

Waldorf Education...

is based on the understanding that the key to developing critical thinking is an active and creative imagination. Throughout the Waldorf experience the students are taught to respect nature, the earth, and one another.

The development of the child's imagination, inspiration, and intuition are enhanced by integrating artistic activities into the daily curriculum. Lessons such as music, singing, painting, drawing, modelling, movement, and handwork are offered to supplement the regular academic subjects in order to encourage a head, heart, and hands approach to learning.

Parents are encouraged to take an active supportive role in the program. Working together, the staff and parents strive to establish a school atmosphere in which the teacher can attempt to create out of his or her own strength, imagination, and warmth of heart, a healthy and nurturing environment.

Classes emphasize mutual support in an atmosphere of responsibility and freedom, and avoid competitive personal comparisons as much as possible. The close working relationship which can develop under these circumstances between teacher, students and parents, is considered an important component of the program.

Waldorf education was developed by an Austrian Philosopher and Educator named Rudolf Steiner. There are approximately 1000 Waldorf schools world-wide. Waldorf is a sister movement to Bio-dynamic Agri-

culture, Eurythmy, the Camphill movement and others, which are connected through the broader movement of Anthroposophy. To learn more about Waldorf and related subjects, please visit the website of the *Association of Waldorf Schools of North America* www.awsna.org.

Volunteering

Parent volunteers are an essential element to the heart of any Waldorf school. Volunteer support enriches the learning environment, creates a more inviting and beautiful school, as well as builds a strong and vibrant community. We ask each family to contribute time (in whatever way that fits for your family) to fundraising events, committee work, festivals, support of the teachers, and the general care of the school. Your contribution enhances the experience of all of the families in our community, including your own!

The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton

is a volunteer-run, non-profit registered charity which operates the Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton.

For more information on our Society and the programs we offer, please visit



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Waldorf Independent
School of Edmonton

A Developing Member of the Association
of Waldorf Schools of North America

Wundergarten Waldorf Nursery School 2017 - 2018

Our nursery school for children ages 3^{1/2} - 5 years provides a warm and inspiring environment where they can begin to develop their independence.



This age group lives in the world of imaginative play and imitation. By nourishing the mind and senses through imaginative play and gently guided activities, the nursery school program fosters the development of the whole child.

A focus on play in early childhood provides the child with time to develop creative and social skills.

Each day the teacher greets the children, welcoming them into a warm, magical world. Our room is filled with simple, natural materials, which invite imaginative discovery. Children's creativity is stimulated as they transform wool and silk cloths, handmade dolls, and wooden toys into costumes and settings for play and adventure.



Painting
Natural

Nurturing Environment

Natural Materials

Healthy Snack

Imaginative Play

Songs/Music

Stories



The children's day is structured in a gentle, dependable rhythm that allows them to experience independent play songs and verses, and storytime.

Healthy, organic snacks (where possible) keep them fuelled for classes filled with movement and fun. Activities and festivals marking the rhythm of the changing seasons help foster a connection with the natural world.



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Nursery School Program



There are 3 Nursery classes available!

Wednesday & Friday

Sep 13 to Jun 14 (with Holiday breaks)

Mornings: 9:00 - 11:30am

or

Afternoons: 12:55 - 3:25pm

~~Monday & Thursday~~

~~Sep 11 to Jun 15 (with Holiday breaks)~~

~~Afternoons: 12:55 - 3:25pm~~

~ 15 Children per class

Fees: Many families will qualify for government subsidy, which WESE will refund to them to reduce their tuition costs. Contact us for more information

Costs and Payment Options

\$75 WESE Membership fee (2017 - 2018)

\$300 Enrollment Fee

(both fees are non-refundable)

\$1750 Wednesday and Friday Class Fees

~ \$175 in 10 post-dated cheques

~ \$1600 early-bird discount where fees are paid in full before Sep 1st.

~~\$1675 Monday and Thursday Class Fees~~

~~~ \$167.50 in 10 post-dated cheques~~

~~~ \$1600 early-bird discount where fees are paid in full before Sep 1st.~~

(Mid-year registrations welcome. Please contact us for a pro-rated amount.)

Call 780-466-3312 or email registrar@thewise.ca