

the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

And just like that, Winter is upon us! Though we have enjoyed a beautiful second Autumn, the shorter days and colder weather are here to stay. It is a joy to watch the children celebrate newly fallen snow and cold winds from the warmth and shelter of their winter woolens. Dressing for the weather with mittens, hats and scarves keeps everyone comfortable.

With our upcoming Lantern Walk, our Kindergarten, Class 1 and Class 2 children will celebrate bringing light into this season of darkness. Our hope for everyone is that our own inner light is carried forth through the winter ahead, and shines outward into the world through our deeds.

We hope that you find renewed connection with your family and friends and enjoy a much deserved rest during our November break.

With gratitude and blessings,

The WISE Admin Team 🌱

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[Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton](#)

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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:

Nov 8 Handwork Circle

Nov 9 Lantern Walk, K-Gr 2

Nov 12 Bulk Order opens

Nov 12-16 WISE Break,
no programming

Nov 18 Bulk Order closes

Nov 19-20 Parent Teacher Interviews,
no K-Gr 9 programming

Nov 19 WESE AGM

Nov 22 Handwork Circle

Nov 23 Bulk Order pick up

Nov 30 Winter Fair set up, no
programming

Nov 30 Candle Light Market

Dec 1 Winter Fair

Dec 3 First Week of Advent - Advent
Spiral

Dec 3 Last day of Rosebuds

Dec 4 Last day of Daisies/Marigolds

Dec 6 Last day of Bluebells

Dec 6 Handwork Circle

Dec 10 Second Week of Advent

Dec 14 Winter Concert

Dec 17 Third Week of Advent

Dec 20 Handwork Circle

Dec 21 Noon dismissal, Gr 1-9 only

Dec 23 Fourth week of Advent

Dec 24-Jan 6 WISE Winter Break, no
programming

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



Office Notes

WISE Break

Monday, November 12 – Friday, November 16

We will be closed for all programming during this time. 🌱

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday, November 19 & Tuesday, November 20

Please note that there will be no programming for the Kindergarten and Grades for this Monday and Tuesday, as faculty will be holding Parent / Teacher Interviews.

Programming will run as scheduled for our Parent & Tot and Home School Arts Enrichment programs (Rosebuds & Daisies & Marigolds) 🌱

Staff Changes

Our longtime Office Manager, Christiane Benoit, has begun working closer to home in Thorhild, Alberta. We would like to thank her for her time and dedication at WISE and wish her the very best in her future endeavours. We look forward to seeing her regularly as a valued member of our community.

Please join us in welcoming Eva, who has stepped in as our Office Administrator. Though this is a very busy time of year, she has brought her passion and administrative skills to support the Administrative team. 🌱

WISE Events

Lantern Walk

November 9, 2018

Our lovely Lantern Walk will be held on Friday, November 9 at 5:45pm - 6:45pm. This walk reminds us of our inner light which shines even through the coming darkness of the season. Kindergarten, Class 1 and Class 2 children, along with their families, are asked to meet promptly at 5:45pm near the bridge at the back play area. We will begin with a song circle at the school grounds. The group will then be led by our teachers and Ms Elliott for a lovely walk to the nearby enchanted garden, through a lantern lit path, and then back to the school for a final song circle. There will be more information coming from your teachers. To keep the intimacy and reverence of this festival amongst our wonderful blossoming community we have selected this festival to be for Kindergarten, Class 1 and Class 2; however, if a family outside of this group feels especially drawn to come they are welcome.

We ask that you supervise your children during this event, as we will be heading off of school property. 🌱



CANDLELIGHT MARKET

Looking for a chance to visit our local vendors before Winter Fair? Want to pre-purchase both admission and activity tokens for the fair the next day? Join us on Friday, November 30, between 7 - 9pm to do some holiday shopping! This event is for Adults Only. Babes in arms are welcome. Admission \$2. It is a beautiful evening. You will want to come. 🍀



WINTER FAIR

You are invited to the Winter Fair on Saturday, December 1, from 12 noon - 4 p.m.

