



the WISE connection

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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

We have turned a corner into the glorious hope of Spring! The sun is shining, and the children are radiant as they welcome the change in weather in our playground. Every bee and worm are a marvel. There is an industriousness in the school as we clear away the remnants of winter and bring out our shovels and rakes to prepare the garden beds and plant seeds for the warm summer ahead.

We would like to thank our amazing families and staff who are navigating our first Covid isolations. The tightness of our community is echoed in everyone's care and concern for each other. Please continue to follow our cohort and safety protocols to support all of our community.

As the weather changes, we would like to remind parents to ensure that, along with splash gear for rainy days, children bring a sun hat for their outdoor classroom time and for their outdoor play. Please have a look through our lost and found to claim any winter woollens that may have been forgotten on these warm spring days.

With warmth and gratitude,

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The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton respectfully acknowledges that we are located in Amiskwaciwâskahikan, or so-called Edmonton, on Treaty 6 territory. The land that the Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton sits on was once Métis scrip land. Scrip was given to Métis people in exchange for their land rights. The land of Treaty 6 territory was once a gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples, including the Cree, Blackfoot, Metis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/ Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant communities. Our faculty, staff, board, and school community commit to working toward reconciliation and decolonization.

Important Dates:

- May 1** Virtual Gateways, no programming for Sunflowers
- May 3** PD Day, no programming
- May 9** Bulk Order closes
- May 14** Bulk Order pickup
- May 24** Victoria Day, no programming
- May 25** Remote learning day

- Jun 6** Bulk Order closes
- Jun 8** Last Day of Daisies, Marigolds
- Jun 11** Last Day of Nursery
- Jun 11** Bulk Order pickup
- Jun 12** Last Day of Sunflowers
- Jun 12** Early Childhood Programs Open House
- Jun 17** Last day of kinder
- Jun 18** Last day of grades (half day)



Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is full of winter woollies and springtime layers!

Please take a minute to look through it this month to make sure all your things find their way home. 🍀



School Store

New supplies are in! Come by the office during regular office hours and discover toys, craft supplies, books and more. 🍀



Community Building

Elevate WISE

For our small community, around 150 families, building a new castle is a big move. We are making this move because it will create a natural, elegant home for our children's education. To pay for the school, we plan to use monthly donations as leverage against a low-interest loan. By receiving ongoing donations, we demonstrate the commitment of our community. Each monthly donation is valued; \$5 per month is as essential as \$50 or \$500 per month. The regularity is what truly matters. Currently, around a quarter of our families provide regular monthly gifts. They are supported by people from the wider community who hold us dearly.

Next month, the Elevate WISE fundraising committee will meet with a low-interest mortgage provider. We would love to tell them that – as of meeting day - 50% of our school community is providing monthly donations. Will you join us? Will you become a warrior of love on our journey for a new castle? [Donate online](#) or pop into the office to sign up. 🍀



Kinder Yard Living Willow Arbour

Our second kinder yard got a new feature over spring break! A huge thank you to Maryann Borch, Pam McKinnon-Coco and Mia Coco for planting and weaving all those willows. It will be a magical place for our youngest minds to explore for years to come. 🌱



The Bulk Order Continues!

Looking for bulk groceries?
The bulk order has two more orders lined up before summer.

May order closes: May 9th at 10:00pm

May pickup: at the school between 3:00 and 4:30pm
on Friday, May 14th

June order closes: June 6th at 10:00pm

June pickup: at the school between 3:00 and 4:30pm
on Friday, June 11th

Need more information?

Email bulkorders@thewise.ca

or check out <https://www.thewise.ca/bulk-orders/> 🌱



Highlight of the Month

Class Plays

With so many things having been different this year, we are all the more grateful for the traditions that remain.

The class play block is filled with fun and excitement. The play weaves the learning of the year through all of the line-memorizing, set-designing and costume-making done by our students. As they immerse into the characters and story of the play, it can be a deep inner experience. Children do change after entering into a character unlike their own, and by learning to depend on each other in a different way. And they learn that, not unlike life, live theatre is a place where anything can happen.

The weeks of hard work have produced some wonderful class plays so far this year, with a few performances still to come. 🍀





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and submissions to
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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.

