

From the WISE Office cont.

Our Spring 2026 Alberta Education Assurance Survey results (table below) reflect strong confidence in the teacher, student, and parent experience at the WISE throughout the 2025-26 school year. Across all evaluated domains, the WISE received an overall evaluation of Excellent, with multiple measures identified as Very High and Improved.

While we are grateful for these results and the shared efforts they represent, we also recognize that meaningful education is always a living and evolving process. As a striving school organization, we remain committed to thoughtful reflection and ongoing growth as we continue working to best serve students and families in their educational journey at the WISE.

Wishing you all a soul-nourishing summer break. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new families to the WISE in the fall.

With warmth and gratitude,

The WISE Admin Team

Important Dates:

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



Required Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Measures - Overall Summary Spring 2026

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Assurance Domain	Measure	The WISE Charter Society			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	92.9	86.9	86.9	84.2	83.9	84.0	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	Citizenship	90.6	84.6	84.6	81.2	79.8	79.8	Very High	Improved	Excellent
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	82.1	81.4	80.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	86.7	87.1	87.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT9: Acceptable	n/a	90.0	90.0	n/a	62.5	62.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT9: Excellence	n/a	26.7	26.7	n/a	15.6	15.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82.0	81.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	23.0	22.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Education Quality	94.3	94.0	94.0	87.8	87.7	87.8	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRSLE)	93.2	90.4	90.4	85.8	84.4	84.4	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	Access to Supports and Services	89.8	82.6	82.6	79.5	80.1	80.2	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Governance	Parental Involvement	92.1	91.9	91.9	79.9	80.0	79.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent



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!

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



End-of-School Picnic

You are invited to join us for a school picnic on **Friday, June 19th after the 12:30 pm 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.



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.



Spring Concert

Our year-end concert is **Friday, June 12th from 6:00 - 7:30pm** at the WISE Charter School. Tickets are \$10 each (16 and under are free) and are available at the office.

To respect our gymnasium's fire code, tickets will need to be purchased ahead of time, between Wednesday, June 3 and Wednesday, June 10, as they will NOT be sold at the door. Due to space constraints, we ask that tickets are limited to immediate family members only.

WISE Events

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! The weather couldn't have been more perfect for such a heartfelt spring celebration. 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.

Celebrating our Graduates

To the 2025-26 WISE CS Graduating Grade 9 Class, as you prepare to step into high school, we celebrate all that you are and all that you are becoming. While some of you began your learning journey here as young children, many of you found this school along the way and made it your own. You have woven your presence into the fabric of this community through acts of curiosity, artistry, dedication, intelligence, humour, and deep social awareness. You leave a distinct and lasting imprint on the school, and your contributions will remain part of the WISE. We send you forward with confidence and care, knowing the world will be better for your presence within it.



Waldorf Independent School

Class 1



2017-18



Grade 9



2025-2026



Retirement Announcement

Dear WISE family,

It is with joyful anticipation, a quiet heart, and waves of gently letting go, I announce my retirement from teaching at the WISE. This wonderfully unique and special school was my home for 13 incredible years. Its WISE community embraced me with so much care, trust, kindness, love and support. I am so deeply touched!

It truly has been a privilege and pleasure teaching your children and being an integral part of so many families, alongside an incredible WISE staff. Thank you for your trust in my vision which aligned beautifully with the school's vision of cherishing the preciousness of childhood. My inner child basked in the daily rhythms of beauty, goodness, reverence, joy, play and creativity alongside your children and because of it, I have grown so much. I feel endless compassion for us humans all learning to be our best selves together on this beloved earth. I'm humbled by the struggles, uplifted by the discoveries and in awe at the endless gifts of life; the WISE being one big beautiful gift I received with so much appreciation and gratitude!

A new chapter of my life is calling me forth and I joyfully anticipate the adventure about to unfold. I will cherish your warm embrace and the fond memories forever alive in my heart and soul. And I will always be just an email away and available to support where needed!!

Au Revoir to my dear community. Sincerely,

Charlotte



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, 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!

Closing the Circle: Our Final Book Study Gathering

You are warmly invited to join us for our final Book Study Circle of the school year on **Wednesday, June 3rd at approximately 8:30 PM**, following the close of the School Council meetings.

Together, we will conclude our conversation around *Understanding Waldorf Education: Teaching from the Inside Out* by Jack Petrash, with our final theme *Adolescence and the Long Arc of Waldorf Education*.

Our conversation will explore:

- Meeting the adolescent with truth and respect
- Supporting the unfolding of the whole human being
- Understanding education as a path toward freedom rather than performance.

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

As we come to the close of this book study together, we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who shared in these thoughtful conversations throughout the seasons. All are warmly welcome as we gather in reflection one final time before summer.



Capital Project Update

Building Our Dream Castle

WISE met with Alberta Education in mid-April to discuss our Schools Now submission from last year. Like many within Alberta's public charter school community, we were disappointed to learn that only one charter school project received capital approval in the February 2026 provincial budget.

The feedback from Alberta Education was nevertheless encouraging. We were advised that WISE's proposal aligned well with the criteria required to advance to the Minister of Education for funding consideration, alongside a number of other charter school submissions. At present, current provincial priorities are focused on increasing student capacity and creating additional student spaces across Alberta. Based on the feedback we received, proposals involving significant and urgent capacity pressures, structural safety concerns, or limitations in fully delivering Charter goals due to facility or site restrictions are more likely to receive priority consideration.

As a result, WISE is continuing to refine and strengthen our Schools Now submission (formerly the School Construction Accelerator Program). A revised draft was submitted in mid-May for additional feedback and consideration ahead of a final resubmission. Alberta Education indicated that capital planning proposals are expected to advance to the Minister again within the next two to three months.

We know competition for capital funding remains extremely high, but we will continue advocating for a replacement school that can properly support WISE's long-term vision. The current Schools Now program, despite the competition, represents the strongest near-term opportunity for WISE to secure significant provincial capital support before the current funding framework concludes following Budget 2027.

In other encouraging news, WISE recently received approval for modular funding. This funding was requested in response to enrollment demand for the 2026/27 school year. With work commencing over the summer, we will be adding an additional Grade 1 classroom linked to the west wing of the school. More information on this initiative will be shared soon.

Thank you for continuing to support the dream of a future purpose-built Waldorf school for WISE that will better serve our students, faculty, and families.



Message from the Principal

Only 3 weeks remain of the school year until the transition to summer - a time when we 'receive the light' and rest in the warmth of the Earth's held exhale. It's easy to understand why the antonyms for this time of year include a loss of grip and sense of giving up, for the anticipation of the upcoming season, with its boundless sense of time, can contribute towards a feeling of apathy in contrast to the structure of school, the scheduling of which alone can feel like an infringement upon one's personal freedom, and thus something that one feels a concerted effort must be made to get through.

In direct contrast to the fall, when there's a sense of excitement in coming together, there may be a sense of expectation in going apart. As we push to persevere, and make it through the remainder of the school year, we may become transformed through faithfulness, for it is in our resolve towards completion, that we become aware of the internal beliefs or values we hold, in which we are committed.

Mary Conrod

The Seaside Cook

I'm a very good cook,
For I can make
Puddings of sand
And seaweedy cake!








I fill up my pail,
I pat it down well,
I turn out the pudding -
It's ready to sell!

Just look at my shop!
There are cakes by the score,
Made in my patty-tins -
What a fine store!

Puddings are sixpence,
And cakes just a penny.
Hurry and buy
Or you may not get any!

-Enid Blyton

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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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