



the WISE connection

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"Courage becomes the Power to Transform"

From the WISE office

Dear WISE Families,

We are eager to welcome our families back to school for the start of 2018! We sincerely hope you enjoyed your celebrations and are feeling rested and renewed.

As we find our way back to our familiar rhythms and routines, we would like to remind everyone to be mindful of the changeable weather and to ensure our children have the appropriate clothing and outerwear, to stay warm and fully enjoy the winter.

We are doing our best to keep pathways clear of ice but please take extra care on the sidewalks and parking lot, as they can be extra icy.

Warm winter blessings,

The WISE Admin Team 🌱

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WISE Facebook Page:
[Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton](https://www.facebook.com/WaldorfIndependentSchoolofEdmonton)

Facebook Parent Group:
[The WISE Parent Connection](#)

(Please contact communication@wese.ca to join our Facebook parent group)

Enchanted Garden Store Hours:

Monday: 2:50 - 3:15 pm
Wednesday/Thursday: 8:30 - 9:30 am
Or by appt: store@thewise.ca

Important dates

- Jan 8 Classes Resume (K-Grades)
- Jan 8 Bulk Order / Fundscrip Begin
- Jan 8 Home Arts Enrichment Begins
- Jan 10 Nursery Resumes
- Jan 12 Epiphany Assembly (Grades)
- Jan 14 Bulk Order / Fundscrip End
- Jan 15 Rosebuds Begin
- Jan 16 Daisies / Marigolds Begin
- Jan 18 Bluebells Begin
- Jan 19 Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Jan 19 Bulk Order / Fundscrip Pick Up
- Jan 21 Work Bee
- Jan 26 Mid Winter Assembly (Grades)
- Jan 29 PD Day, No School
- Jan 30 Middle School Open House
- Feb 2 Candlemas (K-Grades)
- Feb 5 Bulk Order / Fundscrip Begin
- Feb 7 ECE Parent Night
- Feb 9 Dance Night
- Feb 11 Bulk Order / Fundscrip End
- Feb 16 Bulk Order / Fundscrip Pick Up
- Feb 19-23 Wise Break, No School
- Feb 26-27 Parent Teacher Conferences,
No School

**Parent Coffee: Wednesdays from
8:30 am - 9:15 am in the WISE Gym**

Office Note



Anthroposophic Remedies

We are using Uriel anthroposophic remedies in our school healing basket. Now you can use them at home too!

We have nice sample-size kits with everything you need for First Response, Cold Care, and Travel, as well as natural remedies for women. These remedies are to be used sparingly.

There are only a few kits left so come and get yours from the office before they are all gone. Price per kit is \$30. 🌱

PD Day Monday January 29, 2018

We will be closed for all programming during this time, including Home School Arts Enrichment, Rosebuds, Kindergarten and the Grades. 🌱



Meet our teachers



Justine Pavelich Class Four

Justine Pavelich grew up in the small town of Hervey Bay, Australia - home of the humpback whale. She spent much of her formative years living by the ocean, where she enjoyed swimming, fishing, camping, beach combing, snorkeling and scuba diving. She spent four summers working on different islands along the Great Barrier Reef. She worked in the front office, housekeeping and children's outdoor education programs.

She completed a Bachelor of Secondary Education at the Queensland University of Technology and in her final year of studies discovered Waldorf Education. She spent a year completing practicums and an internship at Shearwater, the Mullumbimby Steiner School. The following year, Justine worked at Shearwater, teaching in the middle school across a variety of subject areas. It was during this time that Justine met her now husband and made the move to his homeland, Canada.

Justine connected with the WISE in 2013 and volunteered in that year's class one (now class six). Justine began her Foundation Studies with the Toronto Rudolf Steiner Centre (TRSC) and worked at the WISE as a kindergarten aide and the homeschool enrichment teacher. In 2014, Justine began working as a grade one class teacher. She welcomed the arrival of her first child, Byron, in 2016. In September, Justine returned from maternity leave to rejoin her class in grade four. Justine is currently in her final year of the Waldorf Teacher Training program at the TRSC, with hopes to graduate this summer as a certified Waldorf Teacher. 🌱

WISE events



Winter Fair

Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in the Winter Fair. It was a magical and festive affair that brought our community together and joy to the hearts of our little ones. 🌱



Winter Concert

The winter concert was a wonderful display of the students' talents and hard work. And wasn't it great to see our faculty join together in song? Well done everyone! 🌱



Volunteer Appreciation Night

THANK YOU!!! Even shouting from the rooftops wouldn't be enough to express our appreciation for the volunteers who keep our school and community alive and thriving. Not only are we incredibly grateful, we also love hanging out with people whose hearts are so giving. So we are going to do just that!