How can you help, you ask?

MANY volunteers are needed to run this magical event. Here is the sign up link. Our beloved Winter Fair really counts on each family filling at least one "day of" volunteer shift. All those signed up by NOVEMBER 6 will be entered into a draw to win a beautiful wooden toboggan. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA8AA2EA1FA7-20181>

Children in Grades Four and up are welcome to sign up on the Children's signup. Their shifts are for 30 mins in specific activities. You can find the Children's sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA8AA2EA1FA7-20182>

We also need parents help to ensure we have enough treats and Secret Store items for all the children.

Class 1 and 2, Kindergarten and Nursery and Parent and Tot families are asked to craft 16 small items each for the Secret Store. Need ideas - check out our [WISE Pinterest Board!](#) Our Secret Store ran out of items last year, so please, if you're able to make a couple extra the elves would be most grateful.

Class 3, 4, 5, families are asked to bring 1 dozen cookies each for the Cookie Cave ~ a wondrous nook where fresh baked cookies float before your very eyes. Please ensure that all cookies

are NUT FREE. Please bring your cookies wrapped individually in small plastic bags with the following colour coding ribbon tied around each cookie:

- Green- vegan
- Blue- gluten-free
- White- regular

Class 6, 7, 8/9 families - We need items for the Café! Savoury items are recommended but everything yummy is welcome! Please ensure that all items are nut/peanut free. Also include a list of ingredients with your items.

Items will be collected the week prior to Winter Fair, except Cafe items which we ask to have dropped off Friday, November 30.

Crafting Coffee Corner for the Secret Store
Are you in a class that is asked to make cute little treasures for the secret store but have no idea where to start? Do you hate crafts? Do you love crafting? Would you like some guidance, supplies, ideas, help, and some coffee? For the month of November every Wednesday morning from 9am to 10am our beloved Justine Pavelich will be hosting a crafting hour in the Handworks Portable, which is the farthest one west in Portable Village. Please come and let us help get you started! We'd love to have you. No experience required. You are welcome to craft for the secret store even if you are not in a class that has been asked. Every little handmade treasure helps! 🍀



Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton-Annual General Meeting

Dear WESE Members,

The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton (WESE) is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday November 19th, 2018. The AGM promptly begins at 7pm and ends at 8:30pm.

We invite all of our membership to join us for this important event. In preparation for the AGM we are currently seeking nominations for new Board Members. If you wish to join the Board or nominate someone as a Board or Committee Member, the Board and Committee Application form can be found at the WISE office during regular business hours or online at: https://www.wese.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/WESE-application-2018_19.pdf

Nominations close November 5th to allow us time to review applications and fill openings. The current Board will propose one unified panel for the members to vote on, rather than individuals persons. The proposed Board Member candidates, presented as the panel, will be officially voted in during the AGM by the membership.

Board Information:

Serving Board Members for WESE are scheduled to meet every 3rd Monday of each month of their term. Currently, the Board meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There are also quarterly meetings with the Faculty for a shared WISE Meeting held on a Saturday afternoon. Each Board Member serves on WESE/WISE school committees. Each Board Member actively facilitates and Chairs one Committee and may oversee or Co-chair others. Committees are an essential role in our community-operated

school. The dedication of our volunteers allow us to bring Waldorf Education to Edmonton in a very practical and affordable way for local families.

AGM Information:

To be eligible to vote, nominate, or stand for office, WESE members must be in good standing. Membership payments must be received one day before the AGM; one vote per family membership. <http://www.wese.ca/community/membership/>

The AGM will take place in the WISE school Gymnasium, promptly at 7 p.m. A map is located at the bottom of: <http://www.thewise.ca> (7211 96A Ave Edmonton)

As a volunteer based school, we deeply value the commitment and work undertaken by past, present, and upcoming members on the WISE community.

