



the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

This winter of ours has been rife with extreme temperatures, from the warmest to the coldest of days. With this in mind we are called to adapt and be prepared for any weather. Please ensure that your children are prepared for the day with warm outerwear, mittens and hats to enjoy being outside. If the weather is too inclement we welcome children inside and will post notices on our doors advising parents.

Though Spring is still a way off, we are looking ahead to the 2019-20 school year, and we are busy preparing for registration season at WISE. Families in Grades 1-9 can expect to receive re-registration packages in February and Kindergarten families will receive their packages at their Parent Teacher Interviews. We will accept new registrations for our Kindergarten, Nursery, Parent & Tot and Home Education starting March 2, 2019, at our annual Open House. More information will follow but you are always welcome to speak with us in person if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful and well earned winter break this month. These times of rest and rejuvenation are so important for our families and children.

Warm winter blessings,

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:

Feb 2 Junior High Open House
Feb 3 Bulk Order closes
Feb 7 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Feb 7 Handwork Circle
Feb 8 Bulk Order pick up
Feb 14 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Feb 15 Skill Assessments (Gr 1-9)
Feb 18-22 Wise Family Break, no programming
Feb 21 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Feb 25-26 Parent Teacher Conferences, no programming (K-Grades)
Feb 27 Parent Education: Eurythmy and Pedagogy (6 Wednesdays, 9.15-10.20am)
Feb 28 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Feb 28 Handwork Circle

Mar 1 **Deadline for class basket donations for the annual Gala and Auction**
Mar 2 Open House, K-Grade 9
Mar 4 Bulk Order opens

Mar 5 Parent Education Night with speaker Larry Glatt
Mar 7 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Mar 7 Handwork Circle
Mar 9 Early Bird ticket pricing expires for the annual Gala and Auction
Mar 10 Bulk Order closes
Mar 11 Rosebuds ends
Mar 14 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Mar 14 Handwork Circle
Mar 15 Bulk Order pick up
Mar 15 Deadline for general donations for the annual Gala and Auction
Mar 18 Rosebuds / Home AE begin
Mar 19 Daisies/Marigolds ends
Mar 21 Bluebells ends
Mar 21 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Mar 21 Handwork Circle
Mar 23 Gala and Silent Auction
Mar 26 Daisies/Marigolds begin
Mar 28 Bluebells begins
Mar 28 Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market
Mar 28 Handwork Circle

PARENT COFFEE EVERY WEDNESDAY
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM IN THE WISE GYM



Office Note

WISE Break

February 18 – February 22, 2019

We will be closed for all programming during this time, including Home School Arts Enrichment, Parent & Tot, Nursery, Kindergarten and the Grades. 🌱

WISE Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday, February 25 & Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The following programming will not run during this time : Kindergarten and Grades.

There is still Homeschool and Parent & Tot during February 25th and 26th. 🌱

Bulk Order

Order Closes: Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 10:00 pm

Order Pick Up: Friday, February 8, 2019 between 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm 🌱

WISE Events

**WALDORF
100**

**LEARN
TO CHANGE
THE WORLD**

Parent Education Night: 100 Years of Waldorf Education: Then and Now.

Tuesday March 5 at 7:30 pm in the WISE gym.

A talk by Lawrence (Larry) Glatt. The talk will be followed by questions and answers.

Larry Glatt will talk about the founding and mission of Waldorf education. After briefly outlining the history of the Waldorf movement, he will also talk about the current state of Waldorf and the direction for the future.

Lawrence Glatt

Hailing originally from New York City, Larry Glatt continues to enjoy a long and rewarding career in Waldorf Education. His work has spanned both the USA and Canada. He has held many positions including Waldorf teacher, music specialist, musician, adult educator and administrator. He currently lives in Calgary, Alberta and is the middle school chorus and recorder teacher, as well as the co-pedagogical administrator at the Calgary Waldorf School.

Larry Glatt's talks are engaging and carry a sense of relevance for today. Don't be surprised if he gets out his guitar and sings a song or two with you along the way. 🌱

February 27 - April 3, 9:15-10:20 am in the WISE gym.

Parent Education: Artistic Journey in Eurythmy and Pedagogy with Simone Iafolla and Christina Tozer

These sessions (6 consecutive Wednesdays) introduce the principles and foundations of Eurythmy as taught in Waldorf schools. There will also be commentary linking the 6 experiences to aspects of Waldorf curriculum.

We invite parents and community friends to be part of this parent education opportunity. Perhaps the best way to understand Eurythmy is to experience it. Drop-ins are welcome.

