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WISE ACADEMY NEWS

FIELD TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

On November 5th, WISE families traveled to Old World Wisconsin. WISE families had a blast traveling back in time at Old World Wisconsin! Students got a glimpse of what life was like in the late 1800s as costumed guides brought history to life through fun demonstrations and hands-on activities.

In one program, students explored how food was prepared and sold in the past. They guessed spices by scent, learned how wood-burning stoves worked, and visited a bustling General Store to see how food was shipped and sold. They even got to grind coffee beans, grate cinnamon sticks, and muddle mustard seeds!

In the second program, students stepped into the world of historic trades, learning about wheelwrights, blacksmiths, and cobblers. They rolled up their sleeves to hammer nails into leather shoes, help the blacksmith fan his forge, and explore the many parts of a wagon. What a fun way to discover the skills, tools, and hard work that went into everyday life in the 1800s!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

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

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 **CLOSED**

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

THIS **JUST IN**

May

14th - Year End Celebration @ Dells

Sign up here

PARENT FEEDBACK - WE LISTEN TO YOU!



One thing we implemented this year based on feedback last year is the WISE Year at a Glance calendar. Parents expressed interest in knowing field trips & other school happenings, such as testing windows, ahead of time.

This calendar houses field trips that are scheduled, testing windows, & due dates for other important information. Please know that while we try to work ahead to schedule field trips, not all venues have their calendars/schedules planned that far out. As we schedule field trips & other happenings for the winter & spring, this calendar will be updated (even when the event isn't yet live on WISE Extras), that way you can pencil it in on your calendar. (Please know that dates may change or events may be canceled due to lack of interest.)

It might be a good idea to get in the routine of checking it when the newsletter comes out if you like/need to plan in advance. This calendar can always be found on the bottom right corner of page 2 of each newsletter.

Thank you to those that filled out this fall's Parent Satisfaction Survey!!! We look closely at that as a staff to see areas of strength & areas in which we could improve. Stay tuned - more info on this fall's results out soon!



ORDERING REMINDER



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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WISE Year at a Glance

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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.



HOME CONNECTIONS:

Critical Thinking can be practiced every day! Encourage your student to **ask questions, solve puzzles, compare options, discuss different perspectives, and explain their reasoning**. Younger learners can predict what happens next in a story, while older students can evaluate online information or weigh pros and cons before making a decision. By staying curious and learning from mistakes, students strengthen this valuable lifelong skill!

WISE celebrates **Native American Heritage Month!**

Starting November 2nd, WISE is celebrating Native American Heritage Month by offering a series of virtual courses to learn more about Native American heritage through the following topics: food sovereignty, prominent figures, indigenous roots past & present, medicinal herbs & foraging, symbolism in the arts, and Native folklore & legends! On December 4th, the instructor invites studetns to the Nekoosa HoChunk Community Building for a day filled with hands-on activites, crafts, and a traditional meal.

On November 17, WISE is traveling to the H.H. Bennet Studio and Museum in Wisconsin Dells! Students will partake in a program that highlights topics such as community, inventions, technological change, and Ho-Chunk identity - a perfect connection to Native American Heritage Month!

Sign up for these opportunities on Wise Extras **HERE**