



Issue 9

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the WISE connection



From the WISE office

Dear WISE Families,

We have turned a corner into the glorious hope of Spring! The sun is shining, and the children are radiant as they welcome the change in weather in our playground. Every bee and worm is a marvel. There is an industriousness in the school as we clear away the remnants of winter and bring out our shovels and rakes to prepare the garden beds and plant seeds for the warm summer ahead. Many of us are staying after school to play with friends and in the absence of ice and snow, we are reminded at how fast they can run!

As the weather changes we would like to remind parents that, along with an extra change of clothes and splash gear, to ensure children bring a sun hat for their outdoor play. Please have a look through our lost and found to claim any winter woollens that may have been forgotten on these warm spring days.

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WISE Facebook Page:
[Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton](#)

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

May 4-5	Edmonton Gateways
May 6	Bulk Order/ Fundscrip closes
May 11	Bulk Order / Fundscrip pick up
May 21	Victoria Day, No classes
May 26	Mayfair
June 1	Spring Concert - Classes 1-4
June 4	Rosebuds ends
June 4	Bulk Order / Fundscrip open
June 6	Spring Concert - Classes 5-8
June 8	Whitsun Assembly (Grades)
June 8	Parent Survey Night
June 10	Work Bee
June 10	Bulk Order / Fundscrip close
June 12	Daisies/Marigolds end
June 13	Parent Volunteer Appreciation Morning
June 14	Bluebells ends
June 15	Last Day of Nursery
June 15	Bulk Order / Fundscrip pick up
June 16	Nursery Open House
June 21	Last Day of School Assembly (Grades)
June 22	Last Day of School Picnic (Whole School)

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

Office Note

Victoria Day Holiday Closure

Monday, May 21, 2018

We will be closed for all programming on Monday, May 21, 2018. All programming will resume as scheduled on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

May Bulk Order & Fundscrip:

Order Closes:

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 10:00PM

Order Pick Up:

Friday, May 11, 2018 between
3:00PM – 4:30PM

WISE events



WESE Mayfair

Saturday, May 26th from 11:00am – 3:00pm

Please join us for our annual celebration of Spring! Maypole Dances, Picnic, Games and Activities for all ages -- All are welcome!

\$10/family (\$5/individual); all activities are free.

Bring a picnic lunch for your family and a reusable water bottle.

Order of the day:

- 10:30am Children are to meet in their classrooms
- 11:00am Maypole Dances begin in the field
- 12:00pm Picnic lunch, activities begin
- 3:00pm Activities close and cleanup begins

Activities: Face Painting, Seed Planting, Flower Crowns, Crafts, Carnival Games and Races

There will also be a cash-only seedling sale with all proceeds going to the Growing WISE Campaign.

Please note that the students need to meet their teachers at the school at 10:30am to prepare for the Maypole Dances, which will begin at 11:00am.

The Mayfair can't run without the help of volunteers, so please check this link to the sign-up and find a shift that suits you!



Spring Concerts

Dear Parents,

There are TWO SPRING CONCERTS coming up in early June, please make a note in your calendar! The students are sounding wonderful, and I know they will be proud and excited to share their music with you.

1. **Friday June 1st, start time 6:30pm***
Classes 1 - 4 will perform a variety of choral, flute/recorder, and ukulele pieces.
2. **Wednesday June 6th, start time 6:30pm***
Classes 5 - 8 will perform a variety of choral and instrumental pieces, and also will be playing their Concert Band repertoire.

Students are asked to arrive at 6:00pm

Concert Dress:

For the concert, please have the students wear black or darker coloured dress pants, and white or light coloured dress shirts. Vests are welcome if wanted. If wearing dresses, colours are welcome. No high heels, and all dresses/skirts below the knee. Nice shoes or sandals are welcome.

If you have any questions about the concerts, please contact me, Ms. Elliott at kirsten@thewise.ca.

Warm Thanks,

Kirsten Elliott
(Music Enrichment Teacher & Band Director)

Community Building

Be a part of the next phase of the schools playground and outdoor spaces!

