



the WISE connection

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The Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton and the Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton are located on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our vibrant communities.

From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

As October arrives, nature mirrors the changes we feel within as the seasons shift around us. Gardens are harvested and tucked in for the winter, and it won't be long before we wake to frost—or even snow. It's the time of year when we might need mittens, hats, splash pants, boots, and even shorts all within the same week!

At school, we, too, have found our rhythm. The children have settled into their classes, embracing the daily and seasonal rhythms that are so much a part of Waldorf education. As we look ahead to the festivals and celebrations that mark this time of year, we hope that you feel the warmth of our community.

May this season of gratitude bring you and your family moments of reflection, connection, and joy.

With gratitude and blessings,

The WISE Admin Team 

Important Dates:

- Oct 12** Work-bee
- Oct 14** Thanksgiving, no programming
- Oct 19** Bylaw Community Input
- Oct 26** Pumpkin Walk
- Oct 29** Bylaw Community Input
- Oct 31-Nov 1** Parent Teacher Conferences, no programming K-9
- Nov 6** Bylaw Community Input
- Nov 8** Lantern Walk, ECE–Class 2
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day, no programming
- Nov 11-15** Fall Break, no programming
- Nov 17** Bulk Order closes
- Nov 20** WISE Charter school/Wese Annual General Meeting
- Nov 22** Bulk Order pickup
- Nov 23** Sunflowers ends, fall term
- Nov 29** Winter Fair Setup, no programming
- Nov 30** Winter Fair

Important Dates (cont'd)

Parent Coffee every
Wednesday 8:30 am - 9:30 am
in the WISE Gymnasium 🍃



Office Notes



Dressing For the Weather

Please ensure your child is prepared to spend portions 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 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 School Council and Board Membership

Looking for ways to contribute to our community?

This year, we need new board members for the WESE and for the WISE Charter School, as well as members of the new School Council.

Here is a summary of what they all are:

WESE Board: The Waldorf Education Society of Edmonton owns the building and runs the early childhood programming. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in-person with an online option. New members will be voted in during the upcoming AGM.

WISE Charter School Board: Is responsible for the governance of the WISE Charter School. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in-person with an online option. New members will be voted in during the first Society AGM.

The WISE Charter School Council presents an opportunity for parents to enrich the life of the school community by supporting school-wide events, championing the efforts of teachers, and helping fundraising initiatives. The first meeting to establish a school council will take place on **Wednesday, October 2nd** from 7:00-8:00 PM in the school gymnasium.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to principal@thewise.ca in order to attend in-person, with future meetings online. Membership is open to community members with children in Kindergarten through Class 9 with the exception of WISE Charter School board members.

Charting Out Future Together




Join us for a series of community gatherings to explore what it means to be a charter school!

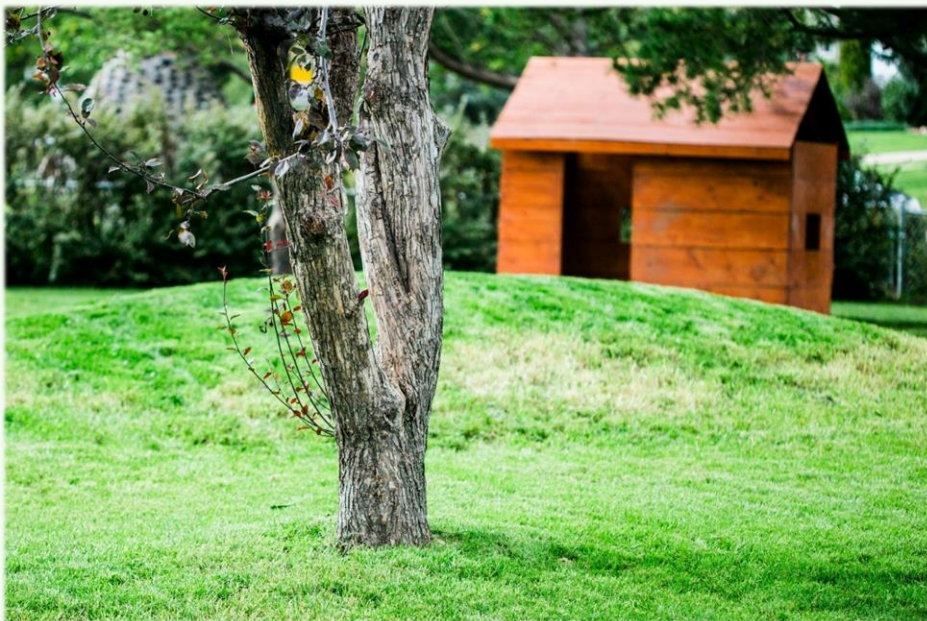
This October and November, we're excited to invite you to these sessions designed to take you on the journey of the WISE becoming a charter school. We'll explore how our governance structures have evolved, what they look like now, and how these changes impact our school community.

