

the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

The change to Autumn has been swift and earlier than expected. Gardens are harvested and some have been put to sleep for the year. We find ourselves waking up to frost, rain and even snow. It isn't unusual to need mittens, hats, splash pants, boots and shorts - all in one week!

As the evenings grow longer some of us may notice that bedtime routines are easier and we naturally feel a call to rest. Within the school, our days have taken on a familiar routine and the children have settled into their classes and daily rhythms. The industriousness of their work hums through the halls.

As we gather our families to give thanks over the holiday, we hope that you feel the warmth and support of this school community.

With gratitude and blessings,
The WISE Admin Team 🍀

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[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:

Oct 4 Farmers Market Launch and Open House
Oct 5 Picture Day, K - Gr 9
Oct 8 Thanksgiving, no programming
Oct 8 Bulk order opens
Oct 11 Handwork Circle
Oct 14 Bulk order closes
Oct 19 Bulk order pickup
Oct 19 Junior High Dance
Oct 20 Pumpkin Walk
Oct 25 Handwork Circle
Oct 26-27 Casino Fundraiser

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

Nov 2 Lantern Walk, K - Gr 2
Nov 8 Handwork Circle
Nov 12 Bulk order opens
Nov 12-16 School Break
Nov 19 Bulk order closes
Nov 19-20 Parent Teacher Conference, no K - Gr 9 programming
Nov 19 WESE Annual General Meeting
Nov 22 Handwork Circle
Nov 23 Bulk order pickup
Nov 26 First week of Advent, K - Grades
Nov 26 Last day of Home School AE
Nov 30 Winter Fair set up, no programming
Nov 30 Candlelight Market



Highlight of the Class

The Rose Ceremony

From Class One Teacher Sara Larsen:

Hello WISE staff, parents and community!

As summer days are quickly fading, and we are welcomed with the falling leaves, cool air, and of course the return to school, I have had the great pleasure of welcoming Class One into our WISE family. This honour was marked by the lovely Rose Ceremony, held on September 4th. Students, staff and loved ones gathered, to witness Class One walk the school bridge and accept a gifted rose, guided by our most senior class. It truly was a precious moment for all.

Class One has spent the past weeks getting a feel for our daily rhythms and routines, making new friends and embracing the change of the season. We have enjoyed learning new games and skills, painting with our bright and golden yellows, drawing with our first set of crayons, and becoming enchanted by stories of nature and wonder. Not only has Class One been introduced to Main Lesson learning, we have began our Handwork, Music, French and German classes; in which they take great pride in their accomplishments—and rightfully so. How brightly they shine...

Our first Form Drawing block is coming to an end as we eagerly dive into our first Language block to explore our consonant letter stories, which are rich with beauty, and adventure. The students are tingling with the anticipation of Saint Michael's story, and our forthcoming celebration of Michaelmas at the end of the month. After all, Class One has proven to be very fond of dragons.

While some first grade September moments have been tricky, like learning how to sit in a desk for the first time, entering the big, new world of the school yard, and being away from our loved ones for a full day, we've also experienced some of the most beautiful first grade September moments; our first Morning Verse, our first Nature Walk, and those first steps we took across the bridge to our new family—for that's what we are in Class One; a thoughtful, kind, and caring family. We are One!

Thank you Lisa Read at Ladybird Photography for the pictures. 🍀





Pumpkin Walk

Hi Everyone!

The WISE Pumpkin Walk is just around the corner!

Here is some information for everyone:

The event itself is on Saturday, October 20 from 5-8 pm at William Hawrelak Park Picnic Site #1. It is much earlier than normal due to our casino. Families purchase tickets in advance for a specific "tour time" and embark on a sweet little walk through the forest on a path lit by many carved pumpkins. En route they will encounter actors who will bring a story to life. There is a large fire, and a bake and cider sale by donation. Many people chose to dress up in costume for the event. It's sweet and simple and usually quite a lovely evening. It should be noted that all who attend must have a ticket for the walk including volunteers and committee members. They are only \$4. Tickets sell out quickly every year. The early time slots are the first to fill. So if you have little ones for whom a bedtime is very important, please know that you will have to get your tickets ASAP.

