

# Elise Barber

## Homeschool Facilitator



Elise is one of the Homeschool Facilitators here at the WISE. She loves the sense of community and richness of Waldorf education at the WISE, and looks forward to another year of working with families on their educational journeys. Elise holds a Master's degree in elementary education with a focus on music from the University of Alberta, with her bachelor's degree having been focused on secondary education (music). She also holds several other qualifications, including her Orff Level III training, Musikgarten early childhood music training, and Grade 10 RCM piano certificate. As part of her training, Elise studied at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, where she worked with master teachers from around the world. Elise is an award-winning children's choir conductor, having won both the Edmonton and Alberta Kiwanis festivals with her school choirs.

Elise always knew she wanted to be a teacher, and spent her University years getting a start by teaching private piano lessons and volunteering as a math tutor. She went on to teach music and a variety of grades and subjects for ECSD for six years, before finally finding her way home to the WISE, originally as a parent and tot teacher. Along the way, Elise had two beautiful little boys (currently 4 and 2!), and has switched much of her time and energy to caring for her own little ones at home. Elise has eagerly learned more about Waldorf education since arriving at the WISE, and has the opportunity to put much of her learning into practice at home as well as at the school. She has been thrilled to see her own little ones thrive on the simplicity, structure, and beauty of Waldorf.

Elise is passionate about music and song, as well as the power of story. She loves baking and gardening with her two little ones, and enjoys running and biking. She looks forward to learning and growing alongside her families this year at the WISE.