

# Mary Conrod

## Principal



Mary Conrod has worked as a class teacher at the WISE since 2017. She established deep bonds with her students and their families during the Class 4-7 and Class 6-8 cycle. After earning her Waldorf Teacher Certificate, she became the principal of the WISE in 2023.

Mary began her Bachelor of Education degree at Grant McEwan before transferring to the University of Alberta in 2010, where she graduated in 2013. She accepted a job in Vauxhall, serving in her first teaching position in grade two, fulfilling her long held desire of being a teacher, or as one of her then-students rephrased - having one of her childhood dreams come true!

Missing Edmonton however, she moved back the following year and soon began working at a Montessori preschool. It was through this thread that she discovered Waldorf education, though she didn't pursue it immediately. Trusting in the timing, Mary accepted a maternity leave position at the WISE during the 2016/2017 school year, to the then-grade-four class.

It wasn't until finding the WISE that her dream of becoming an educator wholly came true. Becoming a WISE community member has allowed her to feel more deeply rooted to the city she was born in and belong to a community of like-minded people. Through the students, parents, staff, volunteers and board members, she has come to cherish the WISE community and its presence in her life, admiring how the Waldorf curriculum meets the age of children, particularly in the middle school years, and the importance of daily rhythms.