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From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

October is here, with all of its golden splendor. Our community 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 and are called to inspire our inner resilience and light. As we express our gratitude over the holiday for the blessings in our lives, we hope that you feel the warmth and support of this school community.

With warmth and gratitude,

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WISE Facebook Page:
[Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton Facebook Parent Group: The WISE Parent Connection](#)

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:

- Oct 4** Bulk Order Opens
- Oct 5** Picture Day
- Oct 10** Bulk Order Closes
- Oct 11** Thanksgiving, no programming
- Oct 15** Bulk Order pickup
- Oct 21-22** Parent Teacher Conferences, no Programming K-9
- Oct 23** Pumpkin Walk

- Nov 7** Bulk Order Opens
- Nov 8 - 12** Fall Break, no programming
- Nov 14** Bulk Order Closes
- Nov 17** WESE AGM (online)
- Nov 19** Bulk Order pickup
- Nov 27** Last Day of Sunflowers
- Nov 29** Last Day of Bluebells and Rosebuds



Student Absences

Should your child be absent from school, please let us know by 8:45 AM. You can do this by emailing 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. 🍀



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 light gloves as the weather cools. 🍀

Labelling All Items

Our lost and found is filling up! 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. 🍀



WISE Soccer

Our WISE soccer season was short but sweet this year. The junior highs, with help from class six, got in a month of practices and four great games. A big thank you to Ms. Burak and our parent volunteers for making it happen. 🍀



Pumpkin Walk

Our fantastic Fairs team is re-envisioning our beloved Pumpkin Walk again this year. Watch your email for details on how this event will be safe for our families, yet as magical as ever. 🍀



The Enchanted Garden

Our school store is stocked with wooden toys and puzzles, silks, beeswax crayons, window star paper, books on all things Waldorf, and more! Diana Tayler, our store helper, is available Mondays from 8:30am - 9:30am as well as Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. To make an appointment or ask questions, Diana can be reached via store@thewise.ca. 🍀



Elevate WISE

As the leaves fall, we find the opportunity for new adventures in wonder coming to life across our school. One vibrant area is the Build Our Castle campaign where monthly donations rose by 241% between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 school year. Thank you to our generous donors who made the beginnings of this dream a reality. This new school year invites us to nurture that growth.

Our new castle is the future home of staff, students and - with your help - generations of Waldorf families to come. A monthly gift is your chance to invest in this opportunity for your children and our City. Over the coming months, we will profile the Build Our Castle dreams of people in our community. If you would like to have your dreams for our Castle profiled, please e-mail ecoin.murray@wese.ca. Please join your community and invest in your dreams for our Castle by making a monthly donation <https://bit.ly/GIVEMONTHLY>.

Thank you. 🍀





Community Building (cont'd)

Fundraising

Warmth and Weather

As we head into the colder months, layering is important to maintain warmth for adults and children alike. Our fundraiser with [Warmth and Weather](#) 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 15th to October 29th. Orders placed during this time will receive free shipping to the school. We will email the promotional code as soon as it's available. 🌱



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

Happy shopping! 🌱





Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton - Annual General Meeting

Dear WESE Members,

The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton (WESE) is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) online, beginning promptly at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021. 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 or your application form to boarddevelopment@wese.ca. The nomination process is already open, and closes on October 18, 2021. 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.

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, social justice, and communications. 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:

Vice-President (2-year Term)
Treasurer (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 or the Principal: principal@thewise.ca
- Questions regarding the building, maintenance, or the grounds can be addressed to: info@thewise.ca
- Curriculum or discipline related questions go to the class teacher and/or the Executive Administrator: administrator@thewise.ca or the Principal: principal@thewise.ca
- Questions regarding health and safety inside or outside can be directed to: info@thewise.ca
- Questions regarding payment or enrolment go to the Registrar: registrar@thewise.ca
- Questions regarding volunteer opportunities, committee work or school connections can be directed to: parentpartnership@wese.ca





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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.**

