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## From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

It's hard to believe the end of our school year is upon us. In this year of challenges, we are grateful many of our students can finish in each other's company. We also celebrate the Class Nine students as they complete their Waldorf school journey begun long ago, knowing that they are well prepared for what lies ahead. We celebrate all of our students, for the growth and learning they have done all year long, and for the additional resilience they are developing during these complex times.

We wish you all a summer of time - time to play, time to relax, and time to try new things. Thank you for maintaining your connectedness and support in a year that held so many external challenges towards those ends. We remain grateful for all the voices that make up our small, yet impressive, WISE community. We will be refreshed and eager to welcome everyone back in September with our commitment to providing an exceptional Waldorf educational experience for all of our students.

With gratitude,

The WISE Admin Team

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*The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton respectfully acknowledges that we are located in Amiskwacîwâskahikan, 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:

- Jun 6** Bulk Order closes
- Jun 11** Last Day of Nursery
- Jun 11** Bulk Order pickup
- Jun 12** Early Childhood Programs Open House (by registration only)
- Jun 15** Last Day of Daisies, Marigolds
- Jun 17** Last Day of Kinder
- Jun 18** Last Day of Grades (half day)
- Jun 19** Last Day of Sunflowers
- Aug 24** Grades 1-9 Orientation

**Aug 25** Early Childhood (Parent-Child, Nursery, Kinder) Orientation

**Aug 31** First Day of School Grades 1-9

**Sep 6** Labour Day, no programming

**Sep 7** First Day of Kinder

**Sep 8** First Day of Nursery

**Sep 11** First Day of Sunflowers

**Sep 13** First Day of Rosebuds, Bluebells

**Sep 14** First Day of Daisies, Marigolds

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## Office Notes

### Lost and Found

Summer clothes! Extra layers!  
Winter toques! Please check the lost  
and found before the school year is  
done so you will have everything you  
need for the summer break.



### School Store

Come for your summer supplies! The Uriel line is 50% off, and we now carry Dr. Hauschka products. Crayons and pencils for summer travel, wooden toys, silks and books-a-plenty are also available during regular office hours.



# Community Building



## Elevate WISE

### Build Our Castle - Establishing our foundations

Thank you for supporting the WISE Build Our Castle campaign. Together, we aim to raise \$24,000 in monthly donations. With this we can leverage a low-interest loan and begin construction of a rich, light-filled, pedagogically-fit school premises. So much has already grown at our school these past years. Your support is what manifests this magic into being.

In February we held an event <http://bit.ly/CASTLERECORDING> (pw: R%7HH6h3) explaining the plan. As of publication, we are generating a total of \$1,730 per month thanks to 40 families who are donating monthly to the school.

Our castle companions are made up of 8 members of Court, telling the tale at \$10 - \$15 per month; 16 seamstresses, weaving the gold at \$20 - \$40 per month; 11 minstrels, sounding their trumpets in unison at \$50 per month; 2 archers, hitting the target at \$75 - \$80 per month; 3 bakers, kneading the dough at \$100 per month; 1 Knight, leading the charge at \$200 per month; 1 Royal overseeing the realm at \$1000 per month (donated as an annual gift).

Which member of the guild will you choose to be?

This month is a crucial one as we meet one of our closest supporters. As we demonstrate just how much support is available in the community, we hope they will consider funding a low-cost loan to help realise our dream castle . Please opt-in to make a [monthly gift](#) today so we can let them know about your commitment.

Finally, as the school year wraps up, we have a promise to keep! As a special thank you to our Build Our Castle campaign donors, we have a rather unusual, and very silly, surprise coming for you soon. It will be especially fun if you're suffering pandemic fatigue or just missing the ocean spray. If you are already a monthly donor or have donated to WISE Build Ours Castle, or if you choose to become a monthly donor in June...watch your email as the school year comes to a close! Here we go again...

Build Our Castle Campaign Goal:

**200 members of Court, telling the tale**

(\$10/month = \$2000/month)

**100 seamstresses, weaving the gold**

(\$20/month = \$2000/month)

**40 minstrels, sounding the trumpets**

(\$50/month = \$2000/month)

**40 archers, hitting the target**

(\$75/month = \$3000/month)

**40 bakers, kneading the dough**

(\$100/month = \$4000/month)

**20 knights, leading the charge**

(\$200/month = \$4000/month)

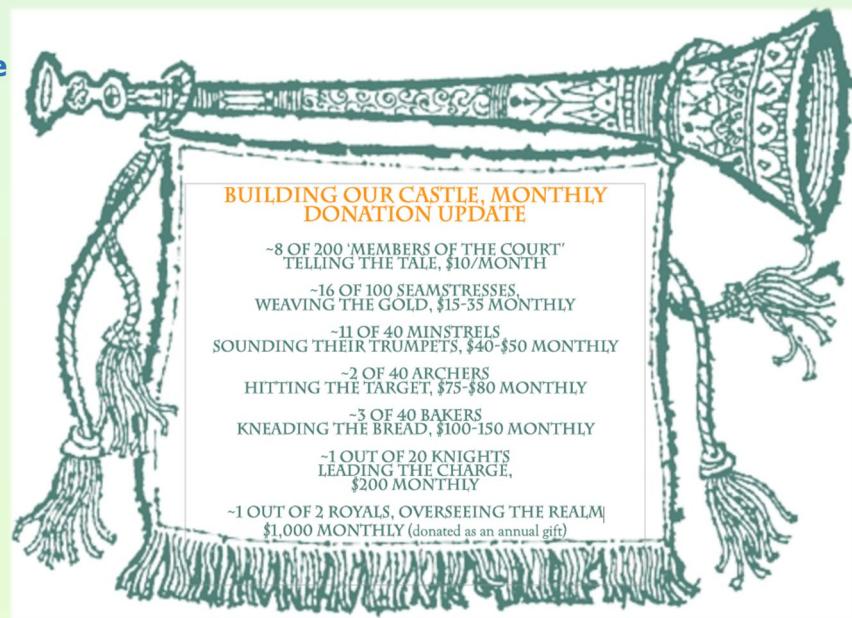
**10 alchemists, creating the magic**

(\$500/month = \$5000/month)

**2 royals, overseeing the realm**

(\$1000/month = \$2000/month)

**452 monthly donors** = \$24,000



## Community Building cont'd

### Last Bulk Order Before Summer!

We have snack foods, BBQ supplies, marshmallows and more!  
Use the bulk order to prepare for all your summer needs.

**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](mailto:bulkorders@thewise.ca) or check out <https://www.thewise.ca/bulk-orders/>.



### Celebrating the Four Elements During the Summer

#### Water

Swim in a lake  
Sleep near a creek  
Dance in the rain



#### Fire

Enjoy a meal by  
Candlelight  
Build a fire  
Watch for shooting  
stars



#### Earth

Work in a garden  
Build a sandcastle  
Paint with mud



#### Air

Fly a kite  
Blow bubbles  
Sing into the wind

(Art by Don Antram)

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## Highlight of the Month

### Class Nine

Celebrating: Satya, Quinn, Kyran, Mathieu, Sophie Celeste, James, Finn, Quinn, and Josiah

As we prepare to graduate our third Grade Nine class, it is an opportunity to reflect on the journey these students have taken. Their path of growth and learning has been one of exploration, fostering relationships, celebrating the seasons and learning to work with their head, hearts and hands.

Class nine, you are loved by your school community. We will miss your presence, and are so excited to watch what you create in this next chapter. 🌱

(Photography: Ladybird Photography)



## Highlight of the Month (cont'd)





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

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