



## From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

Spring has sprung at our beloved WISE, bringing with it a tapestry of thaw, mud, and boundless promise. As we embrace this season of renewal, let's prepare our children to fully engage with the wonders of spring.







Please pack an extra set of clothes and ensure your child comes with splash pants and rain boots, perfect for spring's surprises. A bag or plastic tote for muddy gear can be a day's saviour, keeping the adventure joyful and cars clean.

We hope that you enjoy the change in weather and unfolding of the season.

With blessings,

The WISE Admin Team 

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### Important Dates:

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| <b>Apr 1</b> First Day of Daisies & Marigolds, Spring Term | <b>May 2-3</b> Gateways Conference         |
| <b>Apr 5</b> First Day of Sunflowers, Spring Term          | <b>May 5</b> PD Day, no programming        |
| <b>Apr 18</b> Good Friday, no programming                  | <b>May 19</b> Victoria Day, no programming |
| <b>Apr 21</b> Easter Monday, no programming                | <b>May 20</b> PD Day, no programming       |
|  | <b>May 24</b> Mayfair                      |



## New Student Applications

We are still accepting applications for some of our Early Childhood Programs (first come, first served) and classes four through nine for the 2025/26 school year.

Applications for Kindergarten through Class Three will be considered for our wait list. Contact the office for more information. 🌱



## Save The Dates!

Our annual **Field Day** for students in classes one through nine is scheduled for **Friday, May 30th**. We will need many parent volunteers to run the games stations that morning; if you have the ability to help, please plan to make yourself available. The official sign up will come out in a few weeks. 🌱



Our **casino** dates are **June 28th and 29th** at Pure Casino Yellowhead. Many volunteers are needed (and appreciated!) as this fundraiser makes a significant impact in the Waldorf programming we are able to deliver. It's also a great way to connect with community members - please plan on filling a shift.

Watch your email for the sign up. 🌱

### Save The Dates!

The **Chili Cook-Off** Returns!

Join us on **Saturday, June 7th** for a fun and welcoming evening just for the adults in our community.

Savor rich chili, enjoy refreshing beverages, and share in laughter and heartfelt connection.

More details to come – mark your calendars now! 🌱



## WISE Events

### Gateways

Our annual Gateways Conference returns on **May 2nd & 3rd** - it is a great way to connect with our community and learn something new. It's open to members of the public as well. Come participate in interesting workshops such as making natural cleaning products, making wooden toys, eurythmy, our 12 senses, healing herbs and food as medicine, mindfulness tools and singing. **Saturday lunch and snacks are included.**

We are particularly pleased to host and hear our keynote speaker, Simone Shurney, M.S.Ed, from Detroit Waldorf School talk about **Cultivating Healthy and Healing Communities**. More information about Simone and the conference are attached.

Tickets are only \$85 per single, \$125 per couple until April 15th (\$100 per single, \$140 per couple after that)

[Tickets available here](#) 🌱





## Medieval Games

Class six welcomed their counterparts from the Calgary Waldorf School for our yearly Medieval Games.

Highlights included a field trip to Combat Archery, a sleepover in the gym, hours of Kingdom games, and a Medieval Feast!

We can't wait for next year's class six to continue the tradition. 🍀



### WISE Board Director: Alison Toews

Alison Toews brings a diverse and unconventional career path to her role as a board member. After high school, she pursued culinary training and was tentatively hired as a head chef for a hotel in Bali. However, she chose a different path and became the first female rig hand in British Columbia, working on oil rigs in Fort St. John. When her oldest child was two months old, Alison returned to university, earning two Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Sociology. She is now pursuing a Master of Arts in Community Engagement (MACE) at the University of Alberta.



Alison's passion for education is deeply personal. Having ADHD, she struggled in traditional school settings. Returning to university as an adult, she discovered the strengths that come with ADHD and developed an insatiable love for learning. Her appreciation for Waldorf education grew from watching her own children flourish in an environment that values individuality, creativity, and unique learning styles. As a board member, she is eager to contribute her expertise in strategic planning, policy development, and community-based initiatives to help create meaningful and lasting impacts. 🌱

## Community Building

### Early Childhood Muffins

Craving muffins? We're happy to share our ECE muffin recipe with you (scaled down for a family sized-amount).

In a medium bowl, mix together:

- 40g ground flax seed with
- 150mL boiling water if using gold flax seed,
  - (OR 200mL boiling water if using brown flax seed)

Add in 60g coconut oil, stir in to melt oil

Add and mix well:

- 200g maple syrup
- 280g mashed banana

In a separate bowl, combine:

- 240g flour
  - (we use Anita's Organic All-Purpose Gluten-Free Flour)
- 8g baking powder
- 5g salt

Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well.

Bake at 350F for 25 minutes for mini muffins.  
Extra batter freezes well. Enjoy! 🌱



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far and wee  
and bettyandisbel come dancing

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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.**

