



## From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

The challenges with our community’s health and the winter weather swings have kept us all on our toes these past months. We are grateful for everyone’s effort to manage these challenges, and are happy to see our rhythm returning along with the longer days. As we head towards the spring equinox, the lingering light in the evening and earlier sunrises help to lift the spirits and shift from the inner retrospective time to a more expansive and outward feeling.

We look forward to reaching out to prospective new families at our Open House main event on March 5th. We love sharing what Waldorf education is, and showing how it supports children from early childhood all the way through to our emerging youth. Seeing the beauty and skill in the students’ work displayed in the hallways, and reading - in the students’ own words - what aspects of their Waldorf school experience is meaningful to them, encourages us and guides us to deepen our dedication to this model of education.

Wishing you blessings on the warm winds of spring and a restful break to finish the month,

The WISE Admin Team 

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### Important Dates:

**Mar 4** No Nursery or Kinder, half day for the Grades

**Mar 5** WISE Open House

**Mar 11** Bulk Order Pick Up

**Mar 28** Rosebuds & Bluebells – Spring session begins

**Mar 28-29** Parent Teacher Conferences, no programming for Kinder and Grades

**Mar 30- Apr 1** WISE Break, no programming

**Apr 2** Sunflowers – Spring Session Begins

**Apr 5** Daisies - Spring Session begins

**Apr 15** Good Friday, no programming

**Apr 16** Sunflowers, no programming

**Apr 18** Easter Monday, no Programming

**Apr 29** No Nursery or Kinder, half day for the Grades

**Apr 30** Sunflowers, no programming

## Office Notes

### Bulk Order

The bulk order is back, ready to stock your shelves. The order is open now at [foodclub.org/wise/](https://foodclub.org/wise/), and will close at 9pm on Thursday, March 3rd.

Pickup will be from 3:00 - 4:30 pm on Friday, March 11th. 🍀



### La Chandeleur Thank You

Thank-you to our fantastic family volunteers for helping class five fill the orders for the delicious crêpes. The assembly line was efficient and lively, creating tray after tray of custom crêpes that were enjoyed by many smiling faces. 🍀



### Gateways

Gateways will be paused for this year, as booking a speaker with all the Covid uncertainty wasn't feasible.

The committee can't wait to welcome everyone to a wonderful event in 2023. 🍀



## WISE Open House

Interested in seeing what the older grades are learning? Want to show your friends and family what our school is all about? Our annual open house is on Saturday, March 5th from 1 pm - 3 pm. Classrooms will be open with teachers ready to answer questions, demonstrations will be done, and activities will be in the gymnasium and handworks portable. It's a wonderful opportunity to see the great things that happen in our school and learn more about Waldorf education. Hope to see you there! 🍀

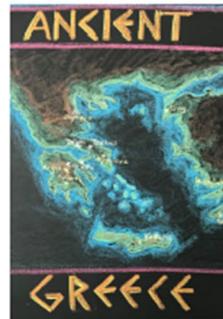
### Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton

Open House ~ Early Childhood-Kindergarten -Grades 1-6, Grades 7-9

Engaging Curriculum ~ Academic Excellence ~ Lively Integrated Arts



**March 5th, 1-3pm**  
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### Elevate WISE – Donor Highlight

**Elise Brazier is the mother of Eden in class three and a monthly donor at The WISE. She donates to help the school to Build our Dream Castle. Elise's mum passed in March of last year, and so she established her gift to the school in honour of her mum. We wanted to share a little of their story with you...**

When Elise's mother, Doreen, died on March 12th, 2021, she was in her 100th year. Doreen Brazier was born above a fish and chip shop in Rawcliffe, South York's, England, not exactly the ideal place to inspire a love of dance, but it did! She was always told by her parents "stop dancing around", but her mother was a wild card and nothing could deter her once her mind was made up. So she trained as a dancer in a coalmining and steel works town called Rotherham. Later she had her ambitions to join a London ballet company thwarted by the outbreak of the war. Eventually she made it back to London and performed in Revue on the London stages for quite a number of years. Once she married, she started her own ballet school out in Hertford, about an hour north of London, and taught young children to dance. Eden describes his grandmother as *"Amazing! And she was fun, like really fun. She was really nice and funny. She'd get a bit grumpy sometimes too."*



Elise was not able to travel to England during her Mother's last months, there were too many unknowns with Covid; but she wanted to find a way to bring her closer, and to keep something of her mum moving into the future. In December 2021, Elise decided to start a monthly gift to the Build our Castle campaign and to make this gift in memory of her mum. Although Doreen was not particularly familiar with the principles of Waldorf, she had been a teacher at the dance school she established, and as she had such a dear bond with Eden. Eden has a dear bond with the WISE, so Elise felt this was an appropriate connection. Eden always loved to perform in front of his G'ma when he was a toddler, and this brought such amazement and joy to her *"They had a wonderful love bond. So donating was a way to bring her in closer to something my son loves dearly too, The Waldorf School"*.



Elise's monthly gift will help greatly towards building our new school addition. Elise hopes to see this new addition filled with *"lots of light...spaces to dance and move freely, for the kids to express themselves"*. Thank you, Elise, for your warm generosity!

*Throughout March, when you become a new monthly donor giving \$20 or more in support of the WISE, CanadaHelps will make a one-time extra \$20 donation to our school!*

[Donate here](#) to double your first month's gift. Thank you! 🍀

## Highlight from Kindergarten

A beloved tradition is alive and well in the WISE Kindergarten classroom. As those who are lucky enough to smell the wonderful aromas meandering down the hallway know, Friday is soup day. The kindergarten children eagerly look around to see whose bowl has an unusual addition, for whoever has a stone in their soup gets to bring home Pepper Pot, the gnome, for the week.

Pepper Pot comes in a basket, perfect to take to the produce market and bring home some favourite or interesting vegetables to try. Pepper Pot and the basket bring those special vegetables to school the following Friday to share with their classmates in that day's delicious soup. 🌱



(Photo by: Sarah Olsen)



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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.

