



# The Willow Grove

March 2020



## Willow Home Ed

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### UPCOMING DATES

- **March 23-27** Spring Break - Third Academy closed
- **April 9** Deadline to register for Diploma Exams – contact your school/writing center by March 26

### EDMONTON & AREA

- **March 4** Citadel Theatre - As You Like It
- **March 6** Commonwealth Pool - Swimming
- **March 13** Telus World of Science - Math Fest
- **March 20** Highlands Library – Relay Education Program
- **March 25** Coffee Night - Remedy Café
- **April 3** Clip and Climb

### CALGARY & AREA

- **March 2 & April 6** Kaykima Workshop
- **March 6 & April 3** South Calgary Coffee Night
- **March 13** N. Calgary Coffee Night
- **March 17** National Geographic
- **March 19** Airdrie Public Library - Homeschool Activities
- **April 22** Third Academy – Willow Open House

### 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/>

### Principal's Message

Although it still looks like winter outside, spring is just around the corner. And with the coming of spring, the world will again begin to turn green as the trees and the grass come back to life. Many will venture back outside to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. I am grateful to live in such a place where we can enjoy the changes that the seasons bring.

We would also like to remind you that we have already started our spring visits. It's time to collect samples of your learning to share with your Home Education Manager. We are excited to share this celebration of learning with you and your children.

Joe Smith  
Associate Principal  
Willow Home Ed

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



## SPRING HEM VISITS

The time for spring visits with your Home Education Manager is approaching. Your spring visit is a chance to showcase and celebrate the learning your family has done this year, with pictures of field trips, examples of work, and a discussion around your goals for next year. Students doing self-directed high school courses for credit may wish to visit with their HEMs sooner rather than later in order to make sure that the courses they are handing in by the end of May meet the expectations of Alberta Education.

Your HEM will be in touch with you to arrange a visit soon, if you have not heard from them already.

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## ROYAL TYRRELL MUSEUM FREE ADMISSION

As you plan your field trips this spring, remember that all Willow students, and their primary teacher/parent, can gain free admission to the Royal Tyrrell Museum with a letter from your Home Education Manager confirming that your student is registered with Willow Home Ed.

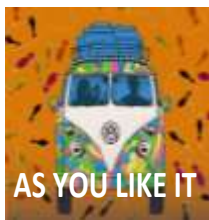
Contact your HEM to request an enrollment confirmation letter for the Royal Tyrrell Museum if you are planning a trip to Drumheller and the Badlands soon!



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## 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.



## OUT AND ABOUT AROUND EDMONTON

**March 6**, 1:30pm – Join us for a swim at the Commonwealth Pool for our Field Trip Fridays (11000 Stadium Road, Edmonton)

**March 20**, 1pm – Relay Education is offering us a free program to learn about renewable energy! Please contact our HEM Karen Whitehead at [kwhitehead@willowhome.ca](mailto:kwhitehead@willowhome.ca) for information on how to register for this exciting and free Field Trip Friday at the Highlands Library

**March 25**, 7pm - Coffee Night – Interested in learning about Unschooling or are you an experienced Unschooler? Join us for coffee at Remedy Café (10310-124St.) for community and a fun evening

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

**Every second Tuesday**, 1-3pm - Meet up at Ritchie Community Hall – March 3, 17, and 31

**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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### Clip and Climb

April 3, 1-2pm - Clip and Climb Edmonton – all ages welcome

Interested in trying a unique indoor climbing experience? Join us on Friday, April 3 from 1pm-2pm at Clip and Climb Edmonton (9718 – 12 Ave SW). The cost is \$16.80/child. Preregistration is required.

<https://www.clipnclimbedmonton.ca/>

Please email HEM, Janelle Jamieson ([jjamieson@willowhome.ca](mailto:jjamieson@willowhome.ca)) for information on how to complete payment to hold your spot.



## 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>

- **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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## OUT AND ABOUT AROUND CALGARY

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 **March 6 & April 3**.

**Ongoing – Second Friday of the month, March 13, 7-9pm** – Crowfoot Good Earth Cafe (31 Crowfoot Terrace NW)

**Ongoing - Third Thursday of the month, 10:30am - 12:00pm** – Airdrie Public Library Homeschool Activities. Contact APL for more information. [www.airdriepubliclibrary.ca](http://www.airdriepubliclibrary.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 March 19, Apr 16, May 21, June 18.

**March 20** - Heritage Park Homeschooler Day in the Historical Village. There is still space for grades 2-3, and 6-9. [https://www.heritagepark.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/HomeschoolerDay-March2020\\_0.pdf](https://www.heritagepark.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/HomeschoolerDay-March2020_0.pdf)

- Future Homeschooler Day on May 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 together from 12-2pm for the winter and spring activities. Please feel free to invite other students from other homeschool boards to join these workshops.

