



# the WISE connection

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## From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

October is here, with all of its golden splendor. 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,  
The WISE Admin Team 🌱

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[Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton](https://www.facebook.com/WaldorfIndependentSchoolofEdmonton)

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[The WISE Parent Connection](#)

*The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our vibrant communities.*

### Important Dates:

**Oct 5** Bulk Order opens

**Oct 6** Picture Day

**Oct 11** Bulk Order closes

**Oct 12** Thanksgiving, no programming

**Oct 16** Bulk Order pickup

**Oct 30** The Pumpkin Patch\* (\*in school)

**Nov 3** Last day of Marigolds and Daisies

**Nov 7** Last day of Sunflowers

**Nov 9** Bulk Order opens

**Nov 9-13** Fall Break, no programming

**Nov 15** Bulk Order closes

**Nov 16, 17** Parent Teacher interviews,

**Nov 18** WESE AGM (online)

**Nov 20** Bulk Order pickup

**Nov 27** Half day

**Parent Coffee every Wednesday from 8:45 am - 9:45 am, next to or inside the WISE gym (this year, please bring your own coffee)**





## Office Notes

### Absences

In-School learning stream: Should your child be absent from school, please let us know by 8:45 AM. You can do this by emailing [absences@thewise.ca](mailto:absences@thewise.ca), or by phone at 780-466-3312. If we haven't heard from you, we will call to ensure your child is well.

Switching between in-school and at-home learning streams? Please let the office know ([absences@thewise.ca](mailto:absences@thewise.ca)) as well as your class teacher. 🍀

### Dressing for the Weather

As we endeavour to maximize the use of our outdoor spaces, please ensure your child is prepared to spend a large portion of the day outside, even in the crisp mornings. Layers are very helpful, as are toques and hats as the weather cools. 🍀

### Labelling All Items

Our lost and found is already full! Please label your child's belongings (including masks) so that they may get back to you. To reclaim lost items, look through the lost and found located in the east hallway just past the gymnasium. 🍀

## Pumpkin Patch

Our traditional Pumpkin Walk will be put on pause this year, due to gathering and distancing restrictions. In its place, we have something very special planned for our children during school hours on Friday, October 30th. Students will be asked to bring a carved pumpkin to school on Thursday, October 29th, so the gymnasium can be transformed. The pumpkins will be brought home on Friday after the special celebration.

As with other years, we ask that children not wear their costumes to school for Halloween. We have found that wearing costumes during the school day causes distraction; costumes are often uncomfortable and begin to disintegrate during the school day, causing children to be unable to focus during their lessons. We hope that our traditional Pumpkin Walk can return next year, giving our children an opportunity to share their wonderful costumes with everyone. 🍀



## Community Building

### Committees

Interested in contributing to our school? Want to get to know more people? Our committees are always looking for new members. Check your recent email from Parent Partnership for a list of all open committees - here are this month's highlights:

#### Bulk Order

Helpers needed! Our (mostly) monthly order needs one to three more members to help with organizing and to take a shift on Friday pickup days, in addition to the food sorting volunteers. For more information or to join the team, email [bulkorders@thewise.ca](mailto:bulkorders@thewise.ca).

#### Growth and Development

Do you have ideas for marketing our school and our programs? Are you great at fostering connection? This committee is for you - the place to support our school's enrollment and parent information sessions. For more information or to join the team, email [sydney.lee@wese.ca](mailto:sydney.lee@wese.ca).

#### Communication

Would you like to help create our monthly newsletter or source information for our social media posts? For more information or to join the team, email [newsletter@thewise.ca](mailto:newsletter@thewise.ca). 🌱



### Fundraising

#### Warmth and Woolens

As we head into the colder months, layering is important to maintain warmth for adults and children alike. Our fundraiser with **Warmth and Woolens** has some great options if you are looking to add to your collection. While the link is available year-round, our promotional period this year is from October 1st to 15th. Orders placed during this time using the code **wise20** will receive free shipping to the school and earn our school a higher commission.

#### Mabel's Labels

Needing iron-on clothing labels that are great for masks? Ways to ensure everything finds its way home? We have an ongoing fundraiser at **Mabel's Labels** to help you out. Search for Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton under "support a fundraiser" to ensure your support comes to our school.

#### Horizon Monthly Bulk Order

Great deals, healthy organic options and a great way to support our school all wrapped into two words - Bulk Order! Everything from spices to school snacks to laundry detergent. Your friends and family are also welcome to join the order, which closes October 11th, for pickup October 16th.

Place your order at: <https://foodclub.org/wise/login>

If you don't have an account, use that same link and request to have one created, we'd love to have you! Our bulk order window is one week long, from a designated Monday to Sunday. Pick-up is the following Friday, 3:00-4:30 pm, at the school gym.

If you have any questions please email [bulkorders@thewise.ca](mailto:bulkorders@thewise.ca)  
Happy shopping! 🌱





## Annual General Meeting

Dear WESE Members,

The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton (WESE) is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) beginning promptly at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020. It will be held online, and a link will be sent to all WESE members beforehand. The AGM includes presentation of the society's financial reports, committee reports, election of new board members and amendments to the bylaws. We invite all of our members to join us for this important event.

In preparation for the AGM, we are currently recruiting nominations for new board members. If you wish to join the board or nominate someone as a board member please submit nominations to [boarddevelopment@wese.ca](mailto:boarddevelopment@wese.ca). The nomination process will open on September 28, 2020 and close on October 16, 2020. Nominees will be required to complete an application that will be reviewed by the nominations committee. The new board members will be officially voted in during the AGM. If you have any questions about the nominating and voting process, we would be happy to answer them. Questions can also be sent to [boarddevelopment@wese.ca](mailto:boarddevelopment@wese.ca).

WESE Board members meet every 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. There are also three mandatory meetings per year with the Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton (WISE) faculty and administration. Each Board member generally participates and/or chairs a WESE or WISE committee. Committees include areas such as finance, site development, parent partnership, growth & development,

fundraising, policy, communications and market liaison. Committees serve an essential role in the operations and leadership of our accessible school and other programs.

The positions up for election this year are:

- President (2 year Term)
- Vice-President (2 year Term)
- Secretary (2 year Term)
- Executive Director (2 year Term)
- Director(s) (2 year Term)
- Member(s)-at-Large (1 year Term)

Please visit our WESE website and scroll down to see the Board Position Descriptions and Community Committee Descriptions, which are currently being updated.

Please Note:

To be eligible to vote, nominate or stand for office, members must be in good standing. Membership payments must be received one day before the AGM; one vote per family membership.

<http://www.wese.ca/community/membership/>





## Who to Talk to at the WISE

- If you have questions regarding your child, it is best to talk directly to the class teacher. You may also make an appointment with the Executive Administrator: [administrator@thewise.ca](mailto:administrator@thewise.ca) or the Principal: [principal@thewise.ca](mailto:principal@thewise.ca)
- Questions regarding the building, maintenance, or the grounds can be addressed to: [info@thewise.ca](mailto:info@thewise.ca)
- Curriculum or discipline related questions go to the class teacher and/or the Executive Administrator: [administrator@thewise.ca](mailto:administrator@thewise.ca) or the Principal: [principal@thewise.ca](mailto:principal@thewise.ca)
- Questions regarding health and safety inside or outside can be directed to: [info@thewise.ca](mailto:info@thewise.ca) 🌱

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We encourage your comments, suggestions, and submissions to [newsletter@thewise.ca](mailto: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.



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