

Important Dates:

May 1	No school for Kinder/Nursery 1/2 day for grades
May 1 - 2	Gateways Conference (No Sunflowers)
May 4	PD Day, no programming
May 18	Victoria Day, no programming
May 23	Mayfair
May 29	Gr 1-9 Field Day
June 8	Last Day of Marigolds, spring term
June 9	Last Day of Daisies, spring term Last Day of M/T Nursery
June 12	Last Day of M-F Nursery
June 13	Last Day of Sunflowers, spring term
June 18	Last Day of School, Kindergarten
June 19	Last Day of School, Grades (1/2) day 12:00 - Reverse Rose Ceremony for the Graduating Grade 9s



Community Building

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 for more information and to get involved!

We will also be running another by-donation Plant and Seed Exchange this year at May Fair! Please consider donating plants, seeds or cash and come by to adopt some new little friends for your garden!

Parent Coffee

Share some laughs, learn more about our school, and get to know your fellow parents after drop-off on Tuesday mornings. Coffee is on from 8:30 am - 9:30 am in the gymnasium (enter the front of the school and turn left at the hallway). Supervised children are welcome.

Office Notes



Save the Date: Field Day

Our annual Field Day for students in classes one through nine is scheduled for Friday, May 29th. Watch your email for volunteer opportunities that morning.

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, 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!



May Book Study Circle

A little reminder that our next Book Study Circle will take place on **Wednesday, May 6th at approximately 8:30 PM**, following the close of the School Council meetings.

We will continue our conversation on *Understanding Waldorf Education: Teaching from the Inside Out* by Jack Petrash, exploring *Guiding the Child's Journey: The Inner Work of Parents and Teachers* - the essential role of parents in supporting learning and healthy development at home; the qualities of a Waldorf teacher: active, emotionally engaged, thoughtful, and reflective; and how home and school work together to nurture the growing child.

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.

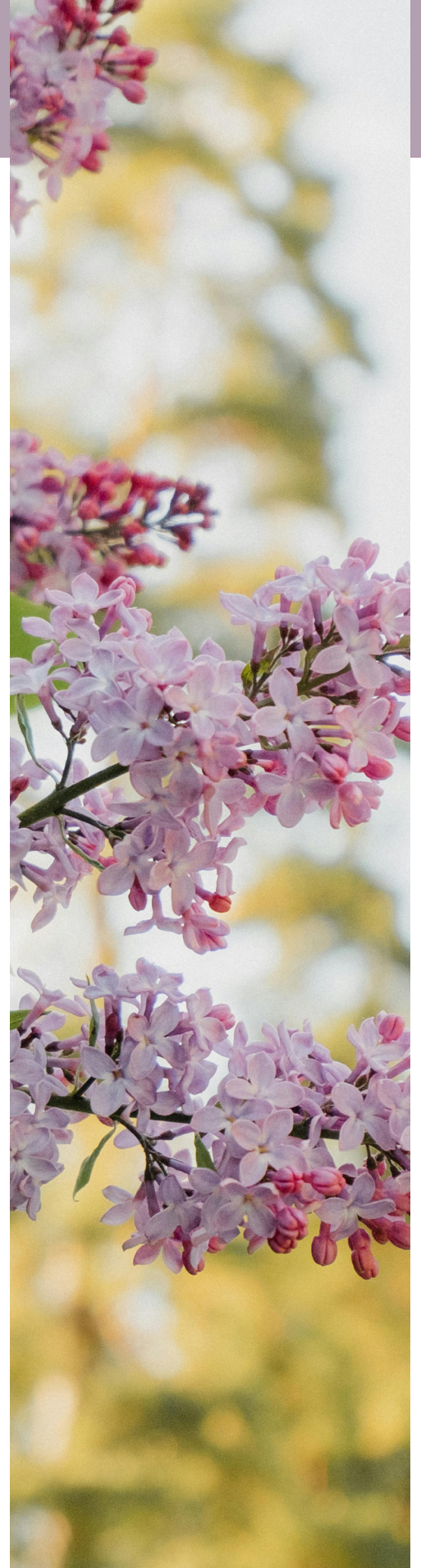
All are warmly welcome. We look forward to continuing the conversation together.

With Gratitude for a Season of Sharing

With the turning of the season and the soft unfolding of spring, we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to our school community.

From the many hands that helped prepare and sort, to those who gave and received so generously, the recent Spring Clothing Swap came together in a beautiful spirit of care and connection. It was a gentle reminder of what can grow when we share with one another.

Thank you for being part of this circle of giving - it is truly what brings our community to life.



WISE Events

May Fair

Please join us for our annual celebration of Spring! **Saturday, May 23rd from 11:00am – 3:00pm**

Pack a picnic lunch for you and your family and plan to spend the day connecting with our wonderful community, playing simple games, making flower crowns, and more. The day begins at 11 AM where we gather to enjoy class maypole dance performances.

Tickets:

\$10/family (\$5/individual); all activities are included. Pay at entry table on west side of school (cash or e-transfer).

Bring a **picnic lunch** for your family and **lots of water**. Sunscreen, hats, and bug spray are also helpful to fully enjoy the day.

Order of the Day:

11:00am - Maypole Dances begin in the field

12:00pm - Picnic lunch, activities begin

3:00pm - Activities close and cleanup begins

Activities:

Face Painting, Flower Crowns, Crafts, Races, Penny Toss, and more!

Volunteers Needed:

Mayfair can't run without the help of volunteers. An email will be sent out with a link to sign up.

There will also be a seedling and seed sale (by donation). We will gladly accept donations of seedling or plants you've started. Bring your plants directly to Mayfair — all raised proceeds go to our Community Garden.



Message from the Principal

As impossible as it is to believe, we now enter into the final full-month of the school year - a time in which the fleetingness of summer begins to cloud the passage of time.

In the progress of the sun's light and warmth, it is easy to get caught up in the soon-to-be summer season which, short-lived in nature, applies a certain pressure to plan for well in advance. But the virtue of the month for this time of year heeds us to find balance, so as to not let the feeling of busyness and externals take over and ramp the pace of life up, but rather cultivate the light's energy so as to slow the pace of life down, enabling us to make the most of our elongated and well-lit days, and enjoy the company of our loved ones and surroundings, who are more apt for joy and humour in the sunlight's glow.

Mary Conrod

The Oak and The Rose

An oak and a rosebush grew,
Young and green together,
Talking the talk of growing things -
Wind and water and weather.
And while the rosebush sweetly bloomed
The oak tree grew so high
That now it spoke of newer things -
Eagles, mountain peaks and sky.
"I guess you think you're pretty great,"
The rose was heard to cry,
Screaming as loud as it possibly could
To the treetop in the sky.
"And you have no time for flower talk,
Now that you've grown so tall."
"It's not so much that I've grown," said the
tree,
"It's just that you've stayed so small."








-Shel Silverstein

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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