

October 5, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On October 2nd, it was a beautiful day to spend with our students and their families at World Dairy Expo 2026! Everyone enjoyed exploring the expo while learning more about Wisconsin dairy industry and the important role agriculture plays in our state. Students and their families had the opportunity to watch different dairy cattle breed shows, visit a variety of vendors, get up close with cattle in the barns and learn interesting facts about the dairy industry. There was also plenty of farming equipment to explore and discover. Of course, no trip to World Dairy Expo would be complete without enjoying some of the best grilled cheese and ice cream around! It was a wonderful day of learning and exploring.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

8th - Bushell & a Peck Apple Orchard @ Chippewa Falls

13th - Learn Build Fly @ Wausau Airport 10:00 - 2:00

15th - Team Building/Nature Hike @ McKenzie Center Poynette 10:00 - 1:00 **CLOSED**

20th - Sugar Skull! Musical @ Appleton 12:30 - 2:30 **CLOSED**

27th - Annie @ Madison **CLOSED**

November

2nd, 9th, 16th - Native American Studies @ Virtual (w/experience 12/4)

5th - Old World Wisconsin @ Eagle 9:45 - 1:00 **RSVP by Oct. 20th**

6th - Tree Tech @ Marshfield 8:30 - 11:30 **High school students only**

10th - CVTC Career Tour @ Eau Claire 9:15 - 12:15 **High school students**

16th - All Stars Urban Circus @ Appleton 12:30

20th - MSTC Discovery Day @ Stevens Point **4th - 8th grade**

December

1st - WI Herd Basketball @ Oshkosh 11:30 **RSVP by Nov. 1st**

15th - Christmas Carol @ Madison 10:00 **CLOSED**

16th - Nutcracker Ballet @ Oshkosh 1:00 **RSVP by Dec. 1st**

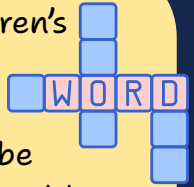
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Sign up here



SIGHT WORD APPS

Looking for some ideas to incorporate extra sight words practice into your child's/children's routine? Here's a few apps/websites that can help:



[Duolingo ABC](#) - you can get an account for free and no personal information needs to be collected other than a "child name/initial" to play. It levels it to the age of your child and has built in stories along with sight words. Feels fun for kids. I believe it works offline too and is ad free.

[Starfall](#) - this has many varieties of games, not just sight words. Has math & seasonal fun too. Add free, no account needed to play. Has Pre-K & Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, & Grades 4-5. You can purchase a membership to have access to all the activities.

[Learn to read: Kids Games](#) - advertises that it is add free. It is free to use and has a wide range of sight word games. Ranked in the Top 100 of educational apps.

[GentleSight](#) - works offline, no ads, large buttons, and no account needed. Features Hear It, See It, Match It, as well as spelling practice. No timers & no scores so it's no pressure for kids.

[WordWall.net](#) - has many varieties of sight word games. No account needed to play. Even if it says sign up for free, you can click the X & still play.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Reminder that if you're not going to be "in school" on any day that school is in session, to let your teacher know you will be/are absent. We need to track our absences for the state just like any other school.

[Check the 26/27 school calendar here.](#)

SCHOOL PICTURES



If you're wanting school pictures, you may come to Alexander Middle School in Nekoosa on October 13 from 9:30 - 11:00.

You'll also be able to order picture packages if you're interested.

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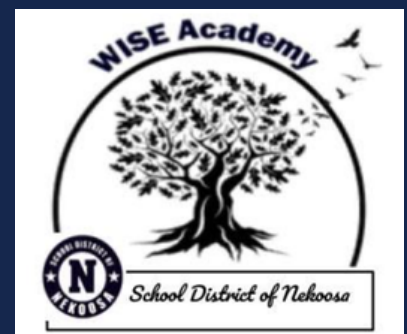
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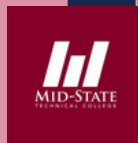
HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

CAREER EXPLORATION - TECH COLLEGE EVENTS

Mid-State - Tech-Con 2.1

Located at MSTC in Stevens Point, students are invited to join in activities on website hacking, VR, AI, lock picking, soldering, programming, retro computing, cipher cracking, and MORE! Join WISE for this exciting day exploring all things computer science and IT! No experience necessary - if your student is interested in computer science and IT-related fields, this event is perfect for you!

