



# the WISE connection

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## From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

As our distance learning continues, we want to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of all of you. Thank you for your participation and feedback as we meet these new challenges together.

Spring brings an exciting time of new growth and possibility. Whether by planting a garden, crafting a flower crown, or just watching the clouds drift by, we are grateful for the opportunity to observe and experience nature alongside our children. Wishing you many such experiences this coming season.

With warmth and gratitude,  
The WISE Admin Team 🌱

*“For even the wisest can learn  
incalculably much from children.”*

*- Rudolf Steiner*

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## Spring Crafts

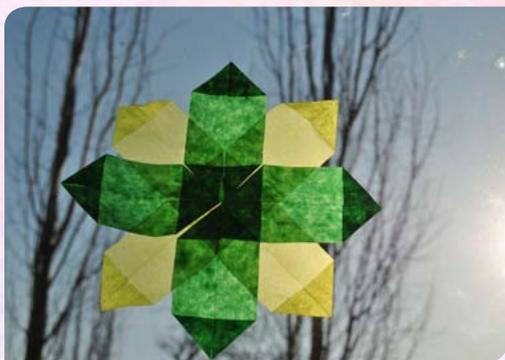
### Flower Crowns

Spring is finally here! Even though we won't be celebrating together at Mayfair this year, you can still reuse prior years' raffia (or finger knit a headband), add in some flowers, and celebrate the season. 🌱

### Waldorf Stars

Bring colour to your windows! Here are some tutorials for the Waldorf Window Stars to get you started:

- <https://denverwaldorf.org/wisdom-of-waldorf/waldorf-window-stars/>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua\\_xf55z1Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua_xf55z1Q)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5jJHAv3wk> 🌱



## Office Notes

### Registrations at the WISE

Registrations are still being accepted during this period. Our office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Emails ([registrar@thewise.ca](mailto:registrar@thewise.ca)) will regularly be checked from Monday to Friday from 8:30 – 4:00pm. Our website also has an option for live chats and a calendar for booking an appointment with a school advisor.

Have you seen our instagram page yet? It's perfect for a trip down memory lane, and a reminder of how special our school is. <https://www.instagram.com/edmontonwaldorf/>

## The Enchanted Garden (School Store)

We have lots of kite paper if you're wanting to make some window stars. Needing some beeswax crayons or watercolour paint? We have limited supplies of those as well. Curbside pickup is available, or pick up with your bulk order. Email your request to [registrar@thewise.ca](mailto:registrar@thewise.ca) and K.C. will let you know when your order would be available (payment options are e-transfer or credit card).

Kite paper	\$5 per package
Ukkie glue	\$6
Stockmar beeswax crayons	16 block package: \$25 8 block package: \$14 Black, gold, or silver individual blocks: \$1 each 8 stick package: \$14
Filana beeswax crayons:	12 block package: \$18
Chalk	Festival \$5 Mercurius 12-pack blackboard chalk: \$12
Stockmar watercolour set:	\$12
Pencil sharpeners (see photo)	left or right style: \$6 each; center Lyra \$10 each



## Community Building

### Calling All Gardeners!

Interested in gardening at the school this year? We are looking for individuals and families to help with our garden beds. There will be protocols to meet all public health guidelines for Covid-19 as well as detailed planting plans, watering and weeding time slots that people will be able to sign up for and participate at their convenience. To be added to the community garden email list, contact Heather at [communitygarden@wese.ca](mailto:communitygarden@wese.ca).



### Bulk Order

The Bulk Order Continues! (With appropriate physical distancing protocols in place.)

Miss coming to the school? Looking for bulk groceries? The bulk order has two more orders lined up before summer.