For more information please contact Simone Iafolla at simone@thewise.ca

Thank you to WESE/WISE for supporting this parent education opportunity. 🌱

WISE Events cont'd

Open House K-Grade 9

March 2, 2019

Please join us to for the open house K-Grade 9 on March 2, 2019. 1 pm - 4 pm. No registration is required. 🌱

Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton

Open House, March 2nd, 1-4pm
Waldorf Education ~ Knowledge, Skill & Heart



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WISE Jr. High Sports Program

We are so excited to provide parents with an update on our WISE junior high school sports program. This will be available to students in grades 7, 8 and 9 and will include competitive play with other schools in the Edmonton area. This year the WISE will participate in badminton, track and field and training for cross country running that will take place in September of 2019/20 school year. We hope to add additional team sports next year depending on the interest and class sizes.

Badminton has already started, new equipment was purchased and the sport was introduced to the students in their games and movement classes in January. Our highly skilled coach, Miss Burak, will be providing additional time for play and skills development during lunch breaks in the month of February. Those students that wish to continue will be given an opportunity to sign-up for the badminton team at the end of February. An information package, and parent/student commitment form will be sent home for all those that sign-up. A small fee will also be required to join the team. The team will continue to practice in March and competitions will begin in April.

Track and field events are being planned for the spring. The hope is to once again introduce the events to all students, slowly focus more on skills development and hold a competition day that will involve participation and fun for the entire school. Students wishing to compete will join the team, practice and eventually attend a city wide competition.

We are excited about developing this new program and welcome your input and questions via email at tim@wese.ca. We also seek interested parent volunteers that may wish to help plan the program, participate in coaching or volunteer during competitions. Lastly, we are actively looking for a school sports name such as the "WISE Wolves" or "Waldorf Knitters". Please send your suggestions and look out for a future vote on the best suggestions. 🌱

OTTEWELL ARTISAN Farmers MARKET

**EVERY THURSDAY
4 - 7 PM
7211 96A AVE
WALDORF GYM**

@ottewellartisanfarmersmarket

Now Open !!

Alberta Approved Farmers' Market

FAMILY FUN Kids Activities
INDOORS Support Local
YEAR ROUND 20+ vendors
market@wese.ca

Farmer's Market

The Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market is growing with WISE in 2019!

We will be OPEN EVERY THURSDAY
Market doors open early for all WISE families at 3:45pm

Feb 7, 14 (Special Event), 21, 28
Mar 7, 14, 21, 28

Support our 20+ local AB vendors every week:

- Pastured farm eggs for only \$5/dozen
- Traditional sourdough bread, pretzels & focaccia
- Sprouts, Salads, Pickles, Kimchi & Kraut for days
- 5 apple varieties, pears, carrots, beets, onions, leeks, squash, potatoes, apple juice/ chips
- Silversmith, wool knits, beeswax wraps, herbs, tea, and art work
- Coffee beans & brew, artisan chocolate, beef, chicken, bacon, pastries & **GF baking
- Fresh mushrooms, handcrafted wooden bowls & utensils
- Prepared food: Thai food salad/spring rolls, pad thai, curry.
- Soup, hummus, cashew cheese, kale chips. 🌱

Annual Gala and Auction

Save the Date: March 23, 2019

Dear WISE Families,

The Gala Committee is excited to announce that our annual Gala and Auction is quickly approaching. We are asking for your help to deliver a fun and profitable fundraiser.

Each year the WISE holds a Gala and Auction. This year, the Gala will be held on March 23, 2019.

We will have a fresh new schedule of events, entertainment and lovely auction items.

As a charity operated school, the WISE relies on continuous fundraising, including annual events such as this one, to support and grow our incredible and unique program. Supporting us in this venture will make a difference to more than 300 students and their families. Please consider this request to donate to the event.

Ways that you can help:

- Purchasing tickets for yourselves and inviting people outside of our circle to buy tickets and attend (we have limited tickets and tickets will not be available at the door)
- Donating quality silent and live auction items (please email gala@wese.ca for ideas)
- If you have a business, or know of one, that may contribute to sponsorship, please email gala@wese.ca for the corporate sponsorship package.
- Contribute items to your class 'themed' raffle basket (more info below and will also come from your class rep)
- Buying raffle tickets and selling to your friends and family

Please arrange with the Gala Committee to drop off your auction donation items. As each donation requires paperwork and proper storage, please drop off donations during your scheduled time. Please email gala@wese.ca to arrange drop off your generous donations.

