November 16, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

No field trips from this last week to highlight. So far this fall, we've had 40% of our families take part in one or more of our field trips/experiences! 🙂



NEWLY ADDED EVENTS/EXPERIENCES UPDATE

WISE is excited to bring you a great opportunity! On December 4th, the instructor of our Native American heritage virtual series invites students to the Nekoosa Ho-Chunk Community Building for a day filled with hands-on activities, crafts, and a traditional meal.

Activities include learning the process of brain-tanned deer hide processing and making their own dream catchers! Open to all WISE students, whether you attended the virtual learning sessions or not!

Sign up here!



Our newest addition is the Bill Blagg - The Science of Magic Show held in Appleton on January 28th. At checkout, there will be an option for "make a day of it!" Partnering with the Building for Kids, you are invited to join in on engaging STEM activities to learn how magicians use behind-the-scenes science to perform magic tricks before the show!

This add-on is optional, but we hope you attend! Must RSVP by 12/3 to secure your spot for the show / add on. If you add-on this adventure, we invite you to bring a sack lunch to enjoy before we head to the show!

Sign up here!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

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

17th - H.H. Bennett Studio @ Wisconsin Dells

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

December

1st - WI Herd Basketball @ Oshkosh 11:30 **CLOSED**

4th - Native American Heritage Celebration @ Nekoosa 10:00

5th - Nutcracker Ballet @ Wausau 1:30 **CLOSED**

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

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

January

28th - Bill Blagg - The Science of Magic @ Appleton 12:30
RSVP by Dec. 3rd

May

14th - Year End Celebration @ Dells

Sign up here

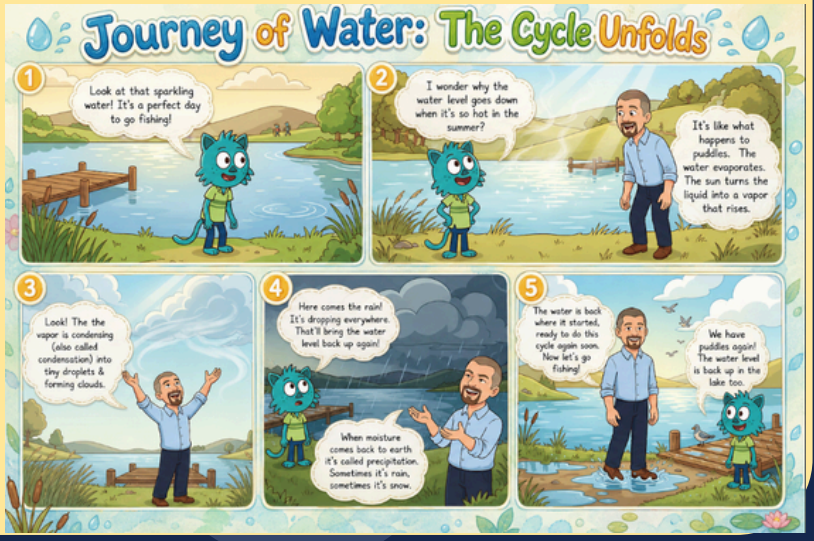
ADOBE EXPRESS COMIC CREATOR

Do your kids love comics or graphic novels? Want to turn a "dry" subject into something more engaging? Try Adobe's Comic Creator today!

- Enter your topic & some details about it.
- Choose the target grade levels (upper elementary, middle school, high school, or all)
- Choose your story type (open-ended, tell a problem-solution, explain a process, or tell a story)
- Choose your mode (AI helps create or you are the creator)
- Choose your characters (or upload pics to be used as characters)
- Choose your theme

Once your comic is generated, you can edit the words that are in each speech bubble if it didn't quite capture what you wanted it to say (there is a character limit).

Check out this comic I created with our newest WISE teacher, Mr. Radtke, explaining to one of their characters named Tull how the water cycle works. Journey of Water: The Cycle Unfolds.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

As we approach the holiday season, we wanted to remind you 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.

GIFT CARD RECEIPTS

If you receive a gift card, please take a picture of the receipt when purchasing the item(s) & send them to WiseAcademyOrders so that we have documentation for auditing purposes.

Thank you for your help in this process!

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

WISE is partnering with Nekoosa High School to bring a dual credit opportunity to our high schoolers. **Introduction to Business** will run 2nd semester (January 19 - May 27). Successful completion of this course will earn you 3 credits for the Introduction to Business course at Mid-State Technical College.

Course description

Introduction to Business	9-12	No Prerequisite	¾ Credit

Interested in how businesses actually run—and what it takes to be successful in today's world? This course provides an overview of how businesses operate and are managed in a modern economy. Students will explore different forms of business ownership and examine key business functions, including production, marketing, finance, human resources, and management. Emphasis is placed on understanding how these areas work together to support business success. This course is ideal for students considering a future in business or anyone looking to build real-world knowledge and skills that apply to almost any career path.

This course is offered as dual credit through MSTC if taken as a freshman*, sophomore, junior or senior. Successful completion of this course will earn you 3 credits for the Introduction to Business course.

*Freshmen must receive permission from the Business Teacher in order to sign up for this class.

Business Management & Administration **Finance** MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Interested? Want more information? Fill out this quick Google Form to help us gather information. One of the WISE staff members will reach out to you with more information.



NOVEMBER 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:

CRITICAL THINKING

Critical Thinking is the ability to ask questions, analyze information, consider different perspectives, and make thoughtful decisions. For WISE students, this might look like **solving a challenging problem, evaluating information, exploring new ideas, or figuring out how to approach a task when there isn't just one right answer.** Through everyday learning and real-world experiences, students build confidence in their ability to think independently and make informed choices.

VIDEO RESOURCES:

Critical Thinking: 4 Ways to Think Like a Detective (2:47 video) - any age
Critical Thinking Activity for Kids: Mystery Riddles (6:44 video) - elementary
Critical Thinking Riddles for Kids (5:07 video) - middle/high school
5 Tips to Improve Your Critical Thinking (4:29 video) - middle/high school
What is Critical Thinking? (2:29 video) - middle/high school



WISE celebrates **Native American Heritage Month!**

Here's an amazing video resource for you to include Native American studies into your homes this month:

Tribal Histories - a PBS Wisconsin video collection featuring different tribal storytellers sharing the culture and oral traditions that have shaped their communities across generations. The series of half-hour programs presents the histories of **all eleven** federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in Wisconsin, plus one tribe that is seeking to regain its federal status.

The 11 federally recognized American Indian tribes in WI are:

1. Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
2. Forest County Potawatomi Community
3. Ho-Chunk Nation
4. Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
5. Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
6. Sokaogon Chippewa Community (Mole Lake Band)
7. Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
8. Oneida Nation
9. Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
10. St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
11. Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians