

## Greetings from the Williams Family!

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I have started this letter several times over the last few months, and here I am again, ensconced in front of my computer. We'll see what happens today.



Rob, Ahsha and I are all home today, after a weekend of snow, now turning into freezing rain. Rob is working away in his office, still signed on to work. Ahsha is sitting in front of the TV, eating a snack and happily enjoying the unexpected day off school. And Jamie, well, who knows? He should have finished his lectures for the day and is probably hanging out with friends before going for supper and later to the gym.

Not much has happened since I last wrote. Life is very quiet around here now that Jamie is away at Trent. Mostly we have all been concentrating on our daily routines. Ahsha comes home after school and settles into some corner of the house with her phone, her computer, a TV, and her iPod. Believe me, all of them are going at once, most of the time! She is enjoying her teachers and friends, though she still finds the school day long and the crowded environment overwhelming. Computer, English, and Math are now done for the year and she has moved onto Canadian History, Geography, and Science. She has decided, with the support of her guidance counselor, to take 3 courses a term instead of four, even though she knows that she will need an extra year of high school to graduate. This plan is working very well for her, and she loves getting all her homework done during her free period. Luckily she likes Math and English, and her dreaded French and PhysEd credits are behind her. It is great to see her cheerfully planning her subjects for the rest of high school.

Jamie continues to enjoy Trent, especially the social side and the recreational facilities. He likes his lectures and sometimes calls home to tell us about a particularly interesting one that he has had that day. He comes home once in awhile for the weekend, but being on university hours, he tends to sleep all day and play on his computer all night. We have to wake him up for supper, the only meal that we all eat together. Lectures are over by the first week in April and then he has 3 exams, each one 5 days apart. Hard to keep up momentum, I suspect.

Jamie's big news is that he has been offered the job of Canoe Director at Camp Arrowhead this summer. Canoe Director was his first choice on the application so he is doubly excited about the summer. He is hoping to get in some extra earnings by working during pre and post camp activities as well. So he may be home only a week or two before leaving home for the summer. Enough time to catch up on his laundry anyway!

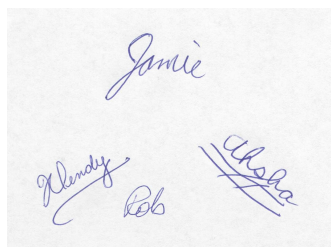
Rob continues to work at Nakina, where he is enjoying his group. His workdays have been intense, so he is glad to spend his spare time on photography and his website. And enjoying the hockey season, of course! Ahsha and Rob have also enjoyed skating on the canal this year, though after today's rain, that may be the end of it.

As for me, I have been working on a very interesting project at work. Busy too, with a lot of late nights. I have been tired enough so that, once weekend errands are done, I spend the rest of the time sleeping – though Jamie can outdo even me.

And so now it's time to make supper again. (Didn't I just do that yesterday...) Always a challenge to plan menus in this house. So, I think it will be French toast to use up all the old hamburger buns for Rob and Ahsha, and all the old rice bread for me. Funny how the simplest suppers are often the best!

Hope you are all well and surviving the piles of snow this winter has brought.

Love from all of us,



This Letter:

<http://www.magma.ca/~wendy/FamilyLetter.pdf>

Family Photos:

<http://www.robwilliams.ca/family/>

Rob's website (check out his new blog:)

<http://www.robwilliams.ca>

Ahsha pictures: TBD... she says she plans to post something, someday (teenagers...the future is etemal!)

Jamie: Well, he does answer the odd email...



## Letter from Ahsha

Hey everyone! How're you? I'm doing ok. School's proving interesting. One of my teachers is the dad of one of my other teachers. I found that kind of funny.

I like snow days. Had two in three days this week. It's awesome. And my dad figured out why my playstation 2 wasn't working. Turns out the channel on the tv just had to be changed.

I've been playing The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess a lot. I've almost beaten the game now too. I'm proud of myself but then i feel like a geek. Actually I am a geek and sorta proud of it. =P

I haven't been able to find my Dance Dance Revolution game and that's been bothering me. I think I'll go look for it, bye!

Ahsha

P.S. How do you like my new hair colours?

P.P.S. Here's a quote that I like a lot:

### **The Parent**

*Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore,  
And that's what parents were created for.*

-- Ogden Nash