We are requesting that each class work together to gather items for a theme basket. The theme will be presented to you by your parent rep, so please watch for further details. The deadline for bringing the items for the class theme basket is March 1st, so you have plenty of time to work your magic! The items will be collected for the basket and then the baskets will be assembled offsite.

For more information about this event, donations and volunteer opportunities, please contact us at gala@wese.ca

Warmly,

The Gala Committee 🍀



Highlight of the Class

Class 5

Salman Ahmed (Class 5 Teacher)

Class 5 is regarded in Waldorf as the golden year. This has to do with how the children are developing, but I also believe it has to do with how the children learn. They are entering a time where their bodies and minds are changing, but at a pace where everything is still in balance. They have begun to further their thought process, beyond surface level ideas, and abstract opinions begin to develop. Class 5 is an exciting time to be a student.

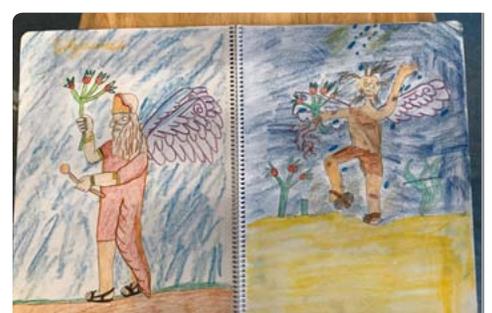
My completely unbiased opinion is that Class 5 holds the coolest beans there are. The lucky number of 13 students in the classroom make each day unique, fun, and an opportunity for everyone including myself to learn and grow. In thinking about where we will be going with our future, we have spent the school year thus far looking into our past, our place, and the world that we live in, gaining a better understanding of what people thought but also asking why.

From starting with Botany, we saw how humans and plants share similar life cycles. With Canada's geography, we learned about the treaty land, provinces, and territories that make this our country. But we also studied people that lived on this land we call home and learned too how there can be reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples through knowledge and our actions. In going into Ancient India, Persia, Mesopotamia, and Egypt, we have explored how humankind has thought, how we've made sense of the world, and how we continue to adapt, grow, learn, and innovate, hopefully creating a better world in the process.

Class 5 is the year that the students participate in the Greek Olympics, where they meet with other Waldorf School Class 5 students and take part in challenges that push themselves physically and mentally, together as a class. This

event also has the children recognize the idea of comradery, togetherness, and to celebrate their achievements.

It has been nothing short of a wonderful time teaching the Class 5 students. They continue to make me laugh, learn, and grow as their teacher. It's always amazes me to see just how familial this class is with one another, really caring for one another and showcasing behavior that is well beyond their years with maturity. But it's also nice to know that they're the kids who during their Botany block, whilst learning about fungi and mycelium, put aside a portion of food in a tightly sealed jar, placed the jar in a dark space so the fungi could properly grow, informed me that they have lovingly named the jar of food "Jeff," and that Jeff would be our class pet. They're a special group, and I am honored to be a teacher to these cool beans. 🌱



Message from AWSNA

Dear Waldorf Institute and School Communities,

In case you've missed it, we officially launched our 100 year celebratory initiatives in North America with the commencement of a joint public relations campaign. We hope you enjoy the new video brief, *Seeding the Future*. Additionally, our first Waldorf100 press release was distributed to close to 5,000 continental sources and has generated attention in media outlets ranging from Market Watch to Canadian Insider. Schools were also invited to send along a related local press release, using an established template.

To truly make this PR campaign a success, we are relying on the entire Waldorf community to help us spread the word. So, please share *Seeding the Future* and the Waldorf100 press release on your personal social media pages as well as on school and institute pages, if that is within your domain of responsibility. Please use the text below our signatures.

If you personally wish to be on the Waldorf education eNews distribution to stay updated on everything Waldorf100, and on Waldorf education in our schools and institutes, please subscribe here.

Thank you for being such an important part of our movement.

Very sincerely,
Beverly and Nita, for Waldorf100

Press Release: <http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/4140042>

In celebration of Waldorf education's centennial, schools worldwide are engaging in social and environmental impact projects throughout 2019 and 2020. The higher aim is to regionally and internationally create a vital interconnectedness essential in today's world.

#Waldorf100, #Waldorfeducation, #WaldorfWildlifeWeb, #WaldorfHandinHand

Video: [*Seeding the Future*](#)

The world gets better one person and one action at a time. "Seeding the Future" provides a glimpse into the principles of Waldorf education, an education that fosters concern for others, connection to the world, and the capacity to be in service to society.

This video short is a trailer to the international film, "*Learn to Change the World*" <https://www.waldorf-100.org/en>

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