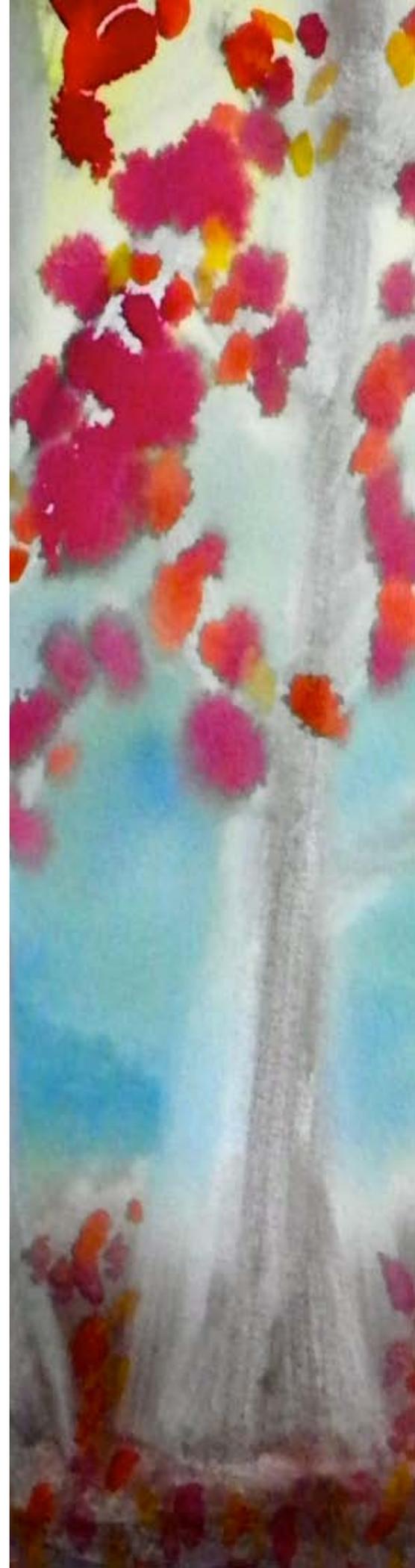
Warmly,

WESE Board Development Committee
Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton

*"It is only wholesome when
In the mirror of the Human Soul
The whole community takes shape
And in the community
Lives the strength of the Individual Soul*

This is the Motto of Social Ethics"

-Rudolf Steiner



WISE Events

School Dance

Another phenomenal dance was had by all, as Class 6 joined in the fun this year, adding much energy and enthusiasm to the event. A big thank you to the parents who assisted in chaperoning and holding the space so the students could boogie. I do believe there was more dancing had this year, more parents, and more fun! 🍀



Photos credit: Lisa Read (Ladybird Photography)

Pumpkin Walk

The Fair Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped make this year's Pumpkin Walk the wonderfully successful evening that it was. What a wonderful night we had. To the bake sale folks, those who organized, baked like mad and put on an incredible spread, to the actors who all willingly took up their parts and characters with ease and joy, to those who came and helped set it all up, and those that stuck around to help take it all down, and to those who bought pumpkins and helped carve them and bought tickets and came to spread the joy, thank you! A special thanks to Mother Nature for providing nicer weather than we ever dreamed possible, and that moon! 🍀



Photos credit: Rafael Bustamante



Community

Bulk Order FAQ

What is the bulk order?

It's an awesome way to get high quality, organic/fair trade items at great prices AND support our wonderful school at the same time.

What kinds of things do we order?

All kinds of things! Here are some popular examples

- Dry goods – like organic cans of soup or stock
- Organic, vegan or Gluten free cookies, breads or crackers
- Organic cans of coconut milk
- Natural chips and popcorns
- Allergen free granola bars
- Salsa and pasta sauces
- Pops with stevia or cane sugar
- Fair trade chocolate bars
- Hot chocolate and tea
- Rice, pasta, flour, oats , coconut flour and all kinds of grains, legumes and alternatives
- Household items like cleaning supplies and diapers
- Chilled items – like Organic Milk or cream or cheese dairy free alternatives
- Kombucha
- Hummus and other dips
- Frozen pizzas
- Frozen fruit and vegetables
- Ice cream

Do I have to order a full case myself?

