

Important Dates:

March 16	Last Day of Marigolds, Winter Term
March 17	Last Day of Daisies, Winter Term
March 21	Last Day of Sunflowers, Winter Term
March 23	First Day of Marigolds, Spring Term
March 24	First Day of Daisies, Spring Term
March 28	First Day of Sunflowers, Spring Term
March 30-31	Parent Teacher Conferences
April 1-2	Spring Break, no programming
April 3	Good Friday, no programming
April 6	Easter Monday, no programming

WISE Events

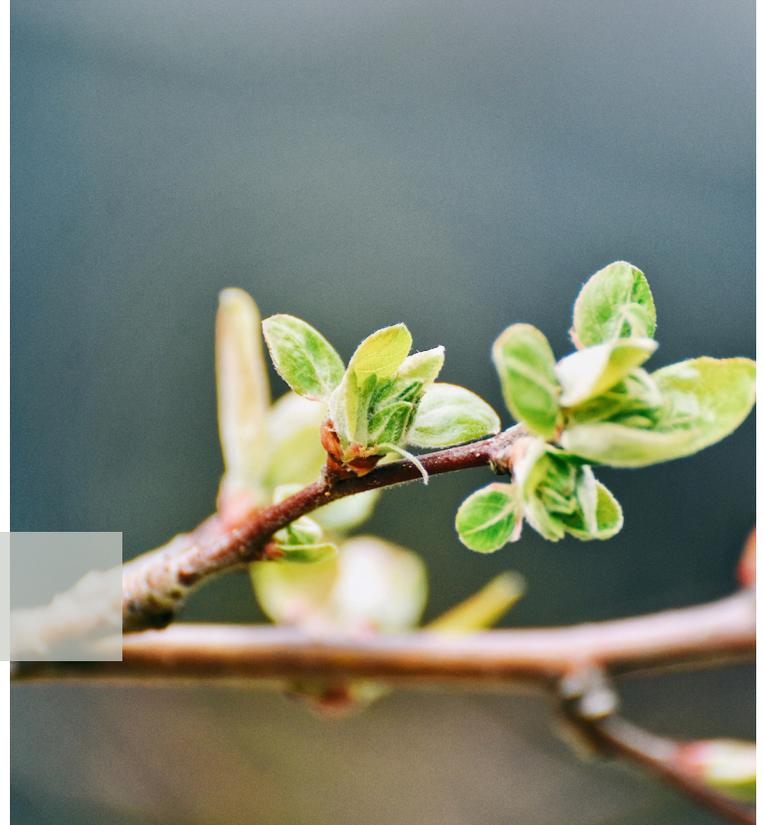
Gateways Conference

Mark Your Calendars! Our beloved Gateways Conference returns **May 1 - 2, 2026**, featuring Keynote Speaker Patricia Rubano, presenting on *The Power of Our Story - Understanding Ourselves: How biography work deepens the connection to self and others*.

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

Musical Theatre

Our first musical theatre production, *Sherlock and Cinders*, was a fantastic success! Thank you to those who attended the five shows, to all the cast and crew for their months of dedication, and especially to Ms Toews, Ms Shaw, and Ms Larkee for pouring their hearts into our students and into this production.



Message from the Principal

Coming off the heels of our Random Acts of Kindness Week, Valentine's Day, and Winter Break, we have entered a new virtue: that of generosity becoming love. Turning now to an exhale, an openness and grandeur of acceptance spreads out before us, hopefully running parallel with the soon-to-be arrival of Spring.

Considering the plants that have yet to spring to life, but are nonetheless there, beneath our feet, is a helpful reminder that we must strive to see things as they will be, not as they are or have been. This mindset of appreciating the potential in all things can help us overcome any pettiness or narrow-mindedness that is apt for the season.

