



## From the WISE Office

Dear WISE Families,

As the final weeks of the school year unfold, the halls and classrooms are alive with the hum of preparation, celebration, and reflection. June brings with it a familiar rhythm—festivals, class trips, performances, farewells—and in these shared moments, the heart of our school community shines through.

Each of our students has traveled a unique and meaningful path this year. We have witnessed quiet perseverance, creative breakthroughs, deep questions, and joy in learning. We honour their growth and the vibrant individual spirit they bring to create the whole.


This year marked our inaugural journey as the WISE Charter School—a true milestone in advancing our mission to provide tuition-free, sustainable Waldorf education in the heart of Edmonton. The transition to charter status reflects a shared aspiration long held within our community. As a living learning community, we remain committed to deepening our work, embodying the intentions of our Charter, and offering a rich and meaningful educational experience for generations to come.


With warmth and gratitude,


The WISE Admin Team 

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## Important Dates:

**Jun 7** Chili Cook-Off  
**Jun 9** Last Day of Rosebuds  
**Jun 10** Last Day of Daisies & Marigolds  
**Jun 13** Last Day of Nursery  
**Jun 13** Spring Concert (Grades)  
**Jun 14** Last Day of Sunflowers  
**Jun 19** Last Day of School (Kinder)  
**Jun 20** Last Day of School (Grades), half day  
**Jun 28, 29** Casino

**Aug 26** Parent Orientation (Grades Only)  
**Aug 27** Parent Orientation (Nursery + Kinder)  
**Sep 2** First day of school (Grades + Kinder)  
**Sep 3** Parent & Child Orientation  
**Sep 6** First day of Sunflowers  
**Sep 8** First day of Marigolds, Mon/Tues Afternoon Nursery  
**Sep 9** First day of Daisies  
**Sep 10** First day of full day & Half Day Wednesday - Friday Nursery



## Important Dates (more info)

- **Aug 26 - Parent Orientation (Grades):** 7:00 - 8:30pm, adults only (babes in arms welcome)
- **Aug 27 - Nursery & Kindergarten Parent Orientation:** 7:00 - 8:30pm, adults only
- **Sep 3 - Parent & Child Orientation:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm, adults only
- **Sep 18 - Picture Day:** Kindergarten - Grade 9
- **Sept 29 - PD Day:** (K-9 only, school is still in progress for Marigolds & Nursery)
- **Sep 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day:** no programming

## Office Notes

### 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. 🌱



### End-of-School Picnic

You are invited to join us for a school picnic on **Friday, June 20th after the 12:30pm** dismissal.

Bring a blanket to sit on, some water, hats and food, and let the students linger on their last day. 🌱

### Lost and Found

Summer clothes! Extra layers! Winter toques!

Please check the lost and found before the school year is done so you will have everything you need for the summer break. 🌱



## Office Notes (cont'd)

### School Store

We can be your go-to for your summer supplies.

Crayons and pencils for summer travel, wooden toys, silks and books-a-plenty are available during regular office hours. 🌱



## WISE Events

### The Chili Cook-Off Returns!

The WISE & WESE Community Chili Cook-Off is on **Saturday, June 7th**, and we're inviting YOU to take part in the delicious fun!

We're calling on our community to enter their best chili recipes; whether your chili is rich and hearty or plant-powered and bold, we'd love for you to share it with us!



Sign up [here](#) to enter your chili and be part of the fun! Tickets are now available for purchase at the school office. Tickets are \$20 when purchased in advance, and \$25 at the door. 🌱

### Spring Concert

Our year-end concert is **Friday, June 13th from 6:00 - 7:30pm** at Robertson-Wesley United Church.

Tickets are \$10 each (18 and under are free) and are available at the office. 🌱





### Casino Volunteer Needed

Casinos are our largest fundraiser for our community, providing significant funding for our programs. But we need YOU to help us pull it off.

Our Casino is booked for **June 28th & 29th** at PURE Casino Argyll.

You can submit receipts for childcare if you work the casino, it's a fun way to spend time with community members, and you get free food!

Please sign up [here](#). 🍀



### An Invitation from the Waldorf-Ottewell Community Garden

Are you interested in tending the gardens as they come to glorious life this year?

The magic has begun and you are welcome to join!

Please reach out at the office or email [communitygarden@wese.ca](mailto:communitygarden@wese.ca) for more information and to get involved! 🍀



## Volunteer Thank Yous

### Field Day

Our fifth annual field day was so much fun!

Thank you to our volunteers who came early to set up, ran the stations, and handed out Band-Aids and ice packs.

We can't wait until next year to do it all again. 🍀



### Mayfair

Another Mayfair has wrapped up!

Thank you to everyone who attended, to those who came early to set up, those who filled shifts and gaps in the shifts, and to those who stayed late to clean up.

It's great when we all come together to make this such a memorable event for our children. 🍀





## Thank Yous (cont'd)

To our faculty, staff, and volunteers, we thank you. You have carried this year with care, dedication, and an abiding belief in the children before you.

Whether in the classroom, behind the scenes, or guiding from afar, your work forms the living architecture of WISE.

As the pace quickens toward year's end, may your efforts be met with recognition, kindness, and the deep exhalation of accomplishment and summer. 🌱



## Congratulations Class 9

To the Class 9 graduates—congratulations. Many of you began your journey here as young children, and now, as you prepare to step into new spaces, we celebrate all you are and are becoming.

You have knit your presence into the fabric of this school, stitch by stitch—through acts of curiosity, artistry, dedication, intelligence, humour, and a deep social awareness.

You've left a distinct and lasting imprint on our community, and your contributions will remain within the school. We send you off with confidence and care, knowing the world will be better for your presence in it. 🌱



## Bed In Summer

By Robert Louis Sullivan


**I**N winter I get up at night  
And dress by yellow candle-light.  
In summer, quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.


I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?

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We encourage your  
comments, suggestions,  
and submissions to  
[newsletter@thewise.ca](mailto: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.