I hope many people are looking forward to participating as well as coming! We will need the usual bevy of volunteers to make this special event work and as perk for helping, all volunteers get early access to tickets; the chance to buy tickets for your family at just the right time. Some of the volunteer positions needed are: actors for the play and help with the set-up and clean up. IF you would like to sign up and have access to advanced tickets, please ensure you're signed up by NOON on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5. The link will be sent out that afternoon. Volunteers will have the weekend to sign up before the link is made available to everyone on MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.

In summary:

- Pumpkin Walk 2018 is Saturday October 20, 5-8pm Tickets \$4/ free under age 3
- Signup by noon, Friday, October 5 in order to receive advance ticket purchasing
- Tickets available to WESE Families on Monday, October 8.
- Here is the link to signup! [**Pumpkin Walk Volunteer Sign up**](#)
- The actors are all invited to a walk-through rehearsal at Hawrelak Park on Wednesday, October 17, 6:30-7:30

Things to know:

- Bring money for the bake sale and cider (by donation)
- Bring a re-usable mug for cider
- This is NOT the venue for scary costumes. We have lots of little people who come, so please keep the scary or disturbing costumes for other parties and come in friendly and fun attire.
- Please send a Pumpkin with your child to school, as they will be carving them with their class so they can be used as decorations for the walk. Please consider this a donation. It is not feasible to expect your pumpkin to be returned.

Hope to see you all there! 🍂

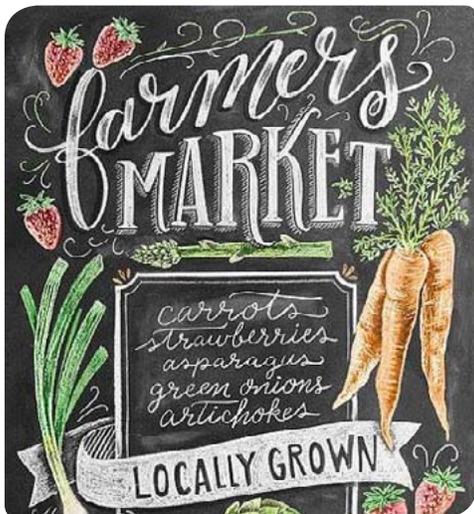
Community Building

Ottewell Farmer's Market

The Ottewell Farmers' Market Committee is working hard to build the best Farmers' and Artisan Market in Edmonton! If you are interested in becoming a vendor at our market we invite you to email us at market@wese.ca for more information and to request your application package. We also would love for the community to come together and help us continue to build our market and help out by attending our committee meetings as well as helping out by volunteering time to our sub committees. It takes a village and we are excited to have this opportunity to showcase our school, local vendors and products.

OUR BIG LAUNCH AND OPEN HOUSE IS HAPPENING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH FROM 4:00PM - 7:30PM IN THE WISE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. COME ONE, COME ALL AND JOIN IN THIS EXCITING EVENT.

FOOD, FUN, FUNDRAISING, MUSIC AND ACTIVITIES AWAIT! 🌱



Parent/Community Evening Study Group

This school year, our intention is to read and discuss one of the, generally considered, major books of Dr. Steiner: Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and Its Attainment, AKA How to Know Higher Worlds.

We are proposing to meet every second Monday, as we did last year. We will gather between 7:00 and 7:30 pm at the school, then read/discuss until 8:30pm.

Please advise me by e-mail, at gregmoore@shaw.ca, or call (780) 757-3225 if you are prepared to join us in our studies. Our plan is to commence studying in October. 🌱

Food and Love for our Teachers and Board

As an ongoing show of support to our hard working volunteer board members and dedicated teacher, we have a lovely program at WISE that provides some much needed love and nourishment for the people who give so much to our children. If you are interested in dropping off food contributions for their weekly and monthly meetings, please visit the links below to sign up.

<http://signup.com/go/dPdCPaC>

or

<http://signup.com/go/OXWzBjO>

It's an amazing way to give back and get in your volunteer hours. Any questions can be sent to alisavaughan@hotmail.com. 🌱



WISE Handwork Circle

Please join us in the Wondergarten classroom to work on your handwork project of choice, or even just to hang out and connect with fellow WISE parents!

Thursdays, Bi-weekly 7pm - 10pm

This months dates are October 10 and October 25.

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Adults only but babes in arms always welcome. 🌱

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