Friday, November 13th from 9am - 2pm. For high school students only.



Mid-State - BizCon

Entrepreneurial Experience: Work in teams to identify a real-world problem and develop a creative product or service solution.

Interactive Business Games: Put business knowledge and creativity to the test through Who Wants to Be a Business Leader? Back in the Day... What Would You Pay?, and Brand Feud.

Teamwork & Pitch Development: Collaborate with teammates to turn an idea into a compelling business pitch.

BizCon Pitch Showcase: Take the stage and present your team's product or service idea.

Wednesday, October 28th from 9 am-2pm in Stevens Point.
Students K-12 welcome!

Fox Valley Tech College - Nursing Program Info Session

This Nursing Information Session is designed to provide you with information about admission requirements for the nursing programs, class time information, prerequisites, and much more. For students interested in CNA, Licensed Practical Nursing, LPN to ADN Pathway program or Nursing Associate Degree.

Tuesday, November 10th from 1-3 pm
Located at the Appleton Main Campus



NTC Showcase - Diesel & CDL Day

Ready to fuel your future? High school students are invited to Diesel and CDL Day, a hands-on introduction to two powerhouse career paths in diesel mechanics and transportation.

- Explore our Diesel Technician labs
- Learn about CDL training and career options
- Meet instructors and industry pros
- Discover how NTC can help you launch a high-demand, high-pay career

Whether you're interested in engines or driving big rigs, this is your chance to see where these careers can take you—no experience required!

November 11th from 9:30 am - 12 pm in Wausau. For high school students only.



NTC Showcase - Plant & Animal Science Day

Step into the exciting world of plant and animal science and experience what it is like to work in modern agriculture! Learn from NTC Instructors and industry professionals, tour our state-of-the-art facilities, and discover how a future in agriculture could start right here. Whether your students are curious about crop science, technology, veterinary technician, or animal health, this is their chance to see it all up close.

October 9th from 9:30 am - 1 pm in Wausau. For high school students only.

Email your teacher for info on how to register for these events!
RSVPs Required

OCTOBER SPOTLIGHTS

Durable skills are the essential skills that help us succeed in school, work, and everyday life. They include skills like communication, critical thinking, collaboration, adaptability, and problem-solving. Unlike skills tied to one specific job or subject, durable skills can be used anywhere, anytime, and throughout life.

At WISE, we focus on giving students real-world opportunities to practice, strengthen, and apply these skills through learning, activities, field trips, and everyday experiences.

Durable Skill of the Month:

CHARACTER

CHARACTER CONNECTIONS

MacKenzie Center Field Trip

WISE is hosting a trip to the MacKenzie Center where students will build character through **team-building games and a nature hike!** Students will practice perseverance, responsibility, respect, resilience, and self-awareness as they work together and take on new challenges. 🌲🧡

Character + Teamwork + Outdoor Adventure = a meaningful WISE learning experience!

Character Building Videos for Kids 🎬

Character is something students can learn and practice every day through their choices and how they treat others. Talking with Trees offers kid-friendly videos on honesty, respect, responsibility, perseverance, and empathy, while TED-Ed's Building Character explores skills like kindness, grit, decision-making, curiosity, and emotional intelligence.

Watch Talking with Trees [HERE!](#)

[Watch TED-Ed: Building Character HERE](#)

Something to Try at Home! 🏠

Help your child explore what it means to have good character through this kid-friendly video about character building and social-emotional learning. After watching, talk together about qualities like kindness, honesty, respect, responsibility, and making good choices, and ask your child how they can practice one of these traits at home this week.

Watch the video [HERE!](#)

October is Bullying Prevention Month!

What better way to highlight our durable skill of the month than by connecting **Character** with **Bullying Prevention Month**? Check out these resources below!

- **[The Children's Wisconsin Bullying Prevention:](#)** Includes online lessons, activities, and games
- **[Carmen's Corner:](#)** Highlights key concepts of bullying prevention and promotes social-emotional learning. An educator guide and student worksheets accompany each video.

BULLY-FREE ZONE

CHALLENGE: Snap a photo of your student learning about these spotlights & send it to their teacher to be featured in a future newsletter!