the WISE connection

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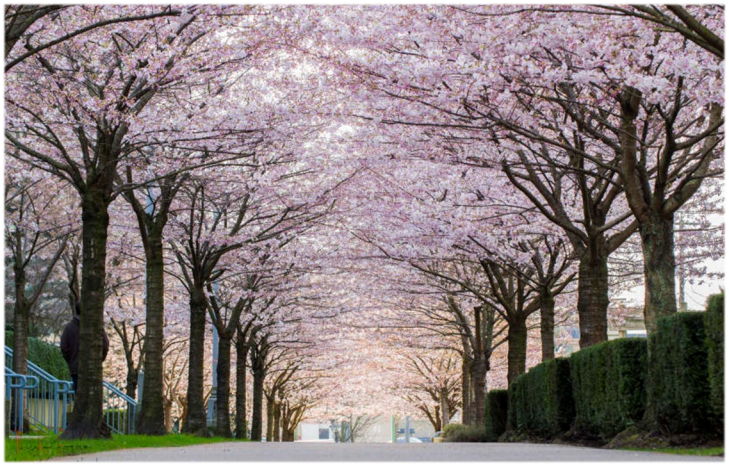

From the WISE Office

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, 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 in the absence of ice and snow; we are reminded of how fast they can run!

As the weather changes we would like to remind parents to ensure that, along with an extra change of clothes and splash gear, children bring a sun hat for their outdoor play.

Please have a look through our lost and found to claim any winter woolens that may have been forgotten on these warm spring days.

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The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton respectfully acknowledges that we are located in Amiskwacîwâskahikan, or so-called Edmonton, on Treaty 6 territory. The land that the Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton sits on was once Métis scrip land. Scrip was given to Métis people in exchange for their land rights. The land of Treaty 6 territory was once a gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples, including the Cree, Blackfoot, Metis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/ Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant communities. Our faculty, staff, board, and school community commit to working toward reconciliation and decolonization.

Important Dates:

May 2 PD Day, no programming
May 7 Work-Bee
May 8 Bulk Order Closes
May 13 Bulk Order Pick Up
May 23 Victoria Day, no programming
May 28 Mayfair
Jun 3 Tree-Planting Ceremony
Jun 5 Bulk Order Closes
Jun 6 Last day of Rosebuds/Bluebells
Jun 7 Last day of Daisies
Jun 10 Last day of Nursery
Jun 10 Bulk Order Pick Up
Jun 11 Early Childhood Open House
Jun 11 Last Day of Sunflowers
Jun 16 Last Day of School (Kinder)
Jun 17 Last Day of School (Grades)

Important Dates Continued:

Parent Coffee every Wednesday 8:00am - 9:30am in the WISE Gymnasium

Handwork Circle every Thursday 7:00pm – 10:00pm in the WISE Wondergarden classroom

WISE Events

Bulk Order

Only two orders left for the year!

May's order is open; 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!

Questions about how it works?

Reach out to bulkorders@thewise.ca or stop by the gym on May 13th, our next sorting day, and you can see it in action.

WISE Events (cont'd)

WESE Mayfair

Please join us for our annual celebration of Spring!

Saturday, May 28th from 11:00am-3:00pm.

Maypole Dance, 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 **lots of water.** Sunscreen, hats, and bug spray are useful as well.

Order of the Day:

11am - Maypole Dances begin in the field

12noon - Picnic lunch, activities begin

3pm - Activities close and cleanup begins

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

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!

Community Building

Work-Bee: Saturday,
May 7th 11am - 3pm

Join fellow parents in caring for our school.

We will have indoor and outdoor tasks, some of which have no special skills required.

Come to the school's main entrance when you arrive to find the list of jobs to choose from.

Save the date: Tree Planting Ceremony

On Friday, June 3rd, join us at 8:30am for a special tree-planting ceremony. Our mortgage provider, the Social Enterprise Fund, is donating a tree in honour of our extraordinary journey from eviction from one property to the purchase of another, all of which our school went through between 2017 to 2019.

Originally planned for the Spring of 2020, we will now officially mark the momentous achievement of creating a permanent home for the WISE.

There will be brief celebratory remarks, a fire and tea/coffee (please bring your own mug).

All are welcome!

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We encourage your comments, suggestions, and submissions to newsletter@thewise.ca.

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