada highway or CPR, gun laws in Canada, aboriginal treaties or history, or Canada's contribution to the arts, religion or politics. More project ideas can be found on the website. <http://kids.canadashistory.ca/Kids/Heritage/Project-Tips.aspx?id=10> Past top projects can be seen here: <https://www.calgaryregionhistoryfair.com/gallery>

At the fair, students will be visited by a few sets of judges, when they will have the opportunity to explain their projects and answer some questions. Students are often judged on content presentation and flow, documentation/bibliography, accuracy as well as a number of other factors.



Students entering the history fair are also invited to compete in the **Young Citizens** contest, which is a 3-4 minute student created video about their project topic. The top videos win a trip for two to Ottawa in the autumn of 2020! <http://kids.canadashistory.ca/Kids/YoungCitizens/About>

Contact HEM, Nicole Schumm, at nschumm@willowhome.ca or 403-650-1499 if you wish to participate at Lacombe. Space is limited and participation will be on a first come first served basis.

EDMONTON - there is a fair in the north too. Details are here: <https://www.edmontonheritagefair.org/>

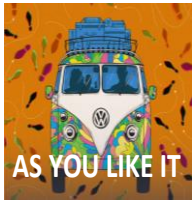
CANADIAN ONLINE HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE 2020

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... and it is **FREE** during the event!

<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 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.

OUT AND ABOUT AROUND EDMONTON

Feb 13 – Coffee Night – Join us at 7pm Feb 13 is coffee night at Transcend in Ritchie (9570-76 Ave)

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

Every second Tuesday, 1-3pm - Meet up at Ritchie Community Hall – Feb 4 and Feb 18

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.

Skiing and Snowboarding

GRADES K-12: Home Education Manager, Janelle Jamieson, has organized skiing and snowboarding at some local hills in the Edmonton area. These lessons are now full but please feel free to buy a lift ticket and join our large group of homeschoolers for fun outside. Please see below for the afternoons we will be at the hill and email Janelle jjamieson@willowhome.ca for more information.

Skiing and Snowboarding Dates and Locations:

- February 7 - Snow Valley
- February 14 – Snow Valley
- February 21 – Rabbit Hill



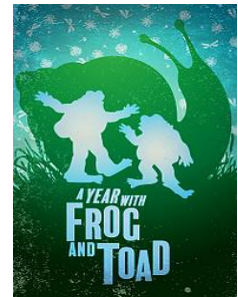
CALGARY & AREA NEWS

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 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/>

- **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.

Ongoing – First Friday of the month, 7pm – South Calgary coffee and conversation - Second Cup (130-296 Shawville Blvd SE). All are welcome. Next dates are Feb 7 & March 6.

Ongoing – Second Friday of the month, Feb 14, 7-9pm – Crowfoot Good Earth Cafe (31 Crowfoot Terrace NW)

Ongoing - Third Thursday of the month, 10:30am - 12:00pm – Airdre Public Library Homeschool Activities. Contact APL for more information. www.airdrepubliclibrary.ca

- 10:30-11:15 – Literacy based activities designed to foster reading and writing.
- 11:15-12:00 – Tech based activities using Makerspace and STEM.
- Activities will run on Feb 20, March 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18.

March 20 - Heritage Park Homeschooler Day in the Historical Village. Register in late February. <https://beta.heritagepark.ca/education-programs/school-programs/specialty-programs/home-schooler-day>

- Future Homeschooler Day on May 15th – Wetlands.

Kaykima Wilderness

GRADES K-9: Kaykima Workshops – There is still room to register for our Kaykima Workshops take place at Bragg Creek Provincial Park! Workshops are \$20/student Please pay Rob via cash/EMT before or at the sessions. Receipts provided upon request.



Our K-9 students will be meeting 12-2pm. Kaykima will now include all K-9 students in one class for the winter and spring activities. 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 to register. No prior experience is required!

