



the wise connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

Suddenly we find ourselves in October and the change from a wet summer to a golden autumn has been swift. Gardens are harvested and some have been put to sleep for the year. It won't be long before 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,

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[Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton](#)
Facebook Parent Group:
[The WISE Parent Connection](#)
(Please contact communication@wese.ca to join our Facebook parent group)

Enchanted Garden Store Hours:
by appt: store@thewise.ca

Important Dates:

Oct 3 Picture Day, (K-Gr. 9)
Oct 4 PD Day, No Programming
Oct 5 Playground Work Bee
Oct 14 Thanksgiving,
No Programming
Oct 14 Bulk Order Begins
Oct 19 Pumpkin Walk
Oct 20 Bulk Order Closes
Oct 23 Picture Day Retakes,
(K-Gr. 9)
Oct 25 Bulk Order Pick-up

Nov 2 Work Bee
Nov 8 Lantern Walk, K-Gr. 2
Nov 11 Bulk Order Opens

Nov 11-15 Fall Break,
No Programming
Nov 16 Sunflowers Ends
Nov 17 Bulk Order Closes
Nov 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
No Programming
Nov 20 WESE Annual General
Meeting
Nov 22 Bulk Order Pick-Up
Nov 25 Rosebuds/Marigolds Ends
Nov 29 Winter Fair Setup,
No Programming
Nov 29 Candlelight Market
Nov 30 Winter Fair

Important Dates Continued:

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

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

Adult Choir every Tuesday 4 pm - 5 pm in the Music Portable room at WISE



Office Notes

WISE PD Day

WISE will be closed for a professional development day on Friday, October 4th; there will be no Nursery, Kinder, or Grades programming. 🍀

Save The Dates

AGM: November 20, 2019 at 7:00pm
(information on board member nominations coming in early October)

School Work Bees: November 2, 2019
February 8, 2020

Playground Work Bee: October 5, 2019
11am-4pm 🍀



volunteers plant seeds of love
that help countless hearts
to grow...



Welcome

Raegan Aleman - Grades 6 - 9 French Teacher and Admin Assistant

Raegan Aleman is a recent Bachelor of Education/Arts graduate from the University of Alberta, originally from Red Deer and raised by two teachers. She has made teaching children a priority in her life and has spent many years in various educational roles and settings. She also has an extensive theatre background, having graduated with her Diploma in Theatre Performance and Creation from Red Deer College in 2013. Most recently, Raegan has been involved with the improv community in Edmonton, after performing with the University Improv Group and Rapid-Fire Theatre for 6 years and founding her own company in 2018. Raegan is a strong proponent for cross-curricular approaches to education and storytelling, interwoven with the arts and movement, and is excited about teaching French to middle school students!

Raegan also has a breadth of experience working in administration: in an acquisitions and mergers start-up company, with a web-based business and with a number of not-for-profit, arts-based organizations in Edmonton. Raegan is keen to support grass-roots initiatives, and to work alongside our volunteer-involved community. 🌱



Pumpkin Walk

The WISE Pumpkin Walk is just around the corner!

Here is some information for everyone:



The event itself is on Saturday, October 19, from 5-8 pm at William Hawrelak Park Picnic Site #1. 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 will be a bake and cider sale, which will be by donation. You will be able to gather and enjoy your treats around a large fire. Many people choose 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 (no ticket needed for children three years old and younger) and are purchased in advance. Tickets sell out quickly every year, and 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! We will need the usual bevy of volunteers to make this special event work and, as a 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, manning the bake sale, 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 4th. 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 7th.

In summary:

- Pumpkin Walk 2019 is Saturday October 19, 5-8pm. Tickets \$4/ free under age 3
- Sign up to volunteer by noon on Friday, October 4th in order to receive advance ticket purchasing
- Tickets available to WESE Families on Monday, October 7th.
- Here is the link to signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba8aa2ea1fa7-pumpkin>

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 overly commercial 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! 🍀



Highlights of The Class



Class One

Class One has had a wonderful start to their first year of grade school, beginning with the Rose Ceremony on September 3rd. This ceremony welcomed each student into the grades as they walked across the bridge, in hand with a student from class nine, and received a beautiful rose.

Class One has been embracing the longer school days and working together on each lesson. They have had the opportunity to experience the routines and rhythms of the classroom community and settle in.

The students have received their first tools in their beautiful crayon wraps and have been able to explore using the block and stick crayons for the first time. Our first block was Form Drawing, which allowed us to create straight and curved lines and shapes to lead into our next block, consonant letters and sounds.

Although it has been a new experience for them to sit in desks and be at school for the full day away from their loved ones, I can already see them growing and changing as the days go on. We are learning together and creating a beautiful classroom community of support and kindness. 🍀

Rose Ceremony



Thank you Lisa Read @Ladybird_Photography for the Rose Ceremony pictures.



Ways to Help Us Be A Good Neighbour

Did you know that we have 267 children registered in early childhood, kinder, and the grades this year? We are proud of our school's growth, and we recognize that with our growth comes a greater effect on our surroundings.

We value our relationship with our neighbours and ask that everyone in our community be aware of our influence.

Please,

- Do not park across driveways (even partially)
- Do not block access to fire hydrants
- Be mindful not to walk on neighbours' lawns
- Park in our parking lot when space is available
- Ensure your children cross the road safely when parking on the street
- Garbage should be put into containers, not left on the playground or by the dumpster

Thank you for helping us create a culture of respect, so that the whole neighbourhood can celebrate our contribution to the community. 🍀



Wish List

Needed by the school, should you have it to give away
(or know where we can acquire it for a great deal):

- Metal wash basin for washing dishes
- Portable fire pit

Please contact newsletter@thewise.ca if you can help.

Thank you!



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We encourage your comments, suggestions, and submissions to newsletter@thewise.ca. The deadline is the first of the month. Anything after the deadline will be considered for the following month. All submissions are subject to editing and approval.

