



the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office



Dear WISE Families,
Spring has sprung at WISE and it is glorious in all of its thaw and mud and promise. Please ensure that you pack an extra set of clothing and send your child with appropriate outerwear, like splash pants and rain boots, so they can fully enjoy the weather. Some families report that bringing a bag is useful for the end of the day to carry muddy gear or protect vehicles for the drive home.

Within this newsletter, you'll find information about upcoming events at WISE like the Resilience Festival and Gateways Conference. We hope to share these opportunities with you to learn new skills and come together as a community.

We hope that you enjoy the change in weather and unfolding of the season during our Spring break.

With 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:

Apr 1 Bulk Order opens

Apr 6 Elevate WISE Grandparents Tea & Tour

Apr 7 Bulk Order closes

Apr 12 Spring Assembly (Grades)

Apr 12 Bulk Order pick up

Apr 15-19 Spring Break - no programming

Apr 22 Easter Monday, no programming

Apr 26 Earth Day Assembly (Grades)

Apr 27 Resilience Festival

Apr 29 Bulk Order opens

May 3 Early dismissal, 12:30pm (PM Kindergarten scheduled as usual)

May 3-4 Edmonton Gateways - Waldorf 100

May 6 PD Day, no programming

May 6 Bulk Order closes

May 10 Bulk Order pick up

May 20 Victoria Day, no programming

May 22 Class 6 Knighting Ceremony

May 24 Mayday Assembly

May 25 Mayfair

May 30 Alberta Opera performance - Pinocchio

May 31 Spring Concert (Grades 1-4)

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

Ottewell Artisan Farmers' Market every Thursday 4 pm - 7 pm in the WISE gymnasium.

Handwork Circle every Thursday 7 pm - 10 pm in the Wondergarden room at WISE (except April 18, 2019)

Office Note

School Closures

WISE Spring Break: April 15 - 19, 2019, closed for all programming

Easter Monday: April 22, 2019, closed for all programming

All programming will resume as scheduled on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. 🍀



April Bulk Order

Order Closes: Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 10:00 pm

Order Pick Up: Friday, April 12, 2019 between 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm. 🍀

WISE Events

Starry Night Gala

Our Starry Night Gala and Auction fundraiser was a great success! The Gala Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event happen: the families who donated to the baskets, who donated wine, and who donated auction items; the volunteers who helped set things up, tend the bar and wine pull, host the evening, and clean things up afterwards; the office staff, for helping to collect and organize our donations; those who came to the event and bid on auction items. A BIG thank you to our Platinum

Sponsor, The Flag Shop, for giving us a great jump-start to our fundraising goals.

The Gala is an event that gives so much support to our teachers and programming. It also allows us to connect with each other and remind ourselves of the wonderful community we are part of. Thank you for being a part of its success. 🍀



Community Building

WISE Events cont'd



Elevate WISE Grandparents Tea and Tour

Do you ever wonder what your grandchild is learning in school? Do you wonder what Waldorf education is? This is a special Tea & Tour for grandparents to visit WISE and learn more!

We'll have a short tour, followed by tea and treats.

Elevate WISE is our new fundraising and friend-raising campaign. We are inviting grandparents to the school to learn what we do, and what we hope to be able to do in the future. A follow-up fundraising event will be held in June.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 10 am - 11:45 am at the school. This is a free event but please register at the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/elevate-wise-grandparents-tea-tour-tickets-55542892286?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

Resilience Festival

Weaving the Threads of our communities into a more resilient fabric.

The Edmonton Permaculture Guild hosts the Annual Edmonton Resilience Festival 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

@Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton (7211 - 96a Avenue)

Join us at the 5th annual Edmonton Resilience Festival and sign-up for skill-building workshops, visit the local market, and participate in conversations to empower resilient people and communities

Resilience is our ability to bounce back! The Edmonton Resilience Festival, presented by the Edmonton Permaculture Guild, is a fun-filled day of learning, connection, and celebration. Participate in an eclectic combination of workshops and conversations to assist you building a more resilient, joyful community. The festival and local market are free to attend (no tickets needed), and workshops are offered on a donation basis (most with a minimum amount of \$5 or \$10 plus material costs). Sign up to volunteer

on our website - for 3 hours of your time, receive a free workshop and t-shirt, as well as in invitation to the after-party on June 9.

Inquiries may be addressed to yegresilience@gmail.com

Details for the upcoming Edmonton Resilience Festival can be received from the following links:

Long workshop descriptions are live on the website:

<https://www.edmontonresiliencefestival.com/schedule>

Eventbrite short URL:

<https://edmontonresiliencefestival2019.eventbrite.ca>

Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/430033904435028>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yegresilience/>

Volunteer applications are live until April 13:

<https://www.edmontonresiliencefestival.com/volunteer>



Community Building cont'd

WISE Gateways Conference

Waldorf 100 Years:

Join us for the Gateways Conference on May 3rd and 4th! Our Keynote speaker, David Sewell McCann from Sparkle stories, will discuss how “Master Stories” are narratives of identity - both for individuals and institutions. He will not only speak about the Master Story of Waldorf Education and how the story has changed over the past 100 years, but relate that story to the master story of WISE, of Canada, of Edmonton and each of the attendees. Storytelling is at the heart of Waldorf Education in the classroom, but it is also at the heart of parent meetings, board meetings, PR campaigns and parking lot conversations. Wherever we make meaning, you will find storytelling. “The Golden Thread” is introduced as a navigator through the twists and turns of master stories.

Early-bird tickets are available beginning today!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gateways-conference-100-years-of-waldorf-tickets-58118770808>.



CREATE AN EDIBLE LANDSCAPE

Design & Plan an Edible Landscape Workshop

Join in the the fun on April 6th and 7th at the WISE.

The school is getting an edible garden this spring! It will be installed as a hands on exercise, for a training program to teach participants how to become a DIY landscape designer, installer, and grower.

If you would like to be a part of this opportunity see the link below for more details:

<https://kentonzerbin.com/product/edible-landscape-workshops/>

Highlight of the Class

Class 7

This has been an active month in Class 7, as students have come to see language as a medium that, like clay, can be molded and shaped to describe nuance and interest in the world around them. The Creative Writing: Wish, Wonder and Surprise block, helped to hone student observation skills over the past few weeks. Tuning into the sensory details that surround them, students were able to refine the writing craft and create sensory interest for their readers. Culminated with an independent short story assignment, students were able to create and explore writing modalities of their choice as they composed a surprise themed narrative.

In late March, with the onset of a Canadian history block, students began to explore the textured history of their homeland. Continuing their Indigenous studies from Grade 6, students reviewed the organization and interactions of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. In addition, Class 7 began learning about the Mi'kmaq and Anishinabe First Nations groups and their interactions with colonial explorers. A biographical approach invited students to grasp the rich history of early Canada, where students heard the stories of Samuel de Champlain, the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, and the Red River Rebellion

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