If you are looking for a fun and rewarding committee to try your hand at the playground committee is a very fun and rewarding one to be on! You can bring your kids along to help and play outside as you work so everyone wins!

Here are the roles we could use some help with:

Play Pod Coordinator: We are looking for someone to occasionally organize and restock items in the children's Play Pod (the shed in the playground that holds open-ended things for the kids to play with at recess such as tarps, and other items for fort building, toboggans, hula-hoops, muffin tins etc).

Playground Researcher: This role can be done from home on your own schedule. Look for playground options, costing and companies that will build with mainly natural materials in Edmonton.

Playground Work-Bee Coordinator: Have a look around and make a list of items to be tidied or fixed up on the playground. Then help the group of volunteers that come out during the work-bees to accomplish these items.

Purchaser: Order occasional supplies for the playground and keep track of the playground budget and spreadsheet as supplied by the school.

Committee Member: help generally where needed on the committee or during school work-bees.

Committee Liason: Assist in liaisoning between these various committees (Garden Committee, Site Committee, Playground Committee and the school's Grant Writer) to ensure communication is shared between these areas in regards to planning the outdoor spaces for WISE.

Playground Chairperson: Coordinate meeting times and committee etc

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact Dana Brettelle at 780-904-6579 or danab@wese.ca or Jane at jane@wese.ca for more information and training.

Living our Principles
Social Justice
Exploring Place, Race, Class and Gender
in Waldorf Education

June 25 - 28 2018

DELEGATES MEETING June 23 - 25
Pedagogical Section Meetings TBD

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DR LINDA WILLIAMS *Class Teacher, Detroit Waldorf School*

NEIL BOLAND *Senior Lecturer, Auckland University of Technology*

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WASHINGTON WALDORF SCHOOL
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Please inform your communities and mark your calendars!
For more information, contact Connie Stokes cstokes@awsna.org



From AWSNA

Please click here for News from AWSNA April 2018.

The theme of the AWSNA 2018 Summer Conference, Social Justice: Exploring Place, Race, Class, and Gender in Waldorf Education, is related to our 2nd Principle:

“Waldorf schools foster social renewal by cultivating human capacities in service to the individual and society.

Waldorf schools foster development so that, throughout life, individuals are motivated to serve humanity with strength of will, depth of feeling, clarity of thought, and the ability to work with others. The educational program is designed to strengthen these fundamental human capacities in our students.”

Our keynote speakers bring a wealth of research and experience to these topics and will inspire thought-provoking discussions and conversations during and following the conference. Neil Boland is senior lecturer at Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand where he coordinates the teacher education programs (early childhood through high school) as well as other non-teaching education degrees. Linda Williams is a class teacher at Detroit Waldorf School where she also currently serves as co-chair of the College of Teachers.

The conference will be hosted by Washington Waldorf School, in Bethesda, MD from June 25-28, 2018.

For more information and to register please go here.

Warmly,

Beverly Amico
for the AWSNA Executive Team
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Highlight of the class



Community garden

Calling all gardeners or those who want to be. I am starting a community garden cooperative at my acreage located less than 20km east from our school, about 10 minutes from Sherwood Park. If you are interested in discussing the possibilities, please email Jodie, aka Addy's mom, at gobohoracing@outlook.com, to express your interest and receive an invitation to the planning meeting, date to be confirmed but within the next two weeks.

The vision for the Seed to Sauce Co-op, as I've coined it, is for us to produce and process as much wholesome, food stuff, herbs and medicinals as the 3.27 acre property can sustain holistically, adopting various natural methods of cultivation including regenerative, biodynamic, permaculture and xeriscaping principals. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome.

And remember, gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes!

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Class One recently spent a busy and wonderful afternoon felting spring robins on a nest. The project was led by Kellie Menard with our very able Class One volunteer helpers. What an enjoyable afternoon we all had.

Mrs. Tozer.



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