We will also dive into our WISE Charter Society Bylaws and we'd love your input! This is an opportunity to understand how the bylaws support our governance before we come together to approve them at the WISE Charter School AGM.

Your voice is crucial in helping us learn what you are wondering about and in shaping our future. Please join us, share your thoughts, and ask all your questions!

- **Saturday, October 19th** at 11am (in person at the school)
- **Tuesday, October 29th** at 7pm (online)
- **Wednesday, November 6th** at 7pm (in person at the school)

We look forward to seeing you there as we chart this exciting new chapter together! 



We are excited to return to Gold Bar Park and bring our traditional Pumpkin Walk to our community this year. Here is some information for everyone:

The event itself is on **Saturday, October 26th**, from 5-8 pm at Gold Bar Park Picnic Site #2.

Families purchase tickets in advance, for a specific "tour time", and embark on a sweet little walk through the forest, on a path lit by many carved pumpkins. En route, they will encounter actors who will bring a story to life. There will be a bake and cider sale, which will be by cash donation. You will be able to gather and enjoy your treats around a large fire. Many people choose to dress up in costume for the event. It's sweet and simple and usually quite a lovely evening. It should be noted that all who attend the walk must have a ticket, including volunteers and committee members. They are only **\$5** (no ticket needed for children three years old and younger) and are purchased in advance. Tickets sell out quickly every year, and the early time slots are the first to fill. So, if you have little ones for whom a bedtime is very important, please know that you will have to get your tickets ASAP.



Because we have limited space, tickets are only available for the immediate family members of the WISE Charter School and WESE members. Your friends and extended family are invited to come to our Winter Fair on November 30th.

We hope many people are looking forward to participating! We will need the usual bevy of volunteers to make this special event work and, as a perk for helping, all volunteers get early access to tickets, the chance to buy tickets for your family at just the right time. Some of the volunteer positions needed are: actors for the play, helping out the bake sale, and helpers for set-up and clean up. If you would like to sign up and have access to advanced tickets, please ensure you're signed up **by NOON on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th**. The link will be sent out that evening. Volunteers will have a few days to buy tickets before the link is made available to everyone on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th**. Students in classes six through nine are welcome to sign up as well; lines will have to be learned at home with family support.



Things to know:

- Bring cash for the bake sale and cider (by donation)
- Bring a reusable mug for cider
- This is NOT the venue for scary costumes. We have lots of little people who come, so please keep the scary or overly commercial costumes for other parties and come in friendly and fun attire.

Hope to see you all there! 🍀

An Invitation from the Waldorf-Ottewell Community Garden

The gardens welcome your helpful hands in nourishing their growth through the current and upcoming seasons! We are looking for brave stewards to wrestle prickly thistles. There are also many other activities: watering, organizing, planting, pruning, mulching, harvesting, etc. There is much magic to be discovered and enjoyed!

Please contact communitygarden@wese.ca for more information and to hear about current and upcoming garden events. 🌱



Parent Coffee

Share some laughs, learn more about our school, and get to know your fellow parents after drop-off on Wednesday mornings.

Coffee is on from 8:30 am - 9:30 am in the gymnasium (enter the front of the school and turn left at the hallway), and children are welcome. 🌱



Work Bee

Saturday, October 12th from 11 am - 3 pm

Join fellow parents in caring for our school. We will have indoor and outdoor tasks, some of which have no special skills required. Come to the school's main entrance when you arrive to find the list of jobs to choose from (come when you can, stay for as long as you are able to). If you have any questions, please reach out to volunteer@thewise.ca 🌱



Welcome from the Principal

It's hard to believe a month (and two days) of school are already behind us!

As we take-in the lessons gleaned from the summer, the Earth mimics our own gesture and begins to inhale, entering the season of Fall. Following up with the the events of September, which included our Parent (Re)Orientation, Rose Ceremony, Michaelmas celebration and acknowledgement of Truth and Reconciliation, as well as our first school-wide assembly and PD Day, we look towards October, which includes the Lantern Walk, Pumpkin Walk, and Parent Teacher Conferences, as well as our first School Council meeting!

I hope that you and yours are settling into the new school year and the WISE finds itself among your list of items for gratitude this Thanksgiving season, as it is on mine.

Mary Conrod 

AUTUMN FIRES

IN the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The gray smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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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.

