



the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

Here we are at the end of another school year! It seems like yesterday that we welcomed the new grade one class over the rainbow bridge and welcomed many new families into our programs. It has been a year of growth and learning at WISE. We have watched the children change and grow in their learning as predictably as we have welcomed the seasons.

We are busy planning for the year ahead and we will be sending out surveys to families to gather feedback about our programming. This reflection is vital to the strength of our school. Thank you in advance for your participation!

We hope to see you for an end of school picnic on Friday, June 22 at 12:30pm.

Wishing you a fun and rejuvenating summer. See you in the Fall for another year of learning and growth.

The WISE Admin Team 🌱

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(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:

JUNE

Jun 1 Spring Concert - Classes 1-4

Jun 4 Rosebuds ends

Jun 6 Spring Concert - Classes 5-8

Jun 8 Whitsun Assembly (Grades)

Jun 10 Work Bee

Jun 12 Daisies/Marigolds end

Jun 14 Bluebells ends

Jun 15 Last Day of Nursery

Jun 16 Nursery Open House

Jun 21 Last Day of School Assembly (Grades)

Jun 22 Last Day of School (Dismissal at 12:30)

Jun 22 School Picnic

AUGUST

Aug 27 Parent Night (Grade 1-9 & Home Education Board)

Aug 28 Parent Night (Parent & Tot / Nursery / Kindergarten)

Parent Coffee every Wednesday at 8:30 am - 9:15 am in the WISE Gym.

Office Notes



WISE Annual Parent Surveys

Every year we send surveys to families at WISE. You can expect to receive an email from the office with a link to the online surveys in the first week of June.

These surveys help us gather information to better understand your family's experience and level of satisfaction with the WISE programs.

Please note that there will be three surveys available that separate the WISE program groups:

1. Kindergarten & Grades Students
2. Home Education
3. Wondergarden and Parent Tot Families

*If you have multiple children in each program group, please fill out one per program group or one per child, if desired.

Please note that all results will remain confidential and identifying features will not be included with your results. However, a summary of the results will be used for reporting purposes as well as be made available to parents.

The deadline to complete the survey will be June 30, 2018.

We appreciate your time and thank you for all of your participation in the WISE school life.

Please contact us via email with any questions or concerns at: administrator@thewise.ca.

WISE Last Day of School

Friday, June 22, 2018 @ 12:30pm

There will be a noon dismissal for all WISE programming on Friday, June 22, 2018. Please join us for a potluck picnic lunch in the playground. Families welcome! Please bring a blanket to sit on, lunch for your family, beverages and sun hats!

WISE Lost and Found

Please take a few moments to look through our Lost & Found for any treasured outerwear and belongings. Any remaining items will be donated to the Bissel Centre when we have closed for the summer.

2018 WISE Early Childhood Open House

Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 1-4pm

Please join our Early Childhood instructors for an informative tea to learn more about our Nursery (Wondergarden) and Parent & Tot programs.

Registrations will be accepted on-site and tours of our school will be available.

Families are welcome.

Community Garden Committee

We were very pleased to receive grants from AISCA (Association of Independent Schools & Colleges of Alberta), for reconciliation education activities, and to SFE (Sustainable Food Edmonton) for our community garden.



WISE Events

WISE 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. I know they will be both proud and excited to share their music with you.

Classes 1 - 4 will perform a variety of choral, flute/recorder, and ukulele pieces.

Classes 5 - 8 will perform a variety of choral and instrumental pieces, and also will be playing their Concert Band repertoire.

Classes 1 - 4

Friday June 1st, start time 6:30pm

Students are asked to arrive at 6pm

Classes 5-8

Wednesday June 6th, start time 6:30pm

Students are asked to arrive at 6pm

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 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 at kirsten@thewise.ca.