NO! We split cases of items all the time and very easily!

On the website choose “Splits”. You will see all kinds of amazing items being ordered. Click the item, choose the minimum and maximum you want of each item and update the split. It's that easy!

Can I order full cases of my favorite items myself?

YES!! Go to the “Orders” section. Find the item you want and order 1 whole case.

How do I pay?

On order pick up day, you pay K.C. in the office. Debit, cash and cheque are preferred so the school is not charged credit card fees. 11% is added to our totals as the fund raising portion.

Great! How do I join?

1. Make a user name and password here: <https://foodclub.org/wise/login>
2. You will get approved and sent information about the order.

* Next order is due November 18 and pick up is November 23.* 🌱

Highlight of the Class

Class 2

It's been a pleasure getting to know Class 2 in these first few months of our time together. I'm especially grateful for the outside/nature loving side of them! We've started our circle time outside in sun, rain, wind, and snow—and it's only October! In the assorted weather, we've learned a lot about each other, sharing and listening to what our classmates are excited about, our favourite animals and foods, and interesting happenings on the weekend. Thanks to the wonderful parents of Class 2, we now have skipping ropes for our morning rhythm, which has been a fun movement activity.

We are currently in the middle of our math block, and as part of our studies, we've already been sailing down the Nile, across the Pacific Ocean, and canoeing along the northwest coast of Canada. Through each mode of travel, we've been exploring our surroundings (which included hippos, deserted islands, exotic birds, and salmon) and reviewing and adding to the important math operations they discovered last year. This week we even caught a few schools of salmon fish (scarlet runner beans) to help us with our group counting. We're looking forward to canoeing down some local rivers near Edmonton as we hope to catch a glimpse of the bison on the Great Plains.

When we're not on a math adventure, we've been enjoying the transition from summer to fall. Our watercolour paintings reflected what we saw on our nature walks and we painted pumpkins in preparation for the Pumpkin Walk. Of course, we didn't stop there! Thanks to the lovely parents in Class 2, we were able to collect pumpkins, carve them, and make a big contribution to the Pumpkin Walk.

During story-time we've been reading 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame, and following the adventures of Toad, Rat, Mole, Otter, and Badger as they make their way down the river and through the Wild Woods. Our games and movement class has given us the opportunity to transform into octopi, barnyard animals, hot dogs, and blind ninjas.

The students in Class 2 have become an incredible group of poets this year, learning some poems by heart, reading many lines of poetry, and making a few of their own clever rhymes. Some of our favourites include, 'Who Has Seen the Wind?', 'The Eagle,' 'The Poet Tree,' 'Mr. Hoover,' and a math poem.

On Fridays, Class 2 has been appreciating nature by making their very own nature books. So far, we've looked at local flora and fauna, studying the white-tailed jackrabbit, and, the largest organism on earth, the aspen tree. We even had a chance to grow our own roots using yarn, mature up to the sky, and connect as a class like a grand stand of aspens!

I would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Valencia, Ms. Robin, and Ms. Montana for all their hard work in the classroom, as well as the parents of Class 2, who make all of what we do in at school possible! Class 2 is a special class and I feel lucky to be a part of their lives here at The WISE.

I look forward to the coming months of learning, sharing, and exploring!

Jared Riley 🌱



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Job Opportunity

Playground Supervisor at the WISE

If you are interested in being a part of the school in a meaningful way and assisting the children to have positive and enjoyable play during their recess break- please email hr@thewise.ca or call Dana Brettelle at **780-904-6579** for additional info and a more complete job description.

Requirements: Records Check, First Aid, strong interpersonal and communication skills; approachable for students, parents and colleagues. A willingness to assist and model kind and thoughtful play with students. Starting salary is \$15 hour. Training Provided.

(Current need is for Substitute Supervisors (if someone is ill or away) and or to choose one or two days a week commitment weekly) Days of the week are flexible at this point. 12:25-1:25pm.

Warmly,

Dana Brettelle
On behalf of the HR Committee
hr@wise.ca 