



# the WISE connection

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## From the WISE office

Dear WISE Families,

This winter of ours has been rife with extreme temperatures. From the warmest to the coldest of days. With this in mind we are called to adapt and be prepared for any weather. Please ensure that our children are prepared for the day with warm outerwear, mittens and hats, to enjoy being outside. If the weather is too inclement we welcome children inside and will post notices on our doors advising parents.

Though Spring is still a way off we are looking ahead to the 2018/19 school year, and we are busy preparing for Enrolment season at WISE. Families in Grades 1-8 can expect to receive re-registration packages in February and Kindergarten

families will receive their packages at their Parent Teacher Interviews. Registration for Nursery, Parent & Tot and Home Education will be accepted starting March 3, 2018, at our annual Open House. More information will follow but you are always welcome to speak with us in person if you have any questions.

Warm winter blessing,

The WISE Admin Team

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[The WISE Parent Connection](#)

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## Enchanted Garden Store Hours:

Monday: 2:50 - 3:15 pm  
Wednesday/Thursday: 8:30 - 9:30 am  
Or by apt: [store@thewise.ca](mailto:store@thewise.ca)

## Important dates

## Property Acquisition Process Update

**Mar 3** Open House, K-Grade 6  
**Mar 5** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Open  
**Mar 11** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Close  
**Mar 12** Rosebuds Ends  
**Mar 13** Daisies / Marigolds End  
**Mar 15** Bluebells Ends  
**Mar 16** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Pick Up  
**Mar 16** English Country Dance Night  
**Mar 24** 2018 Champagne Gala  
**Mar 29** Last Day of Term Assembly  
**Mar 30** Good Friday, No Classes

**Apr 2** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Open  
**Apr 2-6** Spring Break, No Classes  
**Apr 8** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Close  
**Apr 9** Rosebuds Begins  
**Apr 10** Daisies / Marigolds Begin  
**Apr 12** Bluebells Begins  
**Apr 13** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Pick Up  
**Apr 14** Work Bee  
**Apr 20** Earth Day Assembly (Grades)  
**Apr 26** Jack & The Beanstalk as Presented by the Alberta Opera  
**Apr 27** Noon Dismissal (Regular class for afternoon kindergarten)  
**Apr 28-29** Calgary Gateways  
**Apr 30** Bulk Order / Fundscrip Open  
**Apr 30** PD Day, No Classes

**Parent Coffee every Wed 8:30 am - 9:15 am in the WISE Gym**



### Site Development Committee

After delays in the property acquisition process, we are on the verge of concluding the formal acquisition of our current home. As of January 2018, our rent has been waived permanently until the completion of the sale, and we are in the midst of the property transition. The joint owners of the property, the Edmonton Catholic School Board (ECSB) (currently owns the building) and the City of Edmonton (currently owns the land), have informed us there are two remaining steps, and the expected property transfer date is Spring 2018.

This has been a long process, subject to delays caused by the complicated subdivision process required and the number of parties involved, but we are very excited to confirm it is finally in the last stage.

Upcoming timeline of the last two steps (March - May 2018)

1. Notice to our neighbours of the upcoming sale and public meeting.
2. Formal ratification of the original 2015 decision to sell to WESE/WISE, in a monthly ECSB meeting.

**Property secured, May/June 2018. 🍀**

### Phase I: Building Upgrades and Green Classroom Project

As soon as we own the building, we will first replace the roof and complete several other significant maintenance projects. These projects have been included in our funding plan and mortgage loan amount.

We will also begin to work on an indoor/outdoor classroom. The indoor/outdoor classroom is designed to add a year-round classroom, which will also function as a growing space. This will help us by managing our ever increasing need for instructional space, while providing a learning environment that is an exciting alternative to portable classrooms.

Located at the southern end of the school, the plan involves a rooftop garden area, main floor classroom, and seamless seasonal integration with the outdoor playspace and community garden. This will allow growing and planting work and instruction through fall and winter, with the capacity to open and integrate the outdoor space during the spring.

Our intention is also to have some additional instructional space in the interim, between the acquisition of the property and the completion of Phase II. In the meantime, we will secure an additional portable classroom to provide extra instructional space and flexibility as needed. 🍀



## 2018 Champagne Gala

### Phase II: 6 Classroom Two-Story Addition

In 2019, we will begin work on the development of a 6 classroom addition on the front of the school, which will pave the way for additional flexibility and improvement in programming. Members of the Site, Fundraising and Growth Committees have developed a fundraising strategy designed to raise additional funds and grants via the broader network of our friends and community, and fundraising efforts are well underway.

This exciting project is born from necessity as much as opportunity, as it allows us to accommodate our pre k-9 school within our school building, and enables us to add additional early-childhood classrooms for sufficient morning program use. We run many afternoon programs, including some kindergarten and nursery, which we would prefer to be able to offer in the morning.

