

February 16, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday, February 10th, WISE families traveled to view *The Hobbit* at the Children's Theatre of Madison. Everyone enjoyed watching Bilbo Baggins get whisked away by a band of dwarves and a very mysterious wizard. He found himself facing trolls, goblins and a fire-breathing dragon—with only his courage and a bit of luck to guide him!



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

16th - Tommy Bartlett Exploratory
@ [Wisconsin Dells](#)

26th - Pirate School @ [Appleton](#)

March

4th - Maple Syrup Class @ [Poynette](#)

5th - GROW greenhouse @ [LaCrosse](#)

13th - Drum Tao @ [Appleton](#)

24th - Geology Museum @ [Madison](#)

27th - Jurustic Park & Wildwood
Zoo @ [Marshfield](#)

April

16th - Brewer Game - History Day
@ [Milwaukee](#)

[Sign up here](#)

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In 1964, Wisconsin played a role in a major civil rights event called "Freedom Summer." That summer, volunteers traveled to Mississippi to help Black citizens register to vote after being unfairly blocked from doing so. Many of those volunteers were college students from Wisconsin, including Madison and Milwaukee.

They helped teach in Freedom Schools, supported local families, and worked to make voting more accessible. Wisconsin's connection to Freedom Summer is a great reminder that people from our state were part of the fight for fairness and equal rights across the country.

Learn more about it at the [Wisconsin Historical Society](#).



Literacy

Chat GPT can help you generate reading & writing activities in seconds.

- **Generate Tailored Reading Passages:** Ask for stories on specific topics, themes, or historical events, adjusted to a specific Lexile level, grade level, or for English language learners.
- **Create Comprehension & Analytical Questions:** Paste a text into ChatGPT and ask it to generate multiple-choice, true/false, or open-ended questions to test comprehension, or to create guiding questions for in-depth analysis.
- **Differentiate Text Complexity:** Paste a text and ask ChatGPT to rewrite it at a lower, intermediate, or higher reading level.
- **Create Writing Prompts:** Generate creative writing prompts that encourage students to use vocabulary from their reading.
- **Summarization and Review:** Ask ChatGPT to summarize long texts to help students grasp main ideas.

*For best results, specify the topic, year level, and desired learning objective in your prompt.

Social-Emotional

You can use Chat GPT to help you with self-care.

Try these ideas for fitting in more wellness:



I don't belong to a gym. Make a no-equipment, 20-minute home workout



I want to eat more protein. Plan 5 protein-rich, balanced dinners



I've had a stressful day. Talk me through a 5-min breathing exercise

FROM THE ORDERING DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder that orders for 2nd semester need to be submitted by March 1, 2026.

FORWARD TESTING

Remember to let your teacher know if you are interested in virtual Forward testing at home.



WISE FACEBOOK PAGE

If you haven't checked it out yet, go to the

[WISE Facebook Group](#)

We are using this as a marketplace to get inventory moved around to different families.

This is a private group, so only members can see or post. Please request to join if interested.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

This episode showcases some upcoming business tours that will give students a hands-on experience & gain insight into potential career paths in manufacturing & skilled trades.

FEBRUARY

EK Machine Tour Fall River

Students will visit EK Machine in Fall River for an inside look at precision machining and advanced manufacturing.

During the tour, students will explore the facility, see CNC machining and skilled professionals in action, and learn about the wide range of careers available—from machining and fabrication to engineering, quality control, and operations.

*See flyer for dress code

February 24 9:00 - 10:00 am

[Click here](#) to learn more or register

February 24 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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MEC Mayville South Tour Mayville

Students will visit MEC – Mayville South to learn about the work they do and explore what it's like to be part of the MEC team. The visit will include an overview of MEC, a guided facility tour, and information about available Youth Apprenticeship (YA) opportunities. Students will have the chance to ask questions, see the work environment firsthand, and gain insight into potential career paths with MEC.

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Apache Stainless Tour Beaver Dam

Step inside Apache Stainless Equipment and discover how large-scale stainless steel tanks and systems are built for industries around the world.

On this behind-the-scenes tour, students will see cutting-edge equipment, skilled tradespeople, and engineers in action while learning how ideas turn into real, working products. Along the way, students will explore a wide range of career opportunities—from welding, fabrication, and machining to engineering, quality, project management, and operations—and learn what it takes to succeed in each role.

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February 24 10:30 - 11:30 am

[Click here](#) to learn more or register

4 Ways Forward: A Pipetrades Career Awareness Fair for Women - Kaukauna

If you are a female that has hands-on talent, we have the professional path to match. At 4 Ways Forward: A Pipetrades Career Awareness Fair for Women, students can explore elite careers in Plumbing, Steamfitting, HVAC/R, and Fabrication. Our five-year apprenticeship offers a debt-free education, immediate "earn-while-you-learn" wages, and guaranteed pay equity.

February 24 4:30 - 7:30 pm

[Click here](#) to learn more or register