



From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

This winter has been a beautiful prairie-skied northern season, with many moderate temperatures allowing for much outdoor play and adventure at the WISE. As we head towards the spring equinox, the lingering light in the evening and earlier sunrises help to lift the spirits and shift from the inner retrospective time to a more expansive and outward feeling.

We look forward to reaching out to prospective new families at our Open House main event on March 7th. We love sharing what Waldorf education is, and showing how it supports children from early childhood all the way through to our emerging youth. Seeing the beauty and skill in the students' work displayed in the hallways, and reading - in the students' own words - what aspects of their Waldorf school experience is meaningful to them, encourages us and guides us to deepen our dedication to this model of education.

At the end of the month, please look forward to a new spin on a familiar event at the WISE. In lieu of the Annual Gala, we are trying out a more casual approach to the serious responsibility we all carry of fundraising, with a WISE Pub Night and Silent Auction. We are so looking forward to a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together for a cause we can all get behind. The more the merrier! These events really do mark the change of seasons and begin the final chapter of our school year. Before we know it, we will be trading snow pants for splash pants and wondering when the mud will end.

But, until then, wishing you blessings on the warm winds of spring.

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[The WISE Parent Connection](#)
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Enchanted Garden Store Hours:
 by appt: store@thewise.ca

- #### Important Dates:
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| Mar 7 WISE Open House (1pm - 4pm) | Apr 6-10 Spring Break, no programming |
| Mar 20 Bulk Order Pick Up | Apr 13 Easter Monday, No programming |
| Mar 21 Fundraising Event: D20 Academy | Apr 20 Rosebuds/ Bluebells - Spring session begins |
| Mar 28 Fundraising Event: Pub Night | Apr 25 Edmonton Resilience Festival |
| Mar 28 Sunflowers- Spring Session Begins | |
| Mar 31 Daisies/Marigolds - Spring session begins | |

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 WISE Music Portable room

WISE Adult Sports Night floor hockey every Tuesday 8 pm - 9 pm in the WISE Gymnasium



Office Notes

Bulk Order

The bulk order is back, ready to stock your empty shelves. The order is open now at foodclub.org/wise/, and will close at 10pm on Sunday, March 15th. Pickup will be between 3:00 - 4:30 pm on Friday, March 20th. 🍀



Work Bee Thank You

Thank-you very much to all those who volunteered at our February maintenance work bee to tackle projects in the office, classrooms and portables. A work bee is such an important part of our school's life as it provides much needed maintenance, but more importantly, models hard work and commitment to our children. Fixing things and improving the aesthetic of the school also helps take some of the burden off our teachers that work so hard each and every week. There were so many projects completed and, at the end of the day, it was impressive to take stock of what had been accomplished. Thank-you again to our dedicated volunteers. For those that were unable to come, our next work bee is planned for May 9, 2020.

See you then! 🍀



Pub Night and Silent Auction



Get ready to join us for an adventure on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at On The Rocks Kitchen & Drink. The evening will include opportunities to bid on exciting experiences and adventures, and will feature the skills and passions of the people in our community.

In previous years, the WISE has held a Gala and Auction as an annual fundraising initiative to raise essential funds for our school to aid in more accessible programming. This year, we've decided to host a Pub Night & Silent Auction with the goal that more people can come together to participate in the fundraiser.

Our theme for silent auction donations is Adventure & Experiences. There are four ways you can support the WISE Pub Night & Silent Auction.

1. Offer sponsorship for a tax receipt from WESE
2. Purchase tickets to the event (\$15 covers admission, 2 for 1 appetizers, a free drink, and entertainment); they are available in the office
3. Give \$2 per child to the teacher to be collected by the committee to put together cohesive themed baskets
4. Donate a silent auction item from the following categories:
 - Travel (weekend getaways, airline tickets/miles, hotel stays)
 - Experiences (spas, tours, museum tickets, comedy nights, theme parks, hot air balloon rides, local attractions)
 - Sports (tickets, memorabilia, meet local celebrities, golf outings, ski passes, yoga/spin class)
 - Music (music lessons, signed instruments, concert tickets, backstage passes)
 - Food (restaurant gift certificates, catering, dinner and wine pairings, cooking classes, food baskets)
 - A service or product that features your unique skills
 - A gift certificate to share a business or service provider you are passionate about

We truly appreciate your contribution as our auction and raffle items are what make our annual fundraising campaign such a successful event. If you are able to make a donation, we ask that it be submitted no later than March 26th by 3pm, and that it be accompanied by a donation tracking form (available in the office) for your tax receipt.

Should you have any questions, please email silentauction@thewise.ca. We look forward to your enjoyment of our fundraising efforts this year.

In Gratitude,

WISE Fundraising Committee: silentauction@thewise.ca



Dungeons and Dragons Fundraiser

Come play D&D!
Never played before? No problem. We'll teach you everything you need to know. Make up a character, with the help of our Dungeon Masters, and then jump into a campaign with a band of other adventurers. It will be a day of fantasy and fun.

D20 Academy

Saturday, March 21, 10 am - 5 pm
Waldorf School Gym

\$40 per player (\$65 with lunch)

(suggested age 14+. Players under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/d20-academy-tickets-86938943721>



Wise Open House

Interested in seeing what the older grades are learning? Want to show your friends and family what our school is all about? Our annual open house is on Saturday, March 7th from 1 pm - 4 pm. Classrooms will be open with teachers ready to answer questions, demonstrations will be done, and activities will be in the gymnasium and handworks portable. It's a wonderful opportunity to see the great things that happen in our school and learn more about Waldorf education.

