

Waldorf Education is based on the understanding that the key to developing critical thinking is an active and creative imagination. Throughout the Waldorf experience the students are taught to respect nature, the earth, and one another.

The development of the child's imagination, inspiration, and intuition are enhanced by integrating artistic activities into the daily curriculum. Lessons such as music, singing, painting, drawing, modelling, movement, and handwork are offered to supplement the regular academic subjects in order to encourage a head, heart, and hands approach to learning.

Parents are encouraged to take an active supportive role in the program. Working together, the staff and parents strive to establish a school atmosphere in which the teacher create, out of his or her own strength, imagination, and warmth of heart, a healthy and nurturing environment.

Classes emphasize mutual support in an atmosphere of responsibility and freedom, and avoid competitive personal comparisons as much as possible. The close working relationship which can develop under these circumstances between teacher, students and parents, is considered an important component of the program.

Waldorf education was developed by an Austrian Philosopher and Educator named Rudolf Steiner.

There are approximately 1000 Waldorf schools world-wide. Waldorf is a sister movement to Bio-dynamic Agriculture, Eurythmy, the Camphill movement and others, which are connected through the broader movement of Anthroposophy. To learn more about Waldorf and related subjects, please visit the website of the *Association of Waldorf Schools of North America* www.awsna.org.



The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton

is a volunteer-run, non-profit registered charity which operates the Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton. For more information on our Society and the programs we offer, please visit:
www.thewise.ca

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Tuition or program fees will be fully refunded, minus enrollment fees, if notice of student withdrawal is received 7 days or more before the start of the program.

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WISE Head, Heart and Hands Homeschool Arts Enrichment Program 2023-2024

The WISE Head, Heart and Hands Homeschool program is designed to offer homeschooled children through grades 1 - 7 an opportunity to engage in Waldorf inspired activities with a focus on art, music, drama, and movement, along with nature based play and exploration.



An Associate Member School of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)

The yearly program will run for 24 weeks, from September 25 - June 10th, with three 8 week blocks of classes. The program will take place Mondays, beginning at 11:45am and ending 3:45pm (4 hours).

During each class students will enjoy lunch together, have a welcome circle with songs, music, verses and stories.

Two teachers will lead age appropriate activities in either Arts, Drama or Nature themes with outdoor play and exploration woven throughout the rhythm of the class. Each 8 week block will have a seasonal theme along with an Arts, Drama or Nature Theme. At the end of each seasonal block, students will share their projects with their parents in a celebration of learning.

This program will run with a minimum of 12 students and a maximum of 16 students.



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Mondays: 11:45am - 3:45pm

**This 24 Week Program runs
Sept 25 - June 10 and includes 3
focused seasonal blocks:**

- Sept 25 - Nov 27 -Autumn -
Arts: Painting, Sculpting, drawing, felting, knitting, crocheting and woodwork.
- Jan 8 - Mar 11 - Winter -
Drama: participating in presenting a play/ verse/stories/music and songs and/or working behind the scenes to suit students abilities and interests.
- April 8 - June 10 - Spring -
Nature: nature walks, outdoor play and games, nature crafts, shelter building and nature journaling.

Costs and Payment Options

\$75 WESE Membership fee (Sept 2023 - Aug 2024) \$100 Enrollment Fee (non-refundable)
\$600/year Tuition - 10% discount for siblings

Credit card, Debit, Cheque or Etransfer accepted

Call 780-466-3312 or email registrar@thewise.ca