

February 23, 2026

# WISE ACADEMY NEWS

## FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, February 16, students headed to the Tommy Bartlett Exploratory in Wisconsin Dells for a hands-on science field trip. They explored interactive exhibits focused on physics, space, and technology. Students also experimented with forces and motion, walked through real space-themed displays, and tried out puzzles, illusions, and simulators throughout the museum. It was a fun and engaging way to explore the world of STEM!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

26<sup>th</sup> - Pirate School @ Appleton

### March

4<sup>th</sup> - Maple Syrup Class @ Poynette

5<sup>th</sup> - GROW greenhouse @ LaCrosse

13<sup>th</sup> - Drum Tao @ Appleton

24<sup>th</sup> - Geology Museum @ Madison

27<sup>th</sup> - Jurustic Park & Wildwood Zoo @ Marshfield

### April

16<sup>th</sup> - Brewer Game - History Day @ Milwaukee

### May

29<sup>th</sup> - Year End Celebration @ Manitowoc

[Sign up here](#)

**NOTE:** Survival course sign-ups for April are LIVE! Some materials are required for this course, & we invite families to use their allotments to help out with those costs. Check out more details on [WISE Extras](#).

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Alfred Gorham was a prominent figure in Wisconsin. He graduated from Waukesha High School in 1939. He entered Carrol College until the U.S. entered the war. He joined the Army Air Force with the goal of becoming a Tuskegee Airman, a member of the first African American military pilot group in the U.S. In fact, he was the only Wisconsinite Tuskegee pilot!



A recipient of the Purple Heart, the POW medal and a Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Tuskegee Airmen, Gorham now has a display recognizing his achievements at the Milwaukee Airport.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Alfred Gorham - WI's only Tuskegee Airman!

## EVERYDAY PRACTICE

### Math

Looking for some fun math activities to help get your student(s) - or yourself - through the doldrums of winter?

[Math Playground](#) - offers a vast, free library of interactive math games, logic puzzles, and math word problems specifically for K-6 students.

[Funbrain](#) - offers hundreds of interactive games, books, comics, and videos for PK-8 students, focusing on math, reading, literacy, and problem-solving skills.

### Mental Health

Did you know Nekoosa School District has a partnership with Care Solace?

**Care Solace** is a resource for mental health, substance use, & social service support. You can search on your own or connect with someone that will help you every step of the way.



#### Confidential & Free

Get help privately at no cost to you, thanks to School District of Nekoosa.



#### 24/7 Access

Tap into support when you need it most, available in 200+ languages 365 days a year.



#### Help Near You

Get matched to local services that meet your needs, in person or online.



[Click here](#) to visit their website.

### FROM THE ORDERING DEPARTMENT

**LAST CALL** - orders for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Parents: Please fill out this [WISE Academy 26/27 Enrollment planning form](#) by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Adding siblings to WISE? If you live outside the district, don't forget to complete Open Enrollment! The application window is open until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

[Click here for a link to the enrollment application](#) on the DPI website.

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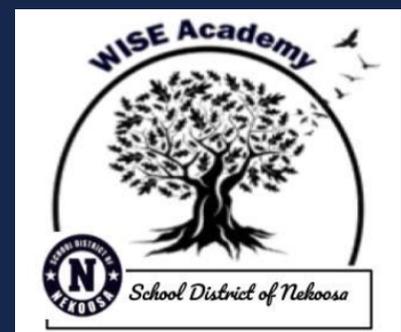
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# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Have questions about college or want to hear directly from current students and admissions representatives?

Meet representatives from a wide range of colleges and universities, including public, private, in-state, and out-of-state schools.

Rural Peer Advisors, who are current college students from rural Wisconsin, will also be available to share their experiences and answer questions.

## COLLEGE U ROADSHOW

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
4-6 PM

@Nekoosa High School  
500 S Cedar St, Nekoosa

### Attending Colleges & Universities

Bellin College  
Carroll University  
Northern Michigan University  
Notre Dame  
Ripon College

University of Chicago  
UW-Eau Claire  
UW-Green Bay  
UW-Madison  
UW-Oshkosh  
UW-River Falls  
UW-Stevens Point

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and more!



- ✓ College-going info session
- ✓ Meet current rural college students
- ✓ Talk to admissions representatives

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