Hope to see you there! 🍀

Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton

Open House ~ Early Childhood, Kindergarten -Grade 9
Engaging curriculum ~ Academic excellence ~ Lively Integrated Arts



March
7th
1-4pm

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Ottewell Artisan
**FARMERS'
MARKET**



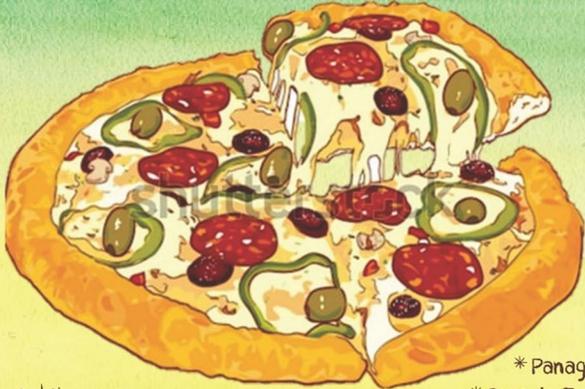
THURSDAY
4 - 7 PM
WALDORF SCHOOL GYM
7211 96a AVE

Shop Local YEG

The sign features a purple silhouette of a pig with a chicken on its back. Below the pig, the text 'Shop Local YEG' is written in a green, serif font. To the right, the market name 'Ottewell Artisan FARMERS' MARKET' is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. Below the name is a colorful illustration of various farm products including carrots, leafy greens, and a farmer in blue overalls holding a basket. The event details 'THURSDAY 4 - 7 PM' and the location 'WALDORF SCHOOL GYM 7211 96a AVE' are listed in bold, black, sans-serif fonts.

PIZZA DAY THURSDAYS!!

*Cheese *Pepperoni *Ham and Pineapple
\$4 Slice
\$15 Pre-Order a whole Pizza
\$18 Gluten Smart



*Panago Pizza
*Organic Tomato Sauce
*Gluten Smart Option
*Veggie Option

*Cash or Debit
*Pick Up 3pm-4pm WISE Foyer
*Email Order to pizza@thewise.ca by 1pm on Thursdays

Enjoy and Thank You-The WISE Fundraising Team

The poster has a green-to-yellow gradient background. At the top, 'PIZZA DAY' is written in large, dark brown, hand-drawn letters, and 'THURSDAYS!!' is in orange. Below this, the menu items and prices are listed. A central illustration shows a whole pizza with various toppings like pepperoni, mushrooms, and green peppers. At the bottom, there are several lines of text providing ordering information and a thank you message.



Highlight of the Class

This season brings a warm and sunny light to Class Six, as they proceed in accordance with their knightly duties, both at school and at home. This sixth year encompasses the study of the Medieval Era, as their own, 'middle age,' between childhood and adolescence has begun to crescendo. The pinnacle of Grade 6 is the Knighthood Ceremony, and with it, come the Duties of the Squire, which require school, community, and household duties to be taken up. The class has been quite busy, helping to clean the school, and assisting other classes in daily chores. These chores help the growth of healthy internal rhythms in the students' will and feeling-life, and foster long-term changes in their dedication to service and moral compass. All these duties contribute to their Knighting Ceremony, which occurs on April 25th; a festivity to celebrate their coming-of-age. As well this year, WISE will host the inaugural Medieval Games, as Class 6 from Calgary Waldorf will join together as an extension of the relationships fostered in the Class 5 Pentathlon. We have also been working on STEM activities as inquiry-based means to practice the scientific method. Working in groups, students collaborate and engineer structures with criteria that must be fulfilled. The class has worked on bridges, towers, and engineered a course for a ball to transit.

-Chad Skinner, Class 6 Teacher

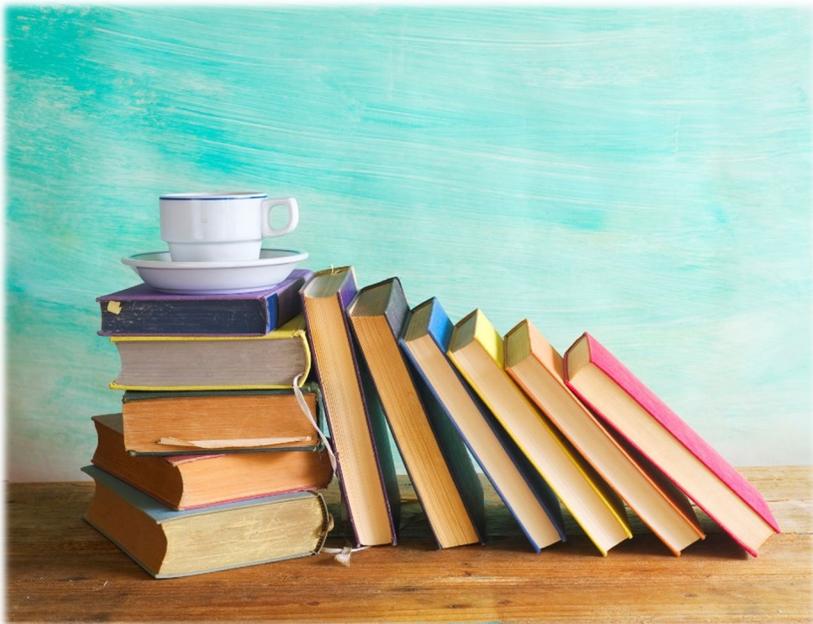


Community Building

Wise Birthday Book Tradition

Looking for a unique way to honor your child's birthday? How about contributing a book to the school's library? Simply bring a new or gently used book to your child's teacher, who will then give your child a placard to inscribe and place inside the book. A list of suggested books is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Please keep in mind our school's media policy when selecting a book.

Thank you for your support!



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