



From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

This winter has been a beautiful prairie-skied northern season, and moderate temperatures have allowed for much outdoor play and adventure at the WISE. 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. Before we know it, we will be trading snow pants for splash pants and wondering when the mud will end.

We look forward to reaching out to prospective new families at our Open House main event on March 1st. 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,

The WISE Admin Team 

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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.

Important Dates:

- Mar 1** Open House, registration for 2025-26 WESE programs opens
- Mar 1** No Sunflowers
- Mar 14** Deadline for new applications for WISE Charter School
- Mar 17** Last Day of Rosebuds, Winter Term
- Mar 18** Last Day of Daisies & Marigolds, Winter Term
- Mar 22** Last Day of Sunflowers, Winter Term

- Mar 24-25** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar 26-28** Spring Break, no programming
- Mar 31** First Day of Rosebuds, Spring Term
- Apr 1** First Day of Daisies & Marigolds, Spring Term
- Apr 5** First Day of Sunflowers, Spring Term
- Apr 18** Good Friday, no programming
- Apr 21** Easter Monday, no programming

Registration for 2025-26

New application forms for Kindergarten - Grade 9 are now available on our website and are due by March 14.

Applications for next year's Parent-Child and Nursery programs will be accepted starting at our Open House on March 1st. 🌱



New Options for Early Childhood Programming

Nursery (3½ - 5 years old) will now have both half-day and full-day options available.

Two half-day option: Monday and Tuesday afternoons, 12:55pm - 3:25pm

Three half-day option: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, 9:00am - 11:30am

Three full-day options: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00am - 3:25pm

The affordability grant of \$100 per month is available for everyone in our nursery programs.

Parent-Child Programs (4 year olds and under):

Marigolds - Monday 9:00am - 11:30am

Daisies - Tuesday 9:00am - 11:30am

Sunflowers - Saturday 9:00am - 11:30am 🌱

Gateways

Mark Your Calendars! Our beloved Gateways Conference returns **May 2-3, 2025**.

This year's keynote is "Building Strong Communities" with Simone Shurney of the Detroit Waldorf School.

More information on Simone as well as the exciting workshops to choose from will be in April's newsletter. 🍀



Meet WESE Board of Directors (pt 3 of 3)

WESE Board Treasurer: Sydney McLeod

Sydney is a mom to two spirited boys, Ken (3) and Callum (2), both of whom attend the WESE parent-child program.

This year marks her first on the board of directors, where she brings her passion for process development and improvement through her consulting work with various companies.

Outside of work, Sydney loves exploring new adventures with her family, whether close to home or far away. 🍀



Meet WESE Board of Directors (cont'd)

WESE Board Director: Yvonne Trethart

Yvonne has been a member of the WISE community since 2012 and her kids are now in grade 6 and 7. Since getting into the workforce as 3D generalist and QA Team Lead, her way of being of service has changed and it's been mostly with a little bit of class volunteering, a few festivals, but still designing for the monthly Newsletter. She was grateful for the opportunity to test-out being on the Board Secretary role for a little while, which deepened my appreciation for all the work people do on the boards and committee. She is excited to be back another year with this wonderful community. 🌱



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WISE Board Director: Mark McKenna

In a career spanning twenty years, Mark has consistently produced award winning, multi-sector, corporate communications telling the stories of businesses and workforces worldwide.

A marketing and communications specialist, for over a decade Mark has been in senior leadership at some of the world's most prolific agencies, advising the largest companies in the world how to solve business critical issues with creativity. 🌱







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We encourage your
comments, suggestions,
and submissions to
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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.

