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WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

WISE families traveled to the Newsies production at the Children's Theatre of Madison! Students and families enjoyed an exciting evening of live theater, incredible music, and high-energy dancing. The trip sparked great conversations afterward about storytelling, perseverance, and standing up for what is right.

Set in New York City at the turn of the 20th century, Newsies follows a group of young newspaper sellers who band together to fight for fair treatment after newspaper prices are raised at their expense. Inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899, the musical highlights themes of courage, teamwork, and resilience!

If your child is looking to learn more about the Newsies, check out the enrichment guide [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

May

18th - Circus World @ Baraboo

27th - Survival Course Field Day (for Survival 101 and 202 students only)
@ Black River Falls

29th - End of Year Celebration @ Manitowoc

[Sign up here](#)

YEARBOOK



We want to celebrate your family!
[Click here](#) to submit pictures and stories for the digital yearbook.

ONLINE SAFETY



Looking for ways to teach your students about Artificial Intelligence & Online Safety? Discovery Education & Norton partnered up to create an animated video series aimed at teaching kids how to navigate the online world responsibly. My Digital Life Animated Topic Series introduces students to various online characters to increase student awareness of their own online behaviors.

3 videos on [Artificial Intelligence](#). 4 videos on [Irresponsible Online Behaviors](#).

[Click here for links to all the videos & their descriptions.](#) All videos also have an accompanying educator guide & student investigation/activity.

EVERDAY PRACTICE - SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The 2026 theme is "More Good Days, Together." Books are excellent tools to explore emotions, anxiety, and wellness. Stories help children normalize feelings, build resilience, and develop emotional vocabulary through engaging narratives. Here's some read-alouds that may help engage kids in those conversations.

Elementary Students

[The Invisible String](#) by Patrice Karst

[Puppy in My Head: A Book About Mindfulness](#) by Elise Gravel

[The Color Monster](#) by Anna Llenas

[My Monster and Me](#) by Nadiya Hussain

[Alone Sometimes: Everybody Needs a Hole in the Ground](#) by Skyllaar Amann

[Y Is for Yet: A Growth Mindset Alphabet](#) by Shannon Anderson

[A Blue Kind of Day](#) by Rachel Tomlinson

[The Boy with Big, Big Feelings](#) by Britney Winn Lee

[Little Unicorn Is Angry](#) by Aurelie Chien Chow Chine



Middle/High Students

[Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio

[Stuntboy, in the Meantime](#) by Jason Reynolds

[Drawing Deena](#) by Hena Khan

[Five Things About Ava Andrews](#) by Margaret Dilloway

[All the Bright Places](#) by Jennifer Niven ([Part 2](#))

[Fifty-four Things Wrong With Gwendolyn Rogers](#) by Caela Carter

[Finding Audrey](#) by Sophie Kinsella



STUDENT REFLECTION MTGS.

End of the year student reflection meetings are happening now. If you haven't already signed up through the email from your teacher, make sure you do so before May 28th.



Teachers love seeing & hearing about their learning experiences. This is also a good time to reflect on projects that they've been doing!

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Our end-of-year celebration is coming quickly! Get ready for a day of farm fun with hands-on activities, friendly animals, and plenty of space to explore and play. It's the perfect place for families to connect, discover, and make lasting memories together!

[RSVP here](#)



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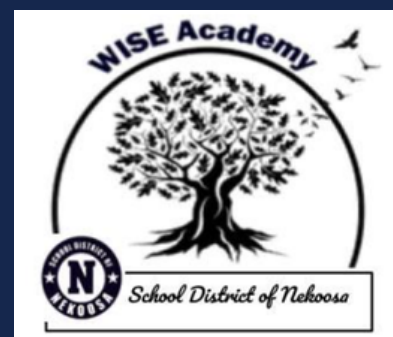
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Course Grades & Credits

Use this form to submit grades for completed courses or to complete a self reflection to propose a grade for a completed project.

[Reflection and Grade](#)



Project-Based Learning

Rubrics are used during reflection check-ins or scheduled meetings. Talk with your teacher for more information!

[Reflection Worksheet and Rubrics](#)

WISE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL



Are you interested in seeing how WISE runs? Would you like a voice in future planning?

WISE Governance Council is looking for high school representation. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. for an hour on Google Meet.

Can't commit to every month, but would like to try a couple months?

Interested or have questions? Reach out to your teacher for more info.



BUILD YOUR RESUME

Looking for help to build a resume? Utilizing YouScience technology, students will form a resume fit for any job, scholarship, or college application they desire!

Upon booking, students will receive a login to YouScience's aptitude discovery portal and interest inventory to help drive our work together. It is asked that students complete these activities (amounting to 90 minutes or less) prior to our meeting.

Please reach out to your family's WISE teacher with questions.

[Click here to sign up](#) to meet with one of our WISE Teachers, Madison Skusevich, for a 1-on-1 resume workshop.