Mary Conrod

WISE Charter School Council

Invitation to School Council

The WISE Charter School Council is an opportunity for us to enrich the life of the school community by helping with fundraising initiatives, supporting school-wide events and championing the efforts of teachers. Parents and guardians of WISE Charter School students are automatically members. Meetings are held at 7pm and offer the option of attending in-person at the school or online (watch for emails from the registrar with the Zoom link before each meeting).

Upcoming meetings will be on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 4, 2026
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Participating in the School Council is a great way to connect with families from our school community and be involved in your child's experience. We hope to see you there!

March Book Study Circle

A gentle reminder that our next Book Study Circle will take place on **Wednesday, March 4** at approximately 8:30 PM, following the School Council meeting.

We will continue our conversation on *Understanding Waldorf Education: Teaching from the Inside Out* by Jack Petrash, exploring "The Lower School Path" - the teacher as a steady guide, the role of play, stories, and relationships, and the artistic nature of learning in the early grades, awakening the child from the inside out.

Join us in person at the school or online via Zoom using the same link shared in the forthcoming School Council meeting invitation email. Our gathering will be approximately 30 minutes.

All are warmly welcome. We look forward to continuing the conversation together.

Spring Clothing Swap - Volunteers Welcome

With spring on the horizon, our spring community clothing swap is beginning to take root within our community.

As planning begins, we are looking for volunteers who may be willing to help with sorting, organizing, set-up, or other event needs as details unfold.

If you're interested in supporting this community offering, please reach out to wsc.vicechair@thewise.ca.

Thank you for helping this initiative grow.

Stirring the Pot: Chili Cook-Off & Community Night - Tickets Now Available!

Our Chili Cook-Off & Community Night is just around the corner! Join us on **Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 6:30PM to 11:00PM** in **The WISE Charter School Gym** for a joyful, adults-only evening of homemade chili, laughter, music, and connection.

Early Bird pricing ends March 6! After that, tickets move to standard pricing – so don't wait.

Tickets:

- Early Bird: \$20 (until March 6)
- Standard: \$25

Purchase Options:

- E-transfer to wsc.treasurer@thewise.ca (include "Chili Cook-Off" in the e-transfer memo)
- Cash at the school office
- Tickets can be picked up at the office or held for you at the door

Chili Update:

All chili entry spots are now officially full - thank you to our incredible lineup of chefs! We can't wait to taste what they've been cooking up.

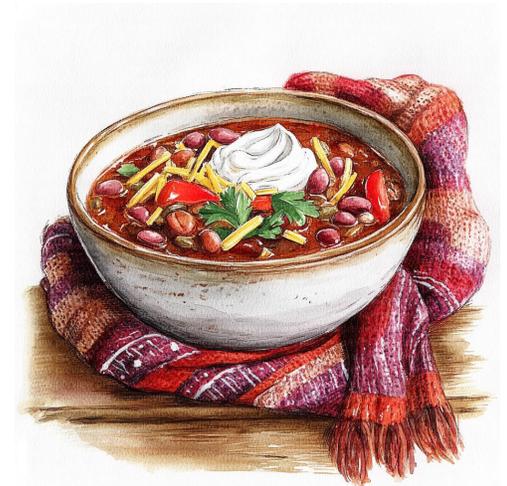
Performers & Community Stage:

We are still welcoming musicians, singers, and comedy enthusiasts. If you'd like to share your talents, please reach out to wsc.vicechair@thewise.ca.

Toonie Taste Test Mystery Chili

A secret ingredient is hiding in one special pot. Guess correctly for a chance to win a prize! \$2 per entry, with the correct winner drawn at the end of the evening.

This night is always such a beautiful reminder of what makes our school community special. We can't wait to gather, share a meal, and enjoy a well-deserved adults-only evening together!





The Song of The Colt's-Foot Fairy

The winds of March are keen and cold;
I fear them not, for I am bold.

I wait not for my leaves to grow;
They follow after: they are slow.

My yellow blooms are brave and bright;
I greet the Spring with all my might.

-Cicely Mary Barker

Newsletter Submissions

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.

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