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!



### **Kaykima Workshop Schedule (for Grades K-9):**

- Monday March 2 – Winter First Aid: 12-2pm
- Monday April 6 – Glue and Natural Adhesives: 12-2pm
- Monday May 4 – Axes: 12-2pm
- Monday June 15 – Summer Shelters: 12-2pm

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## SPACE TOMATO SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



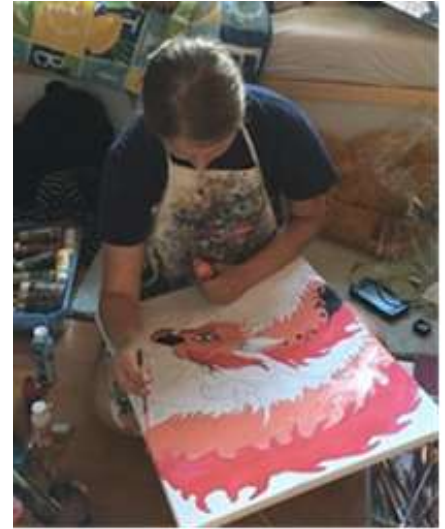
Order free Tomatosphere™ seeds this spring to investigate the effects of space on food to support human space travel. Your results from Tomatosphere™ will help Canadian scientists understand some of the issues related to long-term space exploration.

In the spring, participating students receive two packages of tomato seeds. One package contains seeds sent into space or treated in space-simulated conditions. The other contains untreated "control" seeds. Students plant the seeds and conduct experiments to explore the effects of the space environment on the germination of tomatoes. Through Tomatosphere™, students learn how to conduct a scientific experiment and compare the number of seeds that germinate for the two groups of seeds.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



This month's Willow student placed in the spotlight is Samantha - a successful self-taught artist and business woman, who won the Business Excellence Award for Best Youth Entrepreneur from the Strathmore & District Chamber of Commerce, all at the young age of 14! She has sold prints and cards of her art on her Etsy Page, at markets in and around Strathmore and Calgary, and was interviewed in a podcast by Stacey Piercy of Kids2Market, which can be found at <https://kids2market.com/samantha-is-the-artsy-aspie/>



With the freedom of a self-directed learning environment, Samantha has been able to explore her passion without time constraints. Her art is completely self-taught, and she paints when inspired, never on demand. Samantha is not defined by being on the Autism Spectrum, her dyslexia, or any of the other obstacles, and as her business name cleverly shows, she thinks of autism as her superpower, using her business to help advocate for autism.

Samantha recently combined philanthropy and her passion for animals, to her business, donating 20% from the sales of her Koala themed art to the Koala Hospital Port Macquarie in Australia. Way to go!



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

# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Self-Directed Courses for Credit

- **April 9** – Deadline to register to write Diploma Exams with myPass. Contact the school you wish to write at **prior to March 26<sup>th</sup>** to make sure you can be accommodated. \*\*
  - For information on preparing to write a diploma exam\*\*:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/ed-diploma-exam-science-30-guide.pdf>
  - Diploma practice exams and samples: <https://www.alberta.ca/writing-diploma-exams.aspx>
- **May 30** – submission deadline for self-directed high school courses for credit, including diploma courses \*\*

## ADLC Information

- March 25 - diploma course completion date for April diplomas \*\*
- March 31 - deadline for registering for 3-5 credit Student Instruction (SI) courses
- May 15 - deadline for registering for 1-credit SI courses
- June 2 - diploma ADLC course completion date for June diplomas \*\*
- 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

*\*\* Scheduling diploma exams for students remains the responsibility of the student for self-directed courses for credit or ADLC courses. Use myPass and contact your local school for availability.*

## Scholarship Information

Many scholarship deadlines are closed in 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 need myPass to apply for scholarships or arrange diploma exams. You will need to visit [myPass.alberta.ca](https://myPass.alberta.ca) and enter your [Alberta Student Number](#) and date of birth.

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## Heritage Youth Researcher Summer Program

HYRS application deadlines:

- University of Alberta – April 13, 2020 - <https://www.ualberta.ca/medicine/about/communities/community-engagement/student-summer-prgms/hyrs-student-summer-research-program-2020>
- University of Calgary – March 26, 2020 - <https://research.ucalgary.ca/students/alberta-innovates-HYRS>
- University of Lethbridge – April 24, 2020 - <https://www.uleth.ca/node/2982>





# 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 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](mailto: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/>

