

October 26, 2026

WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On October 20th, WISE families traveled to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center to enjoy Sugar Skull! A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure! This was a wonderful connection to Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrating Mexican culture, traditions, music, and dance!

The musical follows 12-year-old Vita Flores on a magical journey alongside a spirited candy skeleton, where she discovers the rich traditions and true meaning of Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead). Through vibrant performances and traditional Mexican music and dance, students explored cultural traditions and gained a deeper appreciation for how different cultures honor and remember loved ones.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CONTEST REMINDER

Reminder - Registration for Battle of the Books for 6th - 12th graders closes Thursday, October 29th.

Grades 6-8: Watch this [Middle school video](#)

Grades 9-12: Watch this [High School video](#)

Form a team and [fill out this form](#) or **contact your teacher** before Thursday, October 29th.

Want more info? - check out page 2 of last week's newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

27th - Annie @ Madison **CLOSED**

November

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

5th - Old World Wisconsin @ Eagle
9:45 - 1:00 **CLOSED**

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 **CLOSED**

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

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

December

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

5th - Nutcracker Ballet @ Wausau 1:30
RSVP by Nov. 1st

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

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

May

14th - Year End Celebration @ Dells

[Sign up here](#)

PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS: WHY IXL OR WEEKLY NARRATIVE UPDATES MATTER

One of the benefits of virtual education is the flexibility it provides families to create a learning schedule that works for them. We understand that every family has different routines and that learning may look different from one household to another.

You might wonder why we ask for weekly IXL work or narrative updates. Weekly activity in IXL or weekly communication with your teacher helps us confirm that learning is taking place and provides opportunities to **celebrate** progress and for us to **collaborate** to answer questions and address any challenges.

As a Wisconsin public charter school, we do have state requirements to meet around monitoring participation and progress. But for us, weekly updates are about much more than just checking a box or tracking attendance—they're about our **partnership** with you!

When we work together to keep up with these quick weekly touchpoints, we ensure every student stays on track, feels supported, and reaches their full potential!

Our goal is to partner with families to help every student make meaningful progress and succeed in their educational journey. **Thank you** for being such an active partner in your child's educational journey!



ORDERING UPDATE



As we approach the holiday season, please plan ahead for any curriculum, supplies, or other educational materials your student may need. WISE orders will be on hold from November 20 through January 4 and will resume after the holiday break.

We appreciate your understanding as we work through this seasonal pause in purchasing. Planning ahead will help ensure your student has the materials needed to continue learning without interruption.

Thank you for your flexibility and for all you do to support your student's education!

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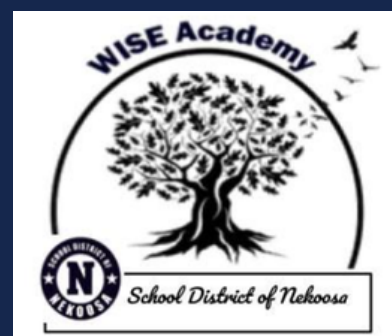
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

CAREER EXPLORATION - TECH COLLEGE EVENTS

Mid-State - Tree Tech Days



Explore Arboriculture from the Ground Up: Students will get an inside look at arboriculture while exploring connections to forestry, conservation, skilled trades, environmental science, and other outdoor careers. The skills to climb higher are built here.

Friday, November 6th from 8:30 am-2:45pm at Wisconsin Rapids campus.

For high school **juniors & seniors only**, must be 16 or older.

[Click here for info & to register](#)



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.



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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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.



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

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!

YEAR END CELEBRATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

WHAT: YEAR END CELEBRATION & CURRICULUM SWAP

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

WHERE: CHULA VISTA RESORT - WISCONSIN DELLS

TIME: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

We want you to mark your calendars so we can fill Chula Vista with WISE Academy students & families!

The morning will consist of a curriculum swap, celebration of WISE students, & lunch. After lunch, families can enjoy access to the waterpark & resort amenities.

Itinerary

Arrive: 9:30 a.m.

Welcome: 9:45 a.m.

Curriculum Swap & Kid's Activities: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Lunch & Celebration: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WISE families will receive Friday night's stay as part of our celebration, but you are more than welcome to extend your stay & make a family weekend out of it (at your own expense for nights other than Friday).

To check out the Chula Vista Resort website [click here](#).



[Sign up here](#)