**May order opens:** May 10th

**May order closes:** May 17th 10:00pm

**May pickup:** At the school between 3:00 and 4:30pm on Friday, May 22nd

**June order opens:** May 31st

**June order closes:** June 7th 10:00pm

**June pickup:** At the school between 3:00 and 4:30pm on Friday, June 12th

Need more information? Email [bulkorders@thewise.ca](mailto:bulkorders@thewise.ca) or check out <https://www.thewise.ca/bulk-orders/>

## Highlight of the Class

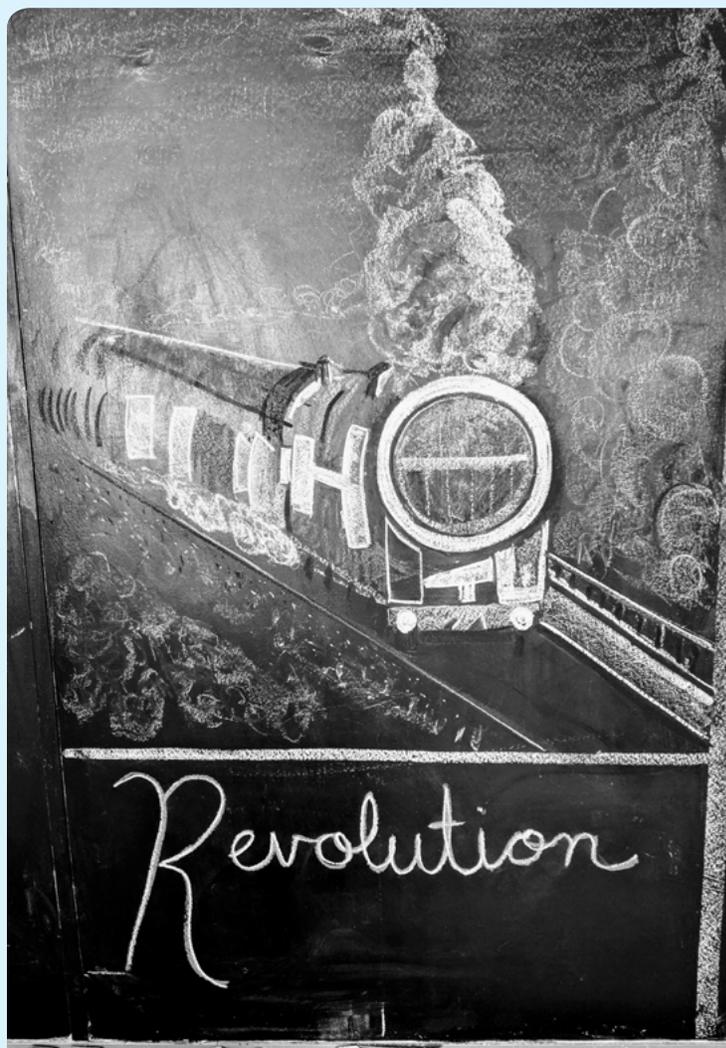
### Class 8

Ms. Sykes (Class 8 Teacher)

Class 8 recently began a new Main Lesson Block: War Times and Civil Rights. While the title of the block may sound somewhat paradoxical, it is the atrocities of war that in many ways entice and allow people to envision another way. The latter, Civil Rights, portion of the block, will invite students to see how aspirations can become a reality. By focusing on individual voices that stood and spoke against the injustice of marginalized peoples, students will come to better understand the evolution of equitable rights.

Our week began by contextualizing the WWI time period by referencing material covered earlier in the year. By connecting to our study of the Industrial Revolution back in September, Grade 8 students understood how alive and well industrialism was in 1914. The industrial mentality only supported the ideology of militarism and the eagerness of the European nations to engage in war. After studying the alliance systems and proxy wars of WWI, students were left to contemplate the ramifications of the Treaty of Versailles. Most recently, students began to investigate the war's impact on the Indigenous peoples that were pulled into European battle(s). These considerations will spur the class' investigation into India's fight for independence, told through the biography of Gandhi, next week.

Following the biography of Gandhi, we will spend the remainder of the week investigating WWII. The remaining two weeks of the block will invite curiosity for the civil rights movement as we look at the biographies of Martin Luther King, Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks. In addition, the block will allow us to examine women's rights, the rise of consumerism, and more recent movements such as Occupy Wallstreet and the ongoing Truth and Reconciliation Commission. 🌱



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