We continue to raise money via our capital building fund. Donations are accepted in office and online at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/15442>

Thank you for your ongoing support and your help attaining our immediate and future goals! 🍀



The 2018 Champagne Gala takes place on March 24, at Studio 96. Featuring incredible entertainment, a unique Silent auction, tasty Charcuterie boards, cocktails and a few surprises. For more details, please visit our Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/932120453614734/> Your generous support contributes to the success of the Gala and our fundraising efforts. The proceeds from the Gala go directly to the 'Growing WISE' campaign to purchase our school building. Thank you for your help! 🍀

### Sponsors

The Gala Committee is ecstatic to announce our event sponsors. We are still hoping for a few more sponsors to ensure the success of our event. Please contact us for our sponsorship package if you or someone you know are interested in helping us in this way. Sponsorship has its perks, please email us for more info.

1. The Flag Shop is our first Platinum Sponsor! A huge heartfelt thank you to Phyllis Bright from The Flag Shop Edmonton (also a WISE Grandmother) for this generous sponsorship. Please check out there website and Facebook page: <http://edmonton.flagshop.com> & <https://www.facebook.com/TheFlagShopEdmonton/>
2. Thank you to an Anonymous Gold Sponsor, your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Corporate sponsorship is available in 3 tiers:

- 🍀 Platinum sponsorship \$2500
- 🍀 Gold sponsorship \$1000
- 🍀 Silver sponsorship \$500

Please make cheques payable to the Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton (WESE). WESE is the charity that operates our school. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request. 🍀

## Early Bird Tickets Are Open

Tickets are limited due to the size of our location, please do not delay, tickets will not be available at the door. You can get your tickets now at <https://www.evensi.ca/champagne-gala-auction-studio96/246538923>. Early bird prices are only available until March 10th. 🍀

## Entertainment

We are so extremely fortunate to have incredible talent within our Edmonton Waldorf Community! The evening will be hosted by the talented Patricia Zentilli (currently in Mama Mia at the Citadel Theater <http://www.citadeltheatre.com/2017-2018/mamma-mia#details>).

Our extraordinary entertainment also includes the sweet sounds of Dana Wylie, Lana Gilday, Julie Yorex, Thom Golub, Laurel-Lee MacLure and Kirsten Elliot playing in the round. We are thrilled that Picture the Ocean will be finishing out the evening.

[www.picturetheocean.com](http://www.picturetheocean.com) 🍀



## Class Gift Baskets/Auction Donations & Wine Pull

1. To ensure the success of one of our biggest annual fundraisers, please donate to your class baskets by March 2nd.
2. Silent auction items will be received until March 16th. Donations are being accepted in the WISE Gym, on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 3:00-3:30 pm and Wednesdays from 8:30-9:15 am. Email [gala@wese.ca](mailto:gala@wese.ca) for alternative times if needed.
3. This year we are putting a fresh new spin on wine! A Wine pull is a fun way to raffle varieties of wine. You never know, you might find your new favourite! One of the best ways you can help to support this part of the fundraising is to donate a great bottle of wine or two.

Questions? Email [gala@wese.ca](mailto:gala@wese.ca) 🍀

## Ottewell-Waldorf Community Garden Project Meeting



Photo credit: Hood River Middle School: We're dreaming of a greenhouse/indoor-outdoor classroom!

A core Project Team has formed, but welcomes new members.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018: 6:30 pm  
At the Waldorf School: 7211 96A Avenue, T6B 1B5.

## Main Discussion

Garden design and planning community socials to increase involvement in the planning.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Your input is valued!

RSVP, please confirm your attendance by Friday, March 2nd to [nora@wese.ca](mailto:nora@wese.ca) or phone/text 780-919-9267. 🍀

## English Country Dance Night



English Country Dance Night is a social evening for people to relax and enjoy a night out with live music, very simple dancing, and a good cup of tea. Admission will be \$20, payable at the door by cash or credit card, and all profits will go to the school. There will be room for about 100 people, and we will have some refreshments for sale as well, including tea, coffee, and some edibles. We hope to have some gluten-free and vegan refreshments as well. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. Dancing will begin at 7:30 pm and finish at 9:30 pm with doors closing at 10:00 pm.

Melanie Kerr of the Pride and Prejudice Ball (AKA Tara Rout, mother of gr. 2 student, Angus Kerr) will be hosting the event, and teaching one or two simple dances which will then be danced three or four times so guests can practice and enjoy with different partners, if they like, or just watch and listen and sip their tea. The style of dance is not like ballroom, and does not require that you bring a partner. It is much more like folk dance, done in groups of four, and follows the same principles as many kinds of square dances. People find partners when they get there, and it is very welcoming to newcomers. There will be no alcohol

served at the event, and we think you will be glad of that, because you will want your brain cells for dancing. Do wear soft-soled, flat, comfortable shoes, for the sake of your ankles, your partner's toes, and the gymnasium floor.

Childcare will be available on site for \$5 per child, in one of the younger grade classrooms from 7-10 pm. Childcare will be provided by upper grade WISE students who have taken their babysitting course.

All organization will be handled by the Pride and Prejudice Ball, though a few extra hands at the end to help with cleanup would be most welcome. Please contact [tara@prideandprejudiceball.ca](mailto:tara@prideandprejudiceball.ca) if you would like to volunteer. 🍀

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