Please join our Volunteer Appreciation night, January 19, 7 pm - 9 pm, at Urban Village on Whyte (7909 71 Street). We will have snacks, games, karaoke and the very best company around!

One last thing... we'd really appreciate an RSVP so we have an idea how much food to bring. Please email volunteer@wese.ca to let us know that you are coming. 🍀

Highlight of the Class



Class Two

In Class Two, we learn about Saints and Fables in an effort to explore the children's natural curiosity about morality. Children at this age are naturally inclined to 'goodness' (that which is 'good' over 'bad'), but as they are close to the age of waking up to their individual selves, we can also see they need to play with the idea of mischief.

We use these broader contexts and stories to teach the children writing, reading, cursive, the four processes, mental math, problem solving, and so much more!

Last month we are exploring the Saints, and most recently we honoured Santa Lucia as a class. Santa Lucia, also known as St. Lucie, was revered as a saint for bringing food and water to those facing persecution. We softly discussed, through storytelling, the light that shines when we respect all beliefs, when we help those in need and when we approach life with reverence. In the pictures you will see the children walking through our school with reverence, bringing food and song to our community. 🍀

Open house Middle School

This is the first year that the WISE is holding three separate open houses, the first of which is being held on Tuesday January 30, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. This open house will be an evening directed towards the Middle School students and their families. There will be some exciting things happening and an opportunity for Q&As. And if that isn't enough to entice you to join the fun, there will be snacks as well! Hope to see you all there. 🍀

Community Building

Work Bee

Our second work bee of the year will be held on January 21st, 1 pm - 4 pm. The work bee will include various maintenance tasks within the schools/portables and outside in the playground/garden areas. There is always a long list of items to be completed and a sign-up genius will be established closer to the event. There will be a need for skilled workers (carpentry, electrical, etc.), however there are also a lot of basic tasks such as cleaning, organizing and moving things, where no skill is required. Please watch out for future emails and plan to come help on the 21st. 🍀

Fundraising

For those of you that have taken advantage of our monthly fundraisers, we thank you for your support of the school. If you haven't yet tried the Bulk Order or Fundscrip programs, now is the time!! A great opportunity to buy the things you need, while supporting our growing school. 🌱



Horizon Bulk Food Order begins January 8, 2018

Great deals, healthy organic options and a great way to support our school all wrapped into two words - Bulk Order! Everything from spices to school snacks to laundry detergent. Your friends and family are also welcome to participate and the first order of the new year is coming soon.

Place your order at: <https://foodclub.org/wise/login>

If you don't have an account, use that same link and request to have one created, we'd love to have you!

Our bulk order window is from the designated Monday to Sunday, with pick up on the Friday that follows. Pick-up is 3 pm - 4:30 pm at the school gym.

Please check our yearly and monthly calendar for bulk order ordering and pick up dates.

If you have any questions please email bulkorders@thewise.ca

Happy shopping! 🌱

Fundscrip Order begins January 8, 2018

Canada's Leading Gift Card Fundraiser. FundScrip is a respected, Canada-wide fundraising program in which charities and non-profit groups are encouraged to pay for shopping (groceries, gas, home & garden, entertainment, restaurants) with gift cards bought from FundScrip.

How does it work?

It's dead simple. When you buy a gift card for \$100, you get to spend that \$100 at the retailer of your choice. There are over 190 retailers in Canada to choose from, so you can continue to shop at exactly the same stores you usually shop at. So, if you normally shop at Esso, you can buy a refillable FundScrip gift card for Esso. You buy the gift card for \$100 for gas and you spend that exact same \$100 on the gas you'd be buying anyway. Same goes for Safeway, Canadian Tire, Staples, The Bay - to name a few. Please check out www.fundscrip.com retailers for retailer list. What does this actually mean? Each time you buy something with your FundScrip card, you automatically donate to The WISE. Other than buying the gift card, there is no extra effort on your part to raise money for the school.

What's the benefit to me?

We are hoping that, if this campaign is successful, there will be [almost] no other forms of small fundraising asked of you this year. Everyone wins! There will be something on the list which you and your extended families and friends will find legitimately useful. We promise. You can pay by cash or cheque (no credit or debit) at our monthly bulk order pick-up. Please email fundscrip@wese.ca to place your orders. 🌱