

January 26, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

RECENT FIELDTRIPS TO SHOWCASE

On January 15th, families traveled to the Barlow Planetarium in Menasha for two exciting programs about the sky! The first program was **Solar System Exploration**, where we learned about the constellations and how to spot them. The second program was **Daughters of the Sky**, where we learned about Native American legends of the sky, highlighting tribes across the entire continent!



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

2nd - ~~Snowshoeing @ LaCrosse~~

EVENT
CANCELLED

6th - Bruce Mound @ Merrilan

10th - The Hobbit @ Madison

10th - Antarctic Science @ virtual

16th - Tommy Bartlett
Exploratory @ Wisconsin Dells

Reschedule

26th - Pirate School @ Appleton

[Sign up here](#)

INTO THE OUTDOORS

Looking for some ideas for science or outdoor education???

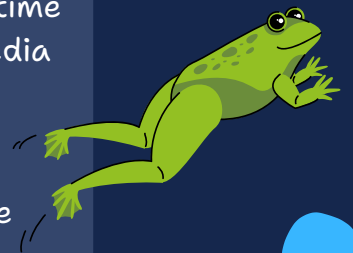
Into
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The Into the Outdoors Educational Network (ITO) is the nation's only 18-time Emmy-winning youth education television series with over 25 years of media education experience!

They produce long format half-hour educational television shows, short format classroom videos and accompanying lesson plans for youth (middle and high school aged), all of which are open source (free) to utilize with your curriculum.

Cover critical topics, such as types of clean energy and natural resource management, in a fun part-science-lesson, part-outside-adventure format.

[Click here](#) for their video library & to search lesson plans by category or standards.



SPECIAL EVENTS

IXL Vocabulary Bowl

IXL is holding a Vocabulary Bowl in partnership with Vocabulary.com



February 1st - March 31st

This is the world's largest academic competition! Vocabulary words learned will go toward our school leaderboard.

1. Have students visit IXL's Vocab Zone.
2. From there, click the login button to instantly enter Vocabulary.com.
3. Start mastering words in the VocabTrainer and Practice activities.



WINTER BENCHMARK

The **mid-year IXL Diagnostic Benchmark** window will be open February 2nd - 16th.

Remember to spread this out so students aren't spending too much time per day on it.

Please make sure your student(s) take this seriously as we look at this data as a school.

End of Year Celebration

We're excited to hold our 25-26 End of Year Celebration at the Farm Discovery Center in Manitowoc, WI!

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.

Check out more details & RSVP on [WISE Academy Extras](#).

We can't wait to celebrate with you!
May 29, 2026



CURRICULUM/RESOURCE SWAP PLANS

- WISE has developed an additional way for swapping curriculum/materials. [Click here](#) for more information.



FROM THE ORDERING DEPT.

- Orders for 2nd Semester need to be submitted by March 1st.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT EMAILS!

WISE student email accounts are now available. Watch for login information coming soon.



Check-Ins and Reflections

Students will continue meeting with teachers to celebrate progress and reflect on learning. Contact your teacher to schedule a time!

All Grades

- Stay connected with teachers
- Reflect on learning and growth

10th Grade

- Prepare for assessments
- Use IXL or OnToCollege

11th Grade

- Focus on ACT preparation
- Use IXL or OnToCollege regularly

12th Grade

- Plan next steps after graduation
- Request recommendation letters

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

Course Grades & Credits

Students will meet with teachers to review progress and reflect on completed coursework.

Project-Based Learning

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

IMPORTANT FAMILY INFORMATION



GET TO KNOW YOUR STRENGTHS BETTER! ASK ABOUT **YOUSCIENCE!**

FAMILIES MAY RECEIVE A **1080-T** IF STUDENTS TAKE COLLEGE COURSES. THIS BENEFIT APPLIES ONLY IF TUITION WAS PAID BY THE FAMILY, NOT WISE ACADEMY. PLEASE CONSULT A TAX PROFESSIONAL WITH QUESTIONS.