Warm Thanks,

Kirsten Elliott

(Music Enrichment Teacher & Band Director) 🍀

Community Building

Gateways Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped organize Gateways! We had another wonderfully informative Friday/Saturday conference, this year with a special focus on child development with remedial specialist, JoAnn Climenhage. Stay tuned for more information about next year's Gateways, when we celebrate 100 years of Waldorf! 🌱



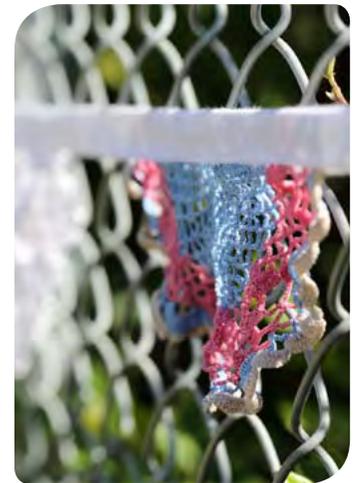


From Fair Committee

We would like to thank our community for joining together in celebration around the Maypole. Our children love these events, and they couldn't happen without the support of many. Thank you for your time and commitment. I would also like to take a moment to thank the Fair Committee. These people pour in a lot of hours and a lot of love. They are tireless and they are bold. It is a great honour working with them and it's a lot of fun. Thank you Sydney Lee, June Leister, Julie Yerex, Andrea Corbin, Andrew Johnson, Jess Purves, Caitlynd Roy, and Christine Nordell. Can't wait for the Pumpkin Walk!



Warmly,
Janelle Burnham 🍀



Highlight of the Class

Kindergarten

Mme. Charlotte and Miss Sarah

Every Friday, the morning and afternoon Kindergarten classes have a lovely tradition of preparing vegetables for the cooking and sharing of Stone Soup. Each week a colourful array of vegetables arrives at school in a basket under the watchful eye of the friendly gnome named Pepper Pot. The students themselves, with the help of their parents, collect the vegetables to share with their school friends. Pepper Pot spends the week with the family whose child has found the stone and sometimes joins them on their shopping adventure. Eating collectively fosters wonderful habits of sharing, of discovering new tastes and of cultivating gratitude for all that we have to share. 🍃



Class 8

Mr. Chad Skinner

Class 8 is entering into a block on Civil Rights, examining the historic figures of 1850 to the Present Day. We will focus on archetypes which formed the progress and resistance to oppression during this period. This is to challenge the fatalistic attitude that many teenagers feel towards global inequalities, and allows them to see the world as a place in which they can make a change.

In the first week, we will look at Karl Marx and the abuses of Capitalism, the rise of Unions and Strikes, and Emma Goldman and the Haymarket Affair. These form the basis for the 20th Century progressive movements, which will be studied in the second week.

This second week will be composed of the Suffragette movement, with a focus on the Famous Five and the Persons Case, Jewish and French resistance movements during WW2, a little bit on Jazz and Democracy, then the Feminist Revolution, and into Decolonization in both Africa and in North America.

In our final week of the block, we will be moving into contemporary times, by studying the lives of Marsha P. Johnson and Harvey Milk to understand the harsh oppression of the LGBTQ community, and how they resisted oppression. Next, we will look into the Civil Rights movement in the US, with a focus on MLK Jr. and Malcolm X, as contrasting figures in this movement of Black Civil Rights. We will also look at Leonard Peltier, who was part of the American Indian Movement, and is considered a political prisoner of the United States.

Finally, we will be looking at our world today, with the Black Lives Matter and Idle No More movements, and perhaps a bit of Hip Hop and how it emerged from cities of intense oppression. 🍃





Children's PERMACULTURE CAMP

ORGANIZED BY THE EDMONTON PERMACULTURE GUILD

The Edmonton Permaculture Guild's Children's Permaculture Camp is a portal into a world where senses are activated as we explore permaculture through the lens of the imagination, with games, and hands-on investigation. Your children will have the opportunity to discover permaculture topics in a playful, kid-friendly fashion. Embark upon a fun-filled community experience that inspires connection, discovery and creativity.

During this 5 day program, students will use permaculture design principles, math, science, and the writing process to tackle community food challenges and opportunities. In addition, the program includes a field trip to the Prairie Urban Farm located at the University of Alberta, guest speakers, and hands on applications - all ensure that students come away with a greater understanding of integrated systems and nature's own amazing design.

CAMP DETAILS

DATE: MON-FRI, JULY 23 - 27 • 9 AM - 4 PM

TWO SEPARATE AGE GROUPS: 7 TO 11 & 12 TO 14

LOCATION: WALDORF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OF EDMONTON
7211-96A AVE, EDMONTON, T6B 1B5

PRICE: \$270/PER CHILD

Register Online www.EdmontonPermacultureGuild.ca/childrens-permaculture-camp



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We encourage your comments, suggestions, and submissions to communication@wese.ca.

The deadline is the first of the month. Anything after the deadline will be considered for the following month. All submissions are subject to editing and approval.