Kaykima Workshop Schedule:

- 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

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 for more information and to sign up for a free preschooler screening.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This month's Willow student placed in the spotlight is Jensen - a budding young artist in grade 6 who has been exploring a wide variety of art medium and techniques this past year. Recently he has begun to explore perspective and adding depth to his artwork which has truly helped him move beyond what could normally be expected from an 11-year old artist. Nice work, Jensen! We look forward to seeing where your interests take you next.



Our student spotlight is the place where our students can show what they have been doing; what they are passionate about such as a piece of school work, an award or achievement, a trip or an extracurricular activity, or a student run business. If you would like to include something (original art, poetry, short stories, video, articles, etc.) in a future newsletter, please send it to Nicole Schumm at nschumm@willowhome.ca. We will showcase one student per month.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Diploma Course Information

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

- March 25 - diploma course completion date for April diplomas
- June 2 - diploma course completion date for June diplomas

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

Scholarship Information

Many scholarship deadlines are in January through to March. See your post-secondary institutions for more details.

- <https://scholarship-grants.org/study-in-canada-scholarships-2020-2021/>
- <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships/>

Students may need myPass to apply for scholarships:

- Go to myPass.alberta.ca
- Set up an Education Account or sign in with social media login
- Enter your [Alberta Student Number](#) and date of birth (your HEM has this if you need it)
- You will receive two things – an email with a URL and a physical letter with a four-digit PIN
- Once you have received both the email and the letter, go to the URL contained in the email and enter the four-digit PIN.

The Alexandre Rutherford Scholarship is available for Alberta students who have earned above 75% or 80% in 5 courses in grades 10, 11 and/or 12. More details on course and grade requirements can be found below.

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/alberta-scholarships/alexander-rutherford-scholarship/how-to-apply/>

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship:

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$300* Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$400 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$500* Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$800 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average of 75.0% to 79.9% in five courses - \$700* Average of 80% or higher in five courses - \$1,300
<p>Average is calculated from 5 designated courses *Option/Career and Technology Studies (CTS) may also be considered (See below).</p>		
<p>One of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 10-1, 10-2 Français 10-1 or 10-2 	<p>One of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 20-1, 20-2 Français 20-1 or 20-2 	<p>One of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 30-1, 30-2 Français 30-1 or 30-2
<p>At least two of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 10C Science 10 Social Studies 10-1 or 10-2 A language other than one used above at the Grade 10 level. 	<p>At least two of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 20-1, or 20-2 Chemistry 20 Physics 20 Science 20 Biology 20 Social Studies 20-1 or 20-2 A language other than one used above at the Grade 11 level. 	<p>At least two of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 30-1, 30-2 or 31 Science 30 Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2 Biology 30 Chemistry 30 Physics 30 A language other than one used above at the Grade 12 level.
<p>Any two courses with minimum three credit value at Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory CTS courses.</p>	<p>Any two courses with minimum three credit value at Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate CTS courses.</p>	<p>Any two courses with minimum five credit value at Grade 12 level (3000, 6000 or 9000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced CTS courses.</p>

Heritage Youth Researcher Summer Program



The Heritage Youth Researcher Summer program (HYRS) is now accepting applications. HYRS is a six-week program that takes place from July 2 to August 13/14, designed for students from Alberta currently, in grade 11 to gain first-hand experience in biomedical and health research, and to introduce them to career opportunities in research. HYRS is not just a laboratory work experience – it is a well-rounded program focused on Grade 11 students. Quite an opportunity!

Students in the program will work in a University lab doing cutting-edge research, and participants will meet at least once a week for a variety of activities to broaden and enhance their research experience. Activities include safety and introductory training sessions, tours of campus and other research facilities, lectures on health research, and discussions with guest speakers about their careers in research.

The HYRS application deadlines are:

- University of Alberta – April 13, 2020
- University of Calgary – March 26, 2020
- University of Lethbridge – April 24, 2020

For more information on this program, please visit:



- <https://www.ualberta.ca/medicine/about/communities/community-engagement/student-summer-prgms/hyrs-student-summer-research-program-2020>



- <https://research.ucalgary.ca/students/alberta-innovates-HYRS>



- <https://www.uleth.ca/node/2982>