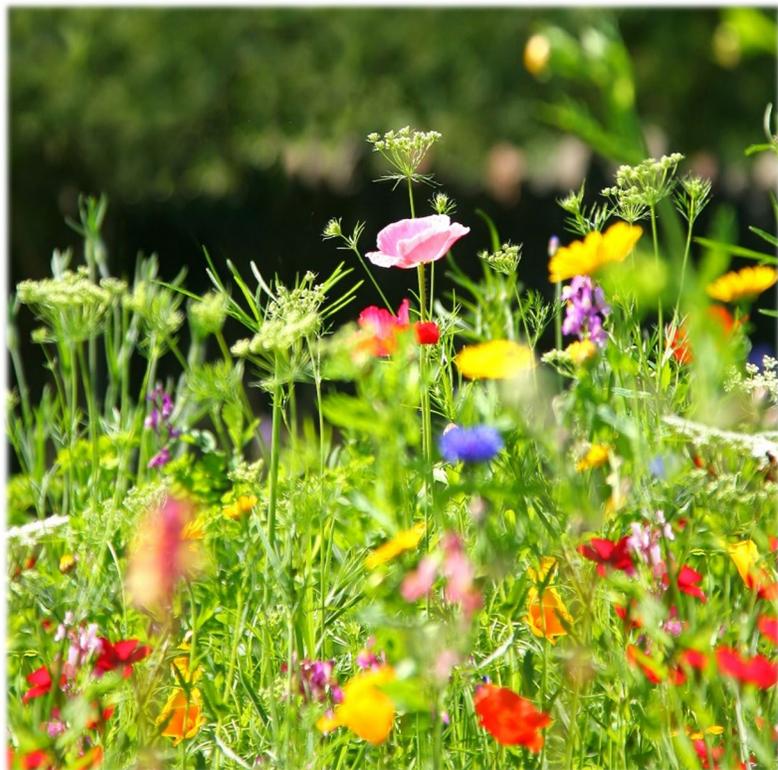




the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

We have reached the end of another school year, an ending that is so different from all that came before. We celebrate the class nine students as they finish their journey begun long ago, knowing that they are well prepared for what lies ahead. We celebrate all our students, for the growth and learning they have done all year long, and for the additional resilience they are developing during these complex times.

As we look to the future, we wish you a summer of time - time to play, time to relax, and time to try new things. We will be ready to welcome everyone back in September, in whatever form we need to. Thank you for your love and support, and for being part of our wonderful community.

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Facebook parent group)

Enchanted Garden Store Hours:
By Appointment: store@thewise.ca



School in September

As the province monitors the Covid-19 situation over the next few months, our school will be preparing several different scenarios on how school will resume in the fall. We will follow orders from the Provincial Medical Officer and keep our families updated. 🍀



August 25, 2020 Early Childhood Parent Orientation (Kinder, Nursery, and Parent/Child)
6:00 - 7:30pm

August 26, 2020 Grades 1-9 Parent Orientation
7:00 - 8:30pm

August 31, 2020 First day of school



Provincial Funding Changes

The Alberta Government has implemented changes to the 2020-21 funding structure for schools, including independent schools like ours. As it stands right now, these changes would see a decrease in our funding for the 2020/2021 school year of approximately \$124,000 (a decrease of 10%) using the new weighted moving average rather than the per student funding model.

As you all know, our school does its very best to provide a deep and comprehensive Waldorf education while remaining financially accessible to our families. These funding shortfalls will have a significant impact on the ability of all schools in the province, including ours, to deliver the quality education Albertans expect.

Please let your MLA and the Minister of Education know how you feel about this decision.

Should you wish to use a sample letter, you may use the [Education Cuts Form Letter](#):

To find out who your MLA is, as well as their contact information, look here:

[Who is My MLA?;](#)

Alberta's Minister of Education can be reached at [Legislative Assembly of Alberta](#).



THE BULK ORDER

Last chance to stock up for summer suppers and snacks!

Order opens: May 31st

Order closes: June 7th 10:00pm

Pickup: at the school between 3:00 and 4:30pm on Friday, June 12th

New to the bulk order? It's a great way to get organic foods and supplies, all while supporting our school. We would love to have you (it's also open for your friends and family to join).

Place your order or sign up for an account at <https://foodclub.org/wise/login> (note that an 11% surcharge will be added to your order to cover our processing costs as well as the fundraising portion).

Need more information? Email bulkorders@thewise.ca or check out [Bulk Orders - WISE](#).



A Written Rose Ceremony for Class Nine

By Sophia Burak, class nine teacher

Starting in September 2019, Class 9 has been on the final leg of a journey. This journey began many years ago when their parents, with great care, placed them on a path of growth and learning. Throughout the years they have battled dragons. They have learned to work with their heart, their hands, and their head.

This year was unique from the beginning. Class 9 was constantly looking forward, contemplating their next journey, while also growing in the present. They took on challenges academically. They became leaders in school athletics and began to foster relationships with younger grades. Each member of Class 9 undertook a long-term project. They spent many hours in class and at home: researching, writing, building, crafting, drawing, and planning. The topics and projects were as unique as each student in Class 9.

Unfortunately, the projects, as with many other things, were cut short. Then Class 9 was asked to rise to a new challenge. They were required to work from home, to be apart from the classmates they had grown with for many years. However, if the purpose of the Class 9 project is to foster independence, growth, and maturity, then Class 9 has presented this in spades. The past two months have been a testament to their adaptability and their continuing growth as students and people. Perhaps they never had their presentation night, but in actuality each day since March 16th has been a demonstration of their learning and their ability to go outside of their comfort zone.

It has been a pleasure to see them adapt, but the greater pleasure has been to be their teacher for the past two years. Class 9 is mirthful, sharp and kind. They bring thoughtful discussion and a jocular sensibility to every day. Sometimes they underestimate their capabilities, but they are always prepared to be their best when asked. As Class 9 completes the final month of their journey, it must be bittersweet. Class 9 is well-loved by their school community, and they will be missed. Nevertheless, I am filled with ebullience when I consider what a delightful group of young people they are, and I feel confident they will slay new dragons in the years to